



**Meeting Agenda
Continuum of Care (CoC) Board
Wednesday, March 11, 2020**

Ventura County Office of Education
5189 Verduga Way
Simi Room
Camarillo, CA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of, Minutes of the meeting of Governance Board held Wednesday, February 12, 2020
3. Board Comments
4. CoC Staff Comments
5. Public Comments: public comments regarding CoC matters not appearing on this agenda.

Continuum of Care Governance Board Business

6. Receive and file the submittal of the FY19(October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019) System Performance Measures Report as Submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.
7. Receive an update on California Housing & Community Development (HCD) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding, Approve the FY19/20 State ESG Request for Proposals (RFP) Timeline and Authorize Staff to Submit a Request for Additional State ESG Disencumbered Funds.
8. Receive an update on upcoming Federal and State funding opportunities including the HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project funding, HUD's NOFA to Address Unsheltered Homelessness and Governor Newsom's proposed California Access to Housing and Services Fund; Authorize Staff to Respond to Funding Announcements and Authorize Chair to Sign a Letter Advocating for Local Control over Administration and Allocation of New State Resources.
9. Approve Cancellation of April 8, 2020 CoC Board Meeting and Authorize Staff to Cancel or Hold Remote Committee Meetings in the Month of April.
10. Receive and Approve the Ventura County 2020 Homeless Count and Subpopulation Survey Report; Provide input on the 2020 Recommendations and Authorize Staff to Submit the Final Point-in-Time Count and Housing Inventory County Reports to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development No Later than April 30, 2020.



**Meeting Minutes
Continuum of Care (CoC) Board
Wednesday, February 12, 2020
1:00pm-2:30pm**

**City of Oxnard
300 West 3rd Street
Human Resources Conference Room
Oxnard, CA**

1. Call to Order: CoC Board Chair, Kevin Clerici, called the meeting to order at 1:10pm.
Board Members: Carolyn Briggs, Kevin Clerici, Dawn Dyer, Susan Englund, Mara Malch, Manuel Minjares, Michael Nigh, Drew Powers, Mike Powers, Carmen Ramirez, Nancy Wharfield
Staff: Tara Carruth, Jennifer Harkey, Christy Madden
HMIS Staff: Alicia Morales, Marcy Snider
Public Attendees: Mayra Tamayo, Susan White Wood, Carizma Chapman, Sahra Khan, Patti Long, Jeannette Sanchez
2. Approval of Minutes of the meeting of Governance Board held Wednesday, January 8, 2020
Minutes approved: Motion by Carolyn Briggs, seconded by Mike Powers. All in favor.
3. Board Comments: Mike Powers announced that the Ventura ARCH Shelter is now open with operations by Mercy House staff.
4. CoC Staff Comments: Thanks to all of the volunteers who assisted with the 2020 Homeless Count! There was a lower observation rate this year, under 30% this year, thanks to the efforts of volunteers surveying individuals. Kevin Clerici added that the Simtech Counting Us App worked well, even in remote areas.
5. Public Comments: Interface Children & Family Services (ICFS) Housing Support Services Manager, Mayra Tamayo, shared that the ICFS Minor Youth Shelter is now open with positive outcomes for youth receiving services and exiting to permanent housing. Mercy House Associate Director, Patti Long, announced that the City of Oxnard has identified a potential permanent location for the Oxnard Navigation Center. The city has been holding community engagement meetings to seek support and approval for this location.

Continuum of Care Governance Board Business

6. Approval of the recommendations for the County of Ventura 2019 State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing (BCSH) Agency Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program funding and authorized the VC CoC Board Chair to sign a Letter of Support as required for the HHAP submittal.

CoC staff reviewed the County recommendations and explained the project proposals include housing navigation for Mercy House, a Host Homes project for transitional age youth through Interface Children and Family Services (ICFS) and additional housing for homeless families through the Human Services Agency. CoC Board members expressed appreciation to the County for funding the nonprofit organizations who previously unfunded through the CoC allocation. Carolyn Briggs motioned to approve, seconded by Manuel Minjares. Mike Powers abstained. All in favor.

7. Approval of amendments to the Ventura County Continuum of Care Alliance Governance Charter including updates on the designated Interagency Council on Homelessness, Standing Advisory Committees and adopted voting process for Standing Advisory Committees.

Tara Carruth reviewed the recommended changes with the CoC Board members. Revisions were made to the voting requirements for the CoC advisory committees to a simple majority to operate more efficiently, the CoC Alliance membership will be consulted for CoC Board nominations rather than a separate committee and the scope of the CoC Housing and Services Committee has been modified. Board members requested CoC staff to update the designation of sectors for each Board member as well as confirm the terms served. Michael Nigh motioned to approve, seconded by Dawn Dyer. All in favor.

8. Received and filed a presentation on the proposed Pay-For-Success Venture Home Program.

County of Ventura Deputy Executive Officer, Christy Madden, reviewed the report with CoC Board members, including a data and expenditure analysis. A grant application was submitted for the Ventura Home program to help cover the costs of supportive services for those placed in permanent supportive housing. Social Finance monitors the outcomes and has more flexibility with contracts. CoC Board members inquired on the return on investment with the program. Mike Powers mentioned that the Medicaid waiver in January 2021 is considering housing as a component for health care costs.



March 11, 2020

CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Receive and file the submittal of FY19 (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019) System Performance Measures Report as Submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.

BACKGROUND: Continuums of Care across the country are responsible for submitting the System Performance report annually to HUD. The System Performance Measures report includes all projects which collect data in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) including Continuum of Care (CoC) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funded programs. Programs that receive State or local funding are also included in the overall system performance evaluation.

DISCUSSION: The System Performance metrics include the following measures:

1. **Length of time homeless** (for those in emergency shelter & transitional housing);
2. Length of time homeless (for those in emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent housing programs prior to housing move-in date);
3. **Returns to homelessness** (the extent to which persons who were housed by programs return to homelessness within 2 years);
4. **The total number of homeless persons** (Point in Time Count compared to annual counts of persons utilizing shelter and transitional housing programs);
5. **Employment and Income Growth** for homeless persons in CoC funded programs;
6. **Number of persons who become homeless for the first time;**
7. **Housing Placements** from Street Outreach and other programs;
8. **HMIS Data Quality**

System Performance is a key portion of the annual CoC competition. It is the area where the Ventura County CoC has lost the greatest number of points. While the CoC has gained participation across the service system of new programs and providers that have not traditionally participated in HMIS and coordinated entry, the system has struggled to improve the overall system performance. With new shelter programs and housing resources on the horizon, evaluating system performance ongoing will be key to determining if those resources are positively impacting the system performance of the service system and helping make future funding recommendations and priorities to continue those efforts.

The attached report is the full report submitted to HUD on February 28, 2020.

FY2019 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

Summary Report for CA-611 - Oxnard, San Buenaventura/Ventura County CoC

Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

This measures the number of clients active in the report date range across ES, SH (Metric 1.1) and then ES, SH and TH (Metric 1.2) along with their average and median length of time homeless. This includes time homeless during the report date range as well as prior to the report start date, going back no further than October, 1, 2012.

Metric 1.1: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES and SH projects.

Metric 1.2: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES, SH, and TH projects.

a. This measure is of the client's entry, exit, and bed night dates strictly as entered in the HMIS system.

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2018	FY 2019	Submitted FY 2018	FY 2019	Difference	Submitted FY 2018	FY 2019	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES and SH	685	601	97	92	-5	73	33	-40
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	776	743	130	135	5	80	59	-21

b. This measure is based on data element 3.17.

This measure includes data from each client's Living Situation (Data Standards element 3.917) response as well as time spent in permanent housing projects between Project Start and Housing Move-In. This information is added to the client's entry date, effectively extending the client's entry date backward in time. This "adjusted entry date" is then used in the calculations just as if it were the client's actual entry date.

The construction of this measure changed, per HUD's specifications, between FY 2016 and FY 2017. HUD is aware that this may impact the change between these two years.

FY2019 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2018	FY 2019	Submitted FY 2018	FY 2019	Difference	Submitted FY 2018	FY 2019	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	211	598	358	705	347	307	368	61
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	298	744	319	708	389	239	368	129

FY2019 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

Measure 2: The Extent to which Persons who Exit Homelessness to Permanent Housing Destinations Return to Homelessness

This measures clients who exited SO, ES, TH, SH or PH to a permanent housing destination in the date range two years prior to the report date range. Of those clients, the measure reports on how many of them returned to homelessness as indicated in the HMIS for up to two years after their initial exit.

After entering data, please review and confirm your entries and totals. Some HMIS reports may not list the project types in exactly the same order as they are displayed below.

	Total # of Persons who Exited to a Permanent Housing Destination (2 Years Prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months		Number of Returns in 2 Years	
		FY 2019	% of Returns	FY 2019	% of Returns	FY 2019	% of Returns	FY 2019	% of Returns
Exit was from SO	13	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Exit was from ES	79	2	3%	1	1%	1	1%	4	5%
Exit was from TH	40	2	5%	0	0%	0	0%	2	5%
Exit was from SH	34	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Exit was from PH	209	3	1%	3	1%	3	1%	9	4%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	375	7	2%	4	1%	4	1%	15	4%

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

FY2019 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

This measures the change in PIT counts of sheltered and unsheltered homeless person as reported on the PIT (not from HMIS).

	January 2018 PIT Count	January 2019 PIT Count	Difference
Universe: Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons	1308	1669	361
Emergency Shelter Total	289	230	-59
Safe Haven Total	11	11	0
Transitional Housing Total	178	170	-8
Total Sheltered Count	478	411	-67
Unsheltered Count	830	1258	428

Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

This measures the change in annual counts of sheltered homeless persons in HMIS.

	Submitted FY 2018	FY 2019	Difference
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	793	755	-38
Emergency Shelter Total	639	607	-32
Safe Haven Total	52	34	-18
Transitional Housing Total	142	179	37

FY2019 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

Measure 4: Employment and Income Growth for Homeless Persons in CoC Program-funded Projects

Metric 4.1 – Change in earned income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

	Submitted FY 2018	FY 2019	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	128	56	-72
Number of adults with increased earned income	25	20	-5
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	20%	36%	16%

Metric 4.2 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

	Submitted FY 2018	FY 2019	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	128	56	-72
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	28	10	-18
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	22%	18%	-4%

Metric 4.3 – Change in total income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

	Submitted FY 2018	FY 2019	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	128	56	-72
Number of adults with increased total income	53	30	-23
Percentage of adults who increased total income	41%	54%	13%

FY2019 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2018	FY 2019	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	169	49	-120
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	32	15	-17
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	19%	31%	12%

Metric 4.5 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2018	FY 2019	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	169	49	-120
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	29	8	-21
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	17%	16%	-1%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2018	FY 2019	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	169	49	-120
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	61	23	-38
Percentage of adults who increased total income	36%	47%	11%

FY2019 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

Measure 5: Number of persons who become homeless for the 1st time

Metric 5.1 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, and TH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

	Submitted FY 2018	FY 2019	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH or TH during the reporting period.	694	750	56
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	134	75	-59
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	560	675	115

Metric 5.2 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, TH, and PH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

	Submitted FY 2018	FY 2019	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	1036	997	-39
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	181	107	-74
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	855	890	35

FY2019 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

Measure 6: Homeless Prevention and Housing Placement of Persons defined by category 3 of HUD's Homeless Definition in CoC Program-funded Projects

This Measure is not applicable to CoCs in FY2019 (Oct 1, 2018 - Sept 30, 2019) reporting period.

Measure 7: Successful Placement from Street Outreach and Successful Placement in or Retention of Permanent Housing

Metric 7a.1 – Change in exits to permanent housing destinations

	Submitted FY 2018	FY 2019	Difference
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	164	82	-82
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	35	25	-10
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	50	15	-35
% Successful exits	52%	49%	-3%

Metric 7b.1 – Change in exits to permanent housing destinations

FY2019 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

	Submitted FY 2018	FY 2019	Difference
Universe: Persons in ES, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	887	698	-189
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	458	343	-115
% Successful exits	52%	49%	-3%

Metric 7b.2 – Change in exit to or retention of permanent housing

	Submitted FY 2018	FY 2019	Difference
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH	288	274	-14
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	276	268	-8
% Successful exits/retention	96%	98%	2%

FY2019 - SysPM Data Quality

CA-611 - Oxnard, San Buenaventura/Ventura County CoC

This is a new tab for FY 2016 submissions only. Submission must be performed manually (data cannot be uploaded). Data coverage and quality will allow HUD to better interpret your Sys PM submissions.

Your bed coverage data has been imported from the HIC module. The remainder of the data quality points should be pulled from data quality reports made available by your vendor according to the specifications provided in the HMIS Standard Reporting Terminology Glossary. You may need to run multiple reports into order to get data for each combination of year and project type.

You may enter a note about any field if you wish to provide an explanation about your data quality results. This is not required.

FY2019 - SysPM Data Quality

	All ES, SH				All TH				All PSH, OPH				All RRH				All Street Outreach			
	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
1. Number of non-DV Beds on HIC	91	103	144	159	151	175	113	99	498	522	547	629	374	399	617	644				
2. Number of HMIS Beds	16	47	82	79	85	131	111	99	151	318	365	466	3	399	617	644				
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC (%)	17.58	45.63	56.94	49.69	56.29	74.86	98.23	100.00	30.32	60.92	66.73	74.09	0.80	100.00	100.00	100.00				
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	782	228	207	319	275	194	167	213	231	103	272	270	195	795	876	1004	37	30	128	368
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	694	175	163	281	105	111	93	76	21	11	30	25	114	223	450	269	24	11	46	62
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	13	12	8	35	8	5	3	5	2	0	1	0	1	17	19	22	1	0	2	4
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	1.87	6.86	4.91	12.46	7.62	4.50	3.23	6.58	9.52	0.00	3.33	0.00	0.88	7.62	4.22	8.18	4.17	0.00	4.35	6.45

March 11, 2020

CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Receive an update on California Housing & Community Development (HCD) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding, approve the FY 19/20 State ESG Request for Proposals (RFP) timeline and authorize staff to submit a request for additional 2018 State ESG disencumbered funds.

BACKGROUND: The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) on February 28, 2020 for State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding with applications due to the State on May 28, 2020. This program funding will be awarded to administrative entities of the Continuum of Care (CoC) through the HCD application process. A resolution must be approved by the County Board of Supervisors to authorize the County to administer the funds as the Administrative Entity (AE). CoC staff have submitted a board letter and resolution for review and approval by the Board of Supervisors later this month.

ESG funds may be used for four primary activities: Street Outreach, Rapid Re-Housing, Emergency Shelter, and Homelessness Prevention. In addition, ESG funds may be used for associated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) costs, up to ten percent, and administrative activities for sub recipients. A minimum of 40% of the allocation must be used for Rapid Rehousing activities. This program funding is subject to the ESG federal regulations established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

In addition, the State HCD also released a request to apply for additional 2018 State ESG disencumbered funds, made available to all 2018 Federally declared disaster areas which includes Ventura County. The request was received by CoC staff on February 28, 2020 with a deadline to respond by March 11, 2020. This ESG funding would be added to the current 2018 contract and existing subrecipient agreements. The total amount of disencumbered funds available is unknown. HCD has requested information from the AE regarding the total amount of additional funding being requested and a projected expenditure deadline with a requirement that funds be expended within the next eighteen months. CoC staff sent a request to all currently funded 2018 State ESG subrecipients on Monday, March 2, 2020 to determine the needs and ability to expend funds within that timeline.

DISCUSSION: Total anticipated funding to be awarded to the CoC for FY19/20 State ESG is \$161,198 with a minimum of \$62,665 (40%) for Rapid Re-Housing activities. CoC staff released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to the full CoC Alliance and Stakeholders on March 3, 2020 with applications due by April 15, 2020. The CoC Data Evaluation and Performance Committee will meet on April 17, 2020 to review the project proposals and make funding recommendations for the CoC Board to review and approve on May 13, 2020. A proposed local timeline for this FY 19/20 State ESG funding is below:

State ESG Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Released	February 28, 2020
Local Request for Proposals (RFP) Released by VC CoC	March 3, 2020
Local Proposals Due to VC CoC	April 15, 2020
VC CoC Staff Analysis	April 17, 2020
VC CoC Data & Evaluation Committee Review & Recommendations	April 22, 2020
VC CoC Board Review & Final Recommendations	May 13, 2020
VC CoC Staff Finalize State Application	May 20, 2020
State Application Deadline	May 28, 2020
State Announces CoC ESG Awards*	September 2020

**Award timeline is dependent on HUD's award letter to the State.*

Based on the responses from 2018 State ESG subrecipients, the following request for additional funding is being recommended:

2018 State ESG Subrecipient	Project Type	Current 2018 ESG Contract Amount	Additional Funding Request
Lutheran Social Services	Street Outreach	\$11,970	\$78,000
The Salvation Army	Emergency Shelter	\$49,800	\$150,000
	Rapid Re-Housing	\$35,000	\$200,000
	Street Outreach	\$7,200	\$50,000
Turning Point Foundation	Emergency Shelter	\$15,000	\$80,000
	Rapid Re-Housing	\$28,000	\$55,000
	Administration	\$4,246	-
TOTAL		\$151,216	\$613,000

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the local funding timeline for FY19/20 State ESG;
2. Authorize staff to submit a request for additional 2018 ESG disencumbered funds to the State HCD by March 11, 2020, on behalf of the current subrecipients.

March 11, 2020

CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Receive an update on upcoming Federal and State funding opportunities including the HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project funding, HUD's NOFA to Address Unsheltered Homelessness and the Governor Newsom's proposed California Access to Housing and Services Fund and authorize staff to respond to funding announcements and authorize the Chair to sign a letter advocating for local control over administration and allocation of new State resources.

BACKGROUND: State and Federal funding for homeless services is frequently passed through and administered by the Continuum of Care. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is releasing two upcoming funding competitions in addition to the annual Continuum of Care competition. The State of California has been releasing funding to Continuums of Care, counties and large cities since 2018 including the Homeless Emergency Aid Program Funding and more recently the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program funding.

DISCUSSION: Staff recently attended the 2020 National Alliance to End Homelessness conference. During this conference, the staff from HUD announced that two funding competitions would be released in the coming months. This includes the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) funding which the VC CoC has applied for in the last three cycles and been unsuccessful in receiving an award. HUD staffers encouraged communities to continue to apply for this funding.

On Friday February 28, 2020 the HUD Exchange listserv distributed a message notifying CoC lead agencies that a Notice of Funding Announcement is forthcoming focused on unsheltered homelessness. In this NOFA, funding will be prioritized for CoCs with high levels of unsheltered homelessness which includes encampments. Funding will be utilized for eligible expenses under HUD's Continuum of Care program. Applicants will be required to develop a plan to demonstrate how they will reduce unsheltered homelessness and will be assessed on the quality of the plan. This competition will have a heavy emphasis on applicants demonstrating the evidence supporting their plan.

Governor Gavin Newsom has proposed \$750 million for the newly established California Access to Housing Services (CAAHS) fund. This is proposed as one-time funding to be managed by the State Department of Social Services (CDSS). This fund will establish a flexible housing and services pool managed by regional administrators that have yet to be defined or assigned. The funding priorities are a

shift away from crisis response to housing solutions would, depending upon how regional administrators are defined, move away from local discussion and data-driven funding decisions.

The Governor has also made surplus state properties and camping trailers available for sheltering solutions, although all 100 trailers have been already been requested. State properties listed through the Governor's executive order include the Ventura County Fairgrounds and a Caltrans parcel beneath Highway 23 and Highway 118 interchange. In order to access any of these properties, specific plans must be established including how local communities will fund services and what resources will be leveraged before leases could be established with the State on these properties.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Authorize staff to apply for the HUD YHDP and Unsheltered Homelessness funding through collaboration with CoC and regional stakeholders on behalf of the CoC should there be insufficient time to consult with the Board;
- 2) Authorize the Chair to sign a letter supporting local control over allocation and administration of CAHHS funds and other resources distributed by the State.

March 11, 2020

CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Approve cancellation of April 8, 2020 CoC Board meeting and authorize staff to cancel or hold remote meetings in the month of April.

DISCUSSION: CoC staff are requesting to cancel the CoC Board meeting in April to catch up on other projects and prepare to respond to funding opportunities. With the current state of the coronavirus, the CoC may also want to hold remote meetings or cancel non-critical meetings for the benefit of the health of our members.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve cancellation of April 8, 2020 meeting;
2. Authorize staff to cancel or hold remote meetings in the month of April.

March 11, 2020

CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Receive and approve Ventura County 2020 Homeless Count and Subpopulation Survey Report; Provide input on 2020 recommendations and authorize staff to submit the final Point in Time Count and Housing Inventory Count reports to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development no later than April 30, 2020.

Background: Annually, the Ventura County Continuum of Care staff and volunteers conduct the Point-in-Time Count and Subpopulation Survey of homeless persons and families throughout the county. This one-night survey of sheltered persons/families and one day count and survey of unsheltered persons/families results in a snapshot of one day of homelessness across the region. Accompanying this report is the annual Housing Inventory Count of all emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, supportive housing and other housing dedicated to homeless persons. These reports are submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of the requirements of receiving HUD Continuum of Care funding. These reports help to inform the CoC Board as well as other stakeholders in the community on the need for resources within the community as well as trends in the populations experiencing homelessness. Contained within the report is data reported from programs such as the Healthcare for the Homeless program and the Ventura County Office of Education which gather data based on a broader definition of homelessness that includes persons who are doubled up or paying for their own motel stay.

Discussion: We had over 500 community volunteers participate in this year's unsheltered count and we believe we had great coverage to get an accurate count. The 2020 Homeless Count was conducted on the night of January 28th and the unsheltered surveying began on the early morning of January 29th, 2020. All persons surveyed were asked where they slept on the night of January 28, 2020. Surveys were conducted at service site and encampment locations as allowed by HUD during the week following the night of the count (1/28/20). This was the third year using Simtech Solution's "Counting Us" mobile application surveys with GIS mapping technology. The final written report developed in partnership with Dr. Joe Colletti and Urban Initiatives will include subpopulation data and detailed information for each jurisdiction. The report will be released to the public no later than April 1, 2020.

Presentation materials and the Executive Summary will be provided at CoC Board Meeting on March 11, 2020

Recommendations:

1) Receive and approve Ventura County 2020 Homeless Count and Subpopulation Survey Final Report and authorize staff to submit the report to HUD no later than April 30, 2020.

2) Provide input on and adopt recommendations to be included in the written 2020 Homeless Count and Subpopulation Survey: Final Report. Draft recommendations for consideration are as follows:

1. Achieve functional zero with homeless veterans in 2020;
2. Establish a countywide working group to bolster homelessness prevention efforts to prevent new episodes of homelessness;
3. Further the efforts to end homelessness among unsheltered youth including unaccompanied transitional-age-youth (18-24);
4. Encourage each jurisdiction to review their updated unsheltered homeless count and review local strategies to reduce unsheltered homelessness.
5. Create a regional flexible funding pool for housing and services;
6. Formalize a Ventura County Continuum of Care Morbidity/Mortality Prevention Initiative (MMPI) to focus on homeless persons languishing on the streets with 1) life-threatening illness; 2) terminal illness; and 3) persons who are aging with serious or terminal illness