

September 20, 2013, 10:00-12:00

## MEETING MINUTES

### I. Welcome & Introductions

### II. Homelessness Trends in Contra Costa County: Continuum-Wide Demographics Report for 2009-2013

- Gives us an opportunity to look at how things are changing as we engage in the Strategic Planning process
- Looks at PIT data: sheltered and unsheltered
- Key Trends
  - Number of unsheltered people living on the streets or in encampments reduced
  - Large numbers of precariously housed (e.g., couch-surfing or doubled up) families with children
  - Nearly 500% increase in TAY homelessness
  - Steady increase in the numbers of people served by homeless services programs
- Hidden homelessness: Great Recession's impact on homelessness in Contra Costa seems to have been largely hidden, with unsheltered decrease, but increase in households requiring homeless services
  - The number of people experiencing homelessness for the first time is higher now compared to 2009
- Education numbers are de-duplicated for PIT and services
- Will be bringing on a full-time evaluator through McKinney-Vento planning grant

### III. 2012 NOFA Results: Contra Costa's Continuum Score and Funding Results

- Leveraging was the weakest scoring category for the CoC
  - Will be working to streamline the CoC's approach to collecting leverage letters and identifying sources this year

### IV. 2013 NOFA Process – Overview of Process and Potential Timeline

- Will be using the same (slightly modified) scoring tools for 2013, but will use the Strategic Planning process to reinvent the scoring tools for 2014
- Will have a TA Workshop once the NOFA is released to provide in-depth guidance about applying for funding

### Moved Up Agenda Item from Other CCICH Business:

- **Updating our Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness**

- Will begin a 9-month process with two goals: update the Strategic Plan, and meeting all HEARTH requirements, including coordinated assessment
- Concurrent workgroups for four key stakeholders: CoC Agency Leadership, CoC Agency Program Staff, Consumers, Targeted Community Groups
- Will work on five key modules: Housing; Screening & Assessment; Prevention, Services, and Other Supports; Performance Measures; Communication
- Data analysis, research, and outreach will occur before meetings by HomeBase
- CCICH Executive Committee will oversee the process, supported by Lavonna Martin, Homeless Programs Director

**V. Re-imagining CCICH: Introduction to CCICH Member Survey**

- Will be sending out this survey to CCICH to kick off data collection for Strategic Plan process
- Please send any feedback on draft survey to HomeBase by Monday
- Will be released on CCICH listserv and Homeless Programs website early next week

**VI. Other CCICH Business**

● **Project Homeless Connect**

- A one-day, one-stop shop to offer a variety of services to people experiencing homelessness, connecting them with benefits, medical care, substance abuse and mental health counseling, social services, housing and shelter
- Wednesday, October 9th, 9 am – 3 pm
- Contra Costa County Fairgrounds, 1201 West 10th Street, Antioch, CA 94509
- Estimated attendance: 1,200 homeless individuals
- Providing additional services to reentry population
- Homeless Court is back—first one will be at PHC
  1. Will need to be signed up in advance, with 2-3 month waitlist; don't send individuals who aren't on the docket
  2. Homeless Court coordinator: Felix Box, [homelesscourt@hsd.cccounty.us](mailto:homelesscourt@hsd.cccounty.us)
- Need volunteers and service providers—complete online form: <http://cchealth.org/homeless/phc/>
- Transportation information is on the back of the invitation flyer
- Food will be provided: Pacific Coast Farmers' Market (breakfast) and Kinders (lunch)
- CCICH does not have a booth—is more service-focused

● **Update on CCICH Executive Committee Vacancies**

- Faith Based Seat
- Behavioral Health Seat

- If interested in applying for or nominating someone for either open seat, please contact Lavonna Martin or Jay Lee
- **Behavioral Health Integration**
  - Please contact HomeBase if you would like more information
- **Concord Naval Weapons Station Update**
  - Ongoing process continues
- **Other CoC Updates**
  - Winter Nights Shelter: houses 30 individuals (families with children, including boys over 10)
    1. Hosted by different churches and synagogues
    2. Opens October 7th, goes through May
    3. Families from school districts and Crisis hotline
    4. Run by Contra Costa Interfaith Council
  - State is releasing ESG applications in mid-October (15-17), with due date around November 17th; CCICH Executive committee will have to review by January 10th
  - HUD VASH: our county did not get any new vouchers, reflected in the PIT Count—not enough homeless veterans data
    1. Follows the HUD definition, and chronically homeless
  - Public Works: report from flood control analysis posted online: <http://www.contracosta.ca.gov/index.aspx?NID=4632>
    1. Will present at ABWA Conference in Richmond in November, in partnership with Anka
  - Affordable Housing List was recently updated, available at <http://ccreach.org/>