



**Meeting Agenda
Continuum of Care (CoC) Board
Wednesday, September 13, 2017
1:00pm-2:30pm**

Ventura County Community Foundation
4001 Mission Oaks Blvd.
Community Room
Camarillo, CA 93012

1. Call to Order.
2. Approval of, Minutes of the meeting of Governance Board held Friday, July 21, 2017.
3. Public Comment/Board Comments

Continuum of Care Governance Board Business

4. Review and approve 2017 CoC Written Standards for CoC and ESG funded programs, as recommended by the CoC Data Performance & Evaluation Committee.
5. Review and approve of Data Committee's recommendation for FY17 NOFA question "Does our community have adequate resources to end veteran homelessness?"
6. Review and approve final recommendations from CoC Data Performance & Evaluation Committee on new and renewal projects for FY17 CoC NOFA, project re-allocation and selection of projects for permanent supportive housing bonus funding. Direct staff to submit the FY17 CoC final program competition application to HUD by the application due date of September 28, 2017.
7. Review and approve Social Media proposal from CoC Public Information & Outreach Committee. Direct staff to develop a Facebook page, dedicated to the Ventura County CoC, for the purpose of education on homelessness issues, establishing a landlord engagement campaign, highlighting housing initiatives and marketing the coordinated entry system.
8. Study Session with CoC Housing and Services Committee on crisis resolution for addressing critical needs in countywide homeless services system.



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Friday, July 21, 2017
3:00pm-4:30pm**

Ventura County Government Center
Hall of Administration
800 South Victoria Ave.
Multi-Purpose Room (2nd Floor)
Ventura, CA 93009

1. Call to Order.

Chair Mike Taigman called the meeting to order at 3:05pm

Attendees: Staff: Tara Carruth, Amy Luoma

Board members: Kevin Clerici, Mike Taigman, Susan Englund, Martin Hernandez, Michael Nigh, Mike Powers, Carmen Ramirez, Nancy Wharfield, Carolyn Briggs

Absent: Drew Powers (excused), Sommer Barwick (excused)

Public Attendees: John Schipper, Hilary Carson, Toni Freeland, Talin Sardarbegians

2. Approval of, Minutes of the meeting of Governance Board held Wednesday June 14, 2017.

Minutes approved with motion by Susan Englund, seconded by Carmen Ramirez to approve minutes of June 14, 2017. Unanimous approval with Carolyn Briggs abstaining.

3. Public Comment/Board Comments

Continuum of Care Governance Board Business

4. Appointment of Dawn Dyer to the CoC Board of Directors.

Staff presented recommendation for appointment of Dawn Dyer from Dyer Sheehan Group, Inc. to fill the board seat vacated by Amy Luoma. Susan Englund moved to approve with Martin Hernandez seconding the motion. Unanimous board approval.

5. Authorize staff to adjust 2017 California Housing & Community Development (HCD) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) allocations for recommended projects to reflect HCD's final funding award.

Board approved staff making adjustments to 2017 CA HCD ESG awards with priority for emergency shelter and rapid re-housing. Adjustments will be made when HCD posts new allocations. Mike Powers moved to approve with Pam Marshall seconding motion. Unanimous board approval.

6. Receive recommendations from CoC Data Performance & Evaluation Committee on funding priorities for FY17 CoC NOFA. Direct staff to meet with providers to address concerns with renewal projects and authorize staff to release RFP for any reallocated funds and permanent supportive housing bonus funds for new or expanded Permanent Supportive Housing for chronically homeless persons.

Staff presented CoC funding recommendations developed by the CoC Data committee. Recommendations include reallocating unspent funds of Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) and Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura (HACSB) CoC supportive housing grants and addressing findings of CoC monitoring.

Dr. Schipper from Ventura County Behavioral Health thanked the Board for continued support of funding and communicated plan to house 2-3 additional individuals if Board approves VCBH moving forward with spending current unspent funds. VCBH has housing units identified and willing landlords. The Board directed staff to work with VCBH and HACSB to ensure current tenants remain housed, grant compliance concerns are resolved and unspent funds are reallocated for new or expanded projects. Board discussed challenges with HACSB grant and payment standards for single room occupancy (SRO) units which present challenges in finding available units for rent.

Pam Marshall moved to direct staff to meet with both agencies (VCBH and HACSB) and release a Request for Proposals for new or expanded permanent supportive housing projects with emphasis on dedicated units for chronically homeless persons. Funding will include Permanent Supportive Housing bonus funds and reallocated funds. New and Renewal applications will be reviewed by CoC Data Committee and recommendations presented to the CoC Board on the September 13, 2017 meeting. Carmen Ramirez seconded. Unanimous Board approval with Mike Powers abstaining from vote.

7. Direction to staff to pursue amendments to the Governance Charter for Board terms and appointments and affirm or revise the Board member roster and/or terms.

Carolyn Briggs moved to approve amended board terms with Mike Powers seconding motion. Unanimous approval of board terms revisions and direction to staff to send out the Governance Charter to full Board for input on final revisions.

8. Receive and file a report on prosecution of homelessness in Ventura County.

Staff presented information on prosecution of homelessness to CoC Board and Board member Mike Powers suggested staff meet with the Ventura County Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee to present this information and receive their feedback.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting on September 13th at 1:00pm at Ventura County Community Foundation.

September 13, 2017

CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Review and approve 2017 Ventura County Continuum of Care Written Standards for CoC and ESG funded programs as recommended by the CoC Data Performance & Evaluation Committee.

BACKGROUND: The Continuum of Care Interim Rule provides rules and regulations for the Continuum of Care program authorized by the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act). In section 578.7, “Responsibilities of the Continuum of Care”, the Continuum of Care must: “In consultation with recipients of Emergency Solutions Grants program funds within the geographic area, establish and consistently follow written standards for providing Continuum of Care assistance. At a minimum, these written standards must include:

1. Policies and procedures for evaluating individuals’ and families’ eligibility for assistance under this part;
2. Policies and procedures for determining and prioritizing which eligible individuals and families will receive transitional assistance;
3. Policies and procedures for determining and prioritizing which eligible individuals and families will receive rapid rehousing assistance;
4. Standards for determining what percentage or amount of rent each program participant must pay while receiving rapid rehousing assistance; and
5. Policies and procedures for determining and prioritizing which eligible individuals and families will receive permanent supportive housing assistance.

The Ventura County CoC Written Standards include local guidelines that meet HUD regulatory requirements for coordinated entry, fair housing and equal opportunity, policies and procedures for each program type, documentation standards, program eligibility, confidentiality, recordkeeping, reporting, HMIS and performance standards.

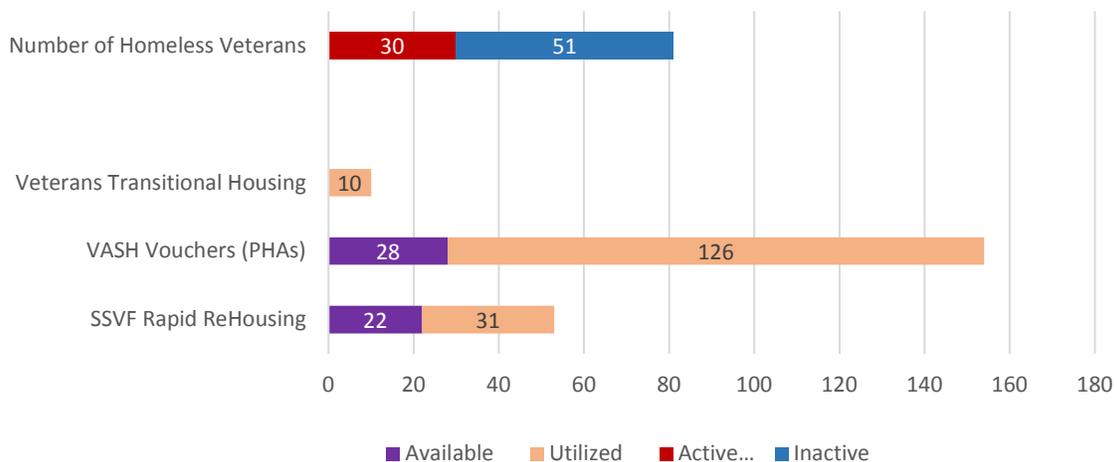
RECOMMENDATION: Approve Ventura County Continuum of Care’s 2017 Written Standards for HUD CoC and ESG programs.

September 13, 2017

CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Review and approve of Data Committee’s recommendation for FY17 NOFA question “Does our community have adequate resources to end veteran homelessness?”

Ventura County Homeless Veteran Resources



The CoC staff have been actively working with the local housing authorities and Veterans Affairs (VA) staff to assist with the utilization of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers in Ventura County. As of July 2017, the City of Ventura Housing Authority (VHA) had 19 unutilized VASH vouchers and the Oxnard Housing Authority (OHA) had 9 available. Also, the SSVF (Supportive Services for Veteran Families) program has funding available to assist Veterans with rental assistance and security deposits for housing, if the Veteran household is income eligible.

HMIS provides a monthly list of those who self-reported a Veteran status. As of August 22nd, there were 30 active clients with a “category 1” (highest priority) homeless status in need of housing or shelter. The CoC staff uses the VA SQUARES tool to determine the Veteran status of each client for potential VASH eligibility. Nine of these veterans are currently on the prioritized Vulnerability Index list for *Pathways to Home*. This list is sent to the homeless providers regularly for updates.

The greatest barrier to VASH placements has been limited rental units and landlords willing to accept VASH. There are currently 16 veterans with an issued VASH voucher, seeking housing and some have requested extensions. The CoC staff confirmed that the VHA allows for “shared housing” so this is a possibility. One two-bedroom rental was recently secured to move two veterans out of the Veterans Transitional Housing. The CoC Housing Specialist, Amy Luoma, has been working with housing authority staff on landlord engagement and outreach.

The CoC staff have been following the HUD guidelines for ending Veteran homelessness and will continue to measure progress on the federal benchmarks. HMIS assists with the collection of data points, including status updates from providers. In order to end homelessness among Veterans in Ventura County, we must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The community has identified all Veterans experiencing homelessness.
 - Yes, the community has identified all homeless veterans.
- 2) The community provides shelter immediately to any Veteran experiencing unsheltered homelessness who wants it.
 - No, emergency shelter is not immediately available in Ventura County.
- 3) The community only provides service-intensive transitional housing in limited instances.
 - Yes.
- 4) The community has the capacity to assist Veterans to swiftly move into permanent housing.
 - No, with limited housing availability even those veterans with VASH vouchers are not quickly housed.
- 5) The community has resources, plans, and system capacity in place should any Veteran become homeless or be at risk of homelessness in the future.
 - Additional shelter and housing is needed to have an effective crisis response system for veterans.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The CoC staff presented the current homeless veteran data and resources to the CoC Data Committee on August 29, 2017. The committee members were asked how the CoC should respond to the FY17 CoC NOFA question, “Does our community have adequate resources to end veteran homelessness?” and all were in favor of answering “no” due to the limited shelter beds and shortage of rental units available.

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CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Review and approve final recommendations from CoC Data Performance & Evaluation Committee on new and renewal projects for FY17 CoC NOFA, project re-allocation and selection of projects for permanent supportive housing bonus funding. Direct staff to submit the FY17 CoC final program competition application to HUD by the application due date of September 28, 2017

BACKGROUND: CoC Data, Performance & Evaluation Committee met on August 29, 2017 to review new and renewal applications for the FY17 CoC NOFA. All CoC-funded projects were reviewed and scored with the 2017 Ventura County CoC Ranking and Selection Policy tool and ranked by highest score and local priorities.

All FY16 CoC funded programs applied to renew their grants. The Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura (HACSB) is applying to reduce their application from 13 vouchers to 9 vouchers resulting in a total re-allocation amount of \$35,808.

Three new applications were submitted for consideration for reallocated and/or permanent supportive housing bonus funding.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based on scoring and analysis of new applications, the Data Committee recommends funding Many Mansions for an expansion project at Esseff Village, creating 5 new dedicated units for permanent supportive housing. The committee also recommends submitting an application for Whole Person Care Supportive Housing leveraging healthcare funding for supportive services and using CoC funding for ongoing housing subsidy through a master leasing model. The Community Action of Ventura County proposal was not recommended for expanded funding by the committee because of funding limitations. The Whole Person Care application scored competitively for leveraging additional funding and resources to supplement CoC funding for housing.

Applicant	Funding request	# of new units	Recommendations
Many Mansions	Expansion application	5	Committee recommended funding this proposal with re-allocation amount of \$35,808
Community Action of Ventura County	Expansion application	8	Not currently recommended for bonus funding
County of Ventura HealthCare Agency— Whole Person Care	New application	15	Recommend submitting an application for PSH bonus funding for \$205,510

CoC Final Recommendations Project Ranking for FY17 CoC NOFA

Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) for 2016	\$2,078,551		Tier 1= (94%) \$1,948,435	Tier 2= \$102,755 + PSH bonus	PSH Bonus= \$205,510			
Planning Funds	\$101,937				CH = Chronically Homeless		HF =Housing First	
Grantee Name	Project Name	Project Type	Grant Amount	# Beds / Served	Population Served	HF?	CH ?	Project Location
Tier 1								
Many Mansions	Casa de Paz	PSH	\$62,747	16	CH Singles	Yes	Yes	Simi Valley
Many Mansions	Richmond Terrace	PSH	\$64,765	13	CH singles	Yes	Yes	T.O.
County of Ventura Human Services Agency	Rapid Re-Housing	RRH	\$81,829	48	families	Yes	No	County-wide
County of Ventura-Human Services Agency	Choices Permanent Supportive Housing	PSH	\$334,563	25	CH singles	Yes	Yes	Countywide
Many Mansions	Esseff Village	PSH	\$40,760	15	CH singles	Yes	Yes	T.O.
Turning Point Foundation	Wooley House I Permanent Housing	PSH	\$37,916	7	CH singles	Yes	Yes	Oxnard
Turning Point Foundation	Wooley House II PSH	PSH	\$32,938	8	CH singles	Yes	Yes	Oxnard
County of Ventura Human Services Agency	HMIS Project	HMIS	\$90,778	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	County-wide
Turning Point Foundation	Stephenson Place Permanent Housing	PSH	\$28,522	9	CH singles	Yes	Yes	Ventura
County of Ventura Human Services Agency	HMIS for Pathways to Home	HMIS	\$150,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	County-wide
St. Vincent de Paul-Ventura County	Rapid ReHousing	RRH	\$39,306	12	families	Yes	No	County-wide
Many Mansions	Peppertree Apartments	PSH	\$62,918	11	CH singles and families	Yes	Yes	Simi Valley
Turning Point Foundation	Our Place Safe Haven	SH	\$168,977	10	CH singles	Yes	Yes	Ventura
Many Mansions	D Street Apartments	PSH	\$20,574	5	TAY CH	Yes	Yes (3)	Oxnard
County of Ventura County Executive Office	Community Action -VC PSH	PSH	\$131,561	8	CH singles	Yes	Yes	Ventura/Oxnard
Turning Point Foundation	Rapid Re-Housing FY15 (new project)	RRH	\$131,104	48	singles	Yes	Yes	Countywide
Lutheran Social Services	It's a New Day RRH Project	RRH	\$169,895.00	25	families/singles	Yes	Yes	East County
Ventura County Behavioral Health	Santa Paula PSH	PSH	\$28,736	3	CH singles	Yes	Yes	Santa Paula
Hsg Authority of the City of San Buenaventura	Shelter Plus Care	PSH	\$88,125	9	CH singles	Yes	Yes	Countywide
Ventura County Behavioral Health	East County / Oxnard Shelter Plus Care	PSH	\$209,782	22	CH singles and families	Yes	Yes	Countywide
Tier 2								
Ventura County Behavioral Health	East County / Oxnard Shelter Plus Care	PSH	\$66,947					
Many Mansions (NEW)	Esseff Village II	PSH	\$35,808	5	CH singles	YES	Yes	Countywide
County of Ventura Healthcare Agency(NEW)	Whole Person Care Supportive Housing	PSH	\$205,510	15	CH singles	Yes	Yes	Countywide
Planning Grant								
County of Ventura Executive Office		N/A	\$102,755	N/A	N/A	N/A		Countywide

September 13, 2017

CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Proposal to develop social media outreach on a CoC dedicated Facebook page

BACKGROUND: The CoC Public Information & Outreach (PIO) Committee has been developing materials for outreach purposes, focusing on coordinated entry and landlord engagement for supportive housing vouchers. Recently, the CoC Housing & Services Committee recommended that the PIO Committee develop a publicity/education campaign on the crisis of homelessness and housing, for the purpose of generating public involvement, political support and private partnerships.

The PIO Committee suggests utilizing social media for sharing local success stories, along with a call to action, for the landlord engagement campaign. Also, CoC data should be posted showing progress in alignment with the CoC goals for 2017. According to *Social Media Today*, the challenge with keeping momentum on social media is a balance of emotional connection and logical value, while keeping half of the posts directly useful to the audience. Facebook is intended for the audience to share the content and therefore, extending the reach. Other social media platforms, such as Twitter, are used to communicate messages quickly and allow the public to build a conversation around the subject. For that reason, Facebook is the preferred platform for this purpose.

CoC staff will need to manage the content and respond to comments with the intent to help and engage. The CoC Facebook page will comply with the **attached** County of Ventura “Social Media Terms of Use” policy and the “Policy for the Institutional Use of Social Media”.

The following content will be used to begin the initiative:

- Landlord success story to highlight supportive housing vouchers
- Coordinated entry model, *Pathways to Home*
- Recent utilization of Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers
- Facts on homelessness in our community and feature service provider programs
- Affordable housing needs (reference the State of the Region report)
- Youth programs (Interface, TARP in Simi, TAY Tunnel)
- Share best practices from other communities and include a call to action

RECOMMENDATION: Approve CoC staff to develop a Facebook page, dedicated to the Ventura County CoC, for the purpose of education on homelessness issues, establishing a landlord engagement campaign, highlighting housing initiatives and marketing the coordinated entry system.

September 13, 2017

CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Study session with CoC Housing and Services Committee on crisis resolution for addressing critical needs in countywide homeless services system.

BACKGROUND: The CoC Housing and Services Committee presented a report on current housing inventory and the capacity of system resources to the CoC Board on May 10, 2017 which highlighted the need for additional shelter and supportive housing units. The CoC Board also received a full report on June 14, 2017 from the committee to address the housing-focused crisis response to meet the needs of homeless people in Ventura County. The attached document (attachment 1) and resolution (attachment 2) has been developed by the CoC Housing and Services Committee for consideration by the CoC Board.

Staff has been working with the committee comprised of community advocates and service providers to conduct an assessment of the current inventory of resources, evaluate the level of need and report out gaps/unmet need in the system. Ventura County does not have adequate shelter and housing resources to meet the needs of homeless persons. While declaring a crisis or state of emergency calls attention to a critical need, declaring a crisis alone does not create the funding, programs or political will to address the community need. Communities that have declared a crisis have coupled that declaration with bold actions that prioritize creating shelter and housing solutions to address the crisis.

What If We Acted as Though Homelessness Were a Real Emergency

Why declare a homeless State of Emergency?

West Coast cities have experienced intensifying homelessness driven by growing populations, income inequality, low apartment vacancy rates, soaring rents, and sharply limited resources to shelter even the chronically homeless

A state of emergency in American law “refers to a crisis or disaster” that allows the government to spend money more flexibly and to suspend normal procedures or regulations, such as bypassing zoning requirements.

Use a “state of emergency to jumpstart long-planned projects, jog bureaucracies out of inertia, raise awareness, and shake loose funding for more beds, shelter and support for people living below the poverty line.

Communities that took this path have garnered local attention and leveraged resources in a new way that should impact outcomes.”

Organizations found, declarations “increase the ability to quickly raise local funding for immediate action, and provide a tool to remove significant legal barriers [such as] zoning requirements and procurement rules.”

Portland had a housing action plan, a healthcare action plan, and a “vetted strategy” that it could move on quickly once the emergency declaration provided some political will

What were the outcomes?

Portland, OR committed \$20 million and later added \$10 million from its regional government for homeless services and created a process to waive some zoning rules, such as parking and design requirements, to open homeless shelters easier. The city promised to spend \$600 million over a decade for affordable housing.

State of Hawaii built a \$250,000 temporary shelter for families, increased its funding by \$1.3 million for programs around permanent housing and worked on greater co-ordination between state, county and private agencies.

Seattle, WA added more funding for homelessness services including outreach support, additional shelter beds and increased incentives for landlords to rent to homeless veterans.

Oakland, CA removed planning, zoning, building and other permit requirements for the temporary establishment of emergency shelters.

San Jose, CA approved a new six-story, 84-unit housing facility for the homeless in downtown San Jose, a permit to use 27 units inside the 56-unit Santa Clara Inn for homeless supportive housing and support for Senate Bill 3, The Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018, for \$3 billion fund various types of affordable housing development.

Los Angeles CA added \$100 Million to their FY16-17 budget, completed a 10 year Comprehensive Homeless Strategy, passed a \$1.2 Billion Housing Bond and a \$.25 Sales tax that will produce \$355 million each year for homeless services.

The CoC Housing and Services Committee Proposes the Following
Homeless and Housing Crisis Resolution to the CoC Alliance Board:

- Whereas: The Ventura County Continuum of Care (VCCoC) has implemented evidence-based best practices in serving homeless persons that includes a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), Coordinated Entry and Assessment System (Pathways to Home), and Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Programs and Supportive Permanent Housing utilizing Housing First resulting in high rates of success in preventing homelessness and moving persons from homelessness to permanent housing
- Whereas: Outcomes from the VCCoC include a significant decrease in the number of unsheltered homeless families and veterans. Based on the annual Point in Time homeless counts, since 2014, the number of unsheltered families with children decreased 77.2 % and the number of unsheltered homeless veterans decreased 43.2%.
- Whereas: Due primarily to the lack of shelter, permanent supported housing, very affordable permanent housing and income, the VCCoC homeless services system in 2016 was only able to house 38% (1,284) of homeless persons entered into HMIS with shelter and housing. 62% (2,082) of those persons remained unsheltered.
- Whereas: In 2017 the number of unsheltered chronic homeless individuals and families increased by 10.7 %, based on the annual Point in Time homeless count. From 2014 to 2017 there was a 33.5% decrease in these chronic homeless persons. These persons require more staff intensive services over a longer period of time to engage and house.
- Whereas: There are only 117 year-round emergency shelter beds with services located in West County and 211 seasonal shelter beds throughout the county. In 2017, 200 persons countywide left seasonal shelters without another housing alternative other than to be unsheltered. A significant number of year-round new shelter beds with services are needed to temporarily house persons waiting to find permanent housing.
- Whereas: The VCCoC has 522 existing beds of permanent supportive housing (PSH) including vouchers for chronic homelessness persons. Permanent housing programs (rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing) have the lowest rate of returns to homelessness (2% in FY16). PSH programs have a greater than 90% of persons maintaining their housing but, the turnover rate of less than 10%. Ventura County needs 459 additional beds of new permanent supportive housing in 2017 based on the USICH SHOP Tool. Without any increase in PSH inventory, persons experiencing chronic homelessness will increase by 21% in 2018.
- Whereas: The May 2016 California Housing Partnership report “Confronting Ventura County’s Rent and Poverty Crisis” found that Ventura County needs 26,492 extremely low income (16,303) and very low income (10,189) rental homes to meet the needs of its lowest income renters. It also found that Ventura renters need to earn 3.5 times the state minimum wage to afford the average monthly asking rent of \$1,817. Many persons receiving Rental Assistance, Section 8 vouchers or VASH vouchers are unable to find apartments. The lack of extremely to very low income permanent housing is the most frequent issue facing Homeless Case Managers attempting to house their homeless clients.
- Whereas: The current reported caseload capacity of the VC COC Street Outreach is 319 persons. There are insufficient street outreach staff to find and engage the increasing number of unsheltered chronic homeless individuals and families who are not seeking services and connect them with emergency shelter, housing and needed services.

Whereas: The current reported caseload capacity of the VC COC Rapid Re-Housing programs is 322 households. There are insufficient case management staff and rental assistance to rapidly re-house unsheltered homeless persons. Additional challenges are related to the limited available affordable housing inventory and housing navigation services. In addition, rapid re-housing case managers are often providing multiple roles which include engaging on the street, conducting housing navigation, landlord mediation and supportive case management services.

Whereas: The percentage of unsheltered homeless persons without any income is 41% and those with incomes of \$500 or less is 10.2%. In Ventura County the cost of renting an apartment requires that jobs pay \$19.12 per hour to rent a SRO/Studio, \$23.02 per hour to rent a one-bedroom and \$30.81 per hour to rent a two-bedroom apt. Sustainable employment is needed to obtain and maintain housing for those homeless persons who are able to work. These persons often lack access to job training, educational resources and employment placement services. Accessing disability benefits is critical to those who are unable to work. There is a need for more persons receive SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) training to assist clients with the SSI/SSDI application process.

Whereas: The National Alliance to End Homelessness analyzed 22 reports, throughout the United States, documenting the costs and benefits of supportive housing. On average a chronically homeless person costs the tax payer \$35,578 per year from the use of publicly funded crisis services, including law enforcement, jails, hospitalizations, psychiatric centers, detoxification substance abuse treatment, and emergency services. Supportive housing costs on average \$12,800 resulting in a 64% reduction in cost when chronic homeless individuals are placed in supportive housing. By investing \$12,800 in supportive housing per person we could see a significant reduction in the number of chronically homeless persons and a reduction in the use of these crisis services, freeing them up for others who need these services.

Whereas: Since 2008 there has been a \$38 million (79%) annual reduction in federal and state funding including elimination of Redevelopment Agencies providing funding for low income housing in Ventura County, according to the California Housing Partnership report cited above. Available current funding does not meet the need for the development of a sufficient supply of shelter, permanent supported housing, extremely and low income permanent housing, street outreach, case management and other supportive services described above. The proposed federal budget calls for significant cuts in CDBG, HOME and local Housing Authority funding. The VC CoC System is overwhelmed by number of clients, and lack of housing, and services resources. Substantial new dedicated funding sources are needed.

Therefore: In order to significantly decrease the growing number of unsheltered homeless persons and address their need for services, shelter, permanent supportive housing, and extremely to very low income permanent housing, the CoC Homeless and Housing Committee urges the Ventura County CoC Alliance Board to affirm the need for local governments to declare a Homeless and Housing Crisis in Ventura County and adopt the following recommendations:

1. Ask the Ventura County Interagency Council on Homelessness (VCOG) to urge local governments to declare a Homeless and Housing Crisis in Ventura County and join a county-wide effort to end homelessness.
2. Expand the coalition of stakeholders to explore creative solutions and support funding initiatives to address the Homeless and Housing Crisis. The coalition should include but not

be limited to elected officials and representatives of local governments, philanthropic organizations (e.g. United Way & Ventura County Community Foundation), homeless and housing groups, Chamber of Commerce from each city, large company CEO roundtable, non-profit organizations, faith community, labor unions, medical community (e.g. public and private hospitals and community clinics), and educational institutions.

3. Take short term immediate actions to identify available housing units, and facilitate the development of crisis housing, alternative housing models, and permanent supportive housing and case management services. Actions being recommended by the CoC Housing and Services Committee include:
 - A.) Urge Housing Authorities and low income housing providers to designate units and vouchers for homeless persons placed and supported through coordinated entry;
 - B.) Urge Local governments designating areas in their jurisdictions throughout the county where legalized camping (e.g. River Haven) and safe sleeping in cars is allowed;
 - C.) Urge Local governments to facilitate, through land use, direct financial support, fee waivers and expedited processing of applications, the creation of local permanent, year-round shelters with day services in locations throughout the county and the development of permanent Supportive Housing;
 - D.) Urge local governments, when needed, to fast track application/permitting process and waive fees for alternative housing models (e.g. tiny homes and container homes) and traditional permanent supportive housing.
4. Urge the creation of an emergency homeless crisis fund to support the immediate need to develop shelter, alternative housing models, permanent supportive housing and case management services described in recommendation #3. The fund could be administered by the VCCoC, managed by an entity that could leverage the funds and reviewed and approved by the CoC Board. The use of these funds would be based on the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy to be developed by the VCCoC.
5. Create long term actions to create the dedicated sources of funding to build shelters, permanent supportive housing and extremely to very low income housing and provide the necessary case management services to engage, house and support homeless persons based on the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy to be developed by the Ventura County CoC Alliance. Possible sources of dedicated funding sources include but are not limited to document fees, homeless housing bond measure, sales tax, land banking, land trusts, trade unions and insurance company investments for housing development, funder's collaborative, pay for success endeavors, and social entrepreneur employment business models.
6. Direct the CoC Public Information and Outreach committee (PIO) to generate a publicity/education campaign on the crisis of homelessness and housing for the purpose generating public involvement, political support, private partnerships and funding that targets community groups, Chambers of Commerce, corporations and businesses, service organizations, faith community, and local government. The CoC PIO Committee should engage the members of the stakeholder coalition in the planning and the implementation of the publicity/education campaign.

May 2017 CES Data			Source of data
New Entries	183	<i>These are not necessarily new Homeless individuals. Just new entries.</i>	HMIS
<i>East County</i>	48		HMIS
<i>West County</i>	130		HMIS
<i>unknown</i>	5		HMIS
VI-SPDAT's completed	20		HMIS
Outgoing Referrals	195		HMIS
accepted referrals	114		HMIS
declined referrals	71	<i>Some reasons for declining a referral may be due to ineligibility, funding exhausted, referrals sent to PSH or TH prior to Case Conferencing</i>	HMIS
outstanding referrals	10	<i>working with providers to address outstanding referrals</i>	HMIS
Referrals by Project Type	addressed above		
<i>Homeless Prevention</i>	10		HMIS
<i>Emergency Shelter</i>	3		HMIS
<i>Permanent Supportive Housing</i>	2		HMIS
<i>Rapid Re-Housing</i>	89		HMIS
<i>Rent Payment Assistance</i>	49		HMIS
<i>Street Outreach</i>	7		HMIS
<i>Transitional Housing</i>	27		HMIS
<i>Case/Care Mgt/ Housing Search</i>	4		HMIS

June 2017 CES Data		Source of data
New Entries	136	<i>These are not necessarily new Homeless individuals. Just new entries.</i> HMIS
Total East County	31	HMIS
<i>Westlake Village</i>	0	HMIS
<i>Thousand Oaks</i>	4	HMIS
<i>Simi Valley</i>	16	HMIS
<i>Newbury Park</i>	1	HMIS
<i>Moorpark</i>	1	HMIS
<i>Camarillo</i>	9	HMIS
West County	97	HMIS
<i>Ventura</i>	39	HMIS
<i>Saticoy</i>	0	HMIS
<i>Santa Paula</i>	4	HMIS
<i>Port Hueneme</i>	6	HMIS
<i>Oxnard</i>	44	HMIS
<i>Ojai</i>	1	HMIS
<i>Fillmore</i>	2	HMIS
<i>Piru</i>	1	HMIS
unknown	8	HMIS
VI-SPDAT's completed		
	22	HMIS
Outgoing Referrals		
accepted referrals	76	HMIS
declined referrals	36	<i>Some reasons for declining a referral may be due to ineligibility, funding exhausted, referrals sent to PSH or TH prior to Case Conferencing</i> HMIS
outstanding referrals	11	<i>working with providers to address outstanding referrals</i> HMIS
Referrals by Project Type		
<i>Homeless Prevention</i>	7	HMIS
<i>Emergency Shelter</i>	5	HMIS
<i>Permanent Supportive Housing</i>	1	HMIS
<i>Rapid Re-Housing</i>	75	HMIS
<i>Rent Payment Assistance</i>	0	HMIS
<i>Street Outreach</i>	2	HMIS
<i>Transitional Housing</i>	12	HMIS

<i>Case/Care Mgt/ Housing Search</i>	0		HMIS
<i>CHSP</i>	21		HMIS

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July 2017 CES Data			Source of data
New Entries	136	<i>These are not necessarily new Homeless individuals. Just new entries.</i>	HMIS
Total East County	22		
<i>Westlake Village</i>	0		
<i>Thousand Oaks</i>	2		
<i>Simi Valley</i>	10		
<i>Newbury Park</i>	1		
<i>Moorpark</i>	1		
<i>Camarillo</i>	8		
West County	95		
<i>Ventura</i>	28		
<i>Saticoy</i>	0		
<i>El Rio</i>	1		
<i>Santa Paula</i>	4		
<i>Port Hueneme</i>	3		
<i>Oxnard</i>	52		
<i>Ojai</i>	5		
<i>Fillmore</i>	1		
<i>Oak View</i>	1		
<i>Piru</i>	0		
unknown	19		
VI-SPDAT's completed	28		HMIS
Outgoing Referrals	101		HMIS
accepted referrals	72		
declined referrals	14	<i>Some reasons for declining a referral may be due to ineligibility, funding exhausted, referrals sent to PSH or TH prior to Case Conferencing</i>	
outstanding referrals	15	<i>working with agencies to meet service level commitments</i>	HMIS
Referrals by Project Type			HMIS
<i>Homeless Prevention</i>	22		
<i>Emergency Shelter</i>	10		
<i>Permanent Supportive Housing</i>	2		
<i>Rapid Re-Housing</i>	44		
<i>Rent Payment Assistance</i>	10		
<i>Transitional Housing</i>	10		
<i>Case/Care Mgt/ Housing Search</i>	3		