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**Office of Homeless Services Report
Prepared for the Interagency Council on Homelessness**

Report purpose The purpose of this document is to present the Office of Homeless Services report and to record action items from prior Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) meetings.

Date January 25, 2012

Presenter Tom Hernandez, Homeless Services Manager

Announcements The table below lists the announcements for today’s meeting.

Announcements	
2011 Continuum of Care Renewal Awards released	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On December 20, 2011, HUD announced the renewal awards that provided funding to over 7,100 homeless assistance projects that will be operating in the coming year. A total of \$1.5 billion was allocated to support the renewal projects. The funding announced in December is \$62 million more than last year, the most homeless assistance ever awarded by the Department. • The San Bernardino County Continuum of Care received a total of \$2,213,277 in renewal awards. See attached list of renewal awarded amounts (Attachment 2A). • HUD anticipates announcing new awards in early 2012. 	
Continuum of Care Check-Up	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Continuum of Care (CoC) Check-up is a new process designed by HUD to help CoCs determine their current capacity and performance and the degree to which CoCs are prepared for HEARTH implementation. • As the CoC lead agency, the Office of Homeless Services was required to invite respondents from five other key stakeholder groups, specifically, the HMIS Lead, HPRP/ESG Grantees, CoC Providers, CoC Consumers and Other CoC Stakeholders. The stakeholder groups were asked to complete the self-administered on-line assessment tool on or before January 20, 2012. • The assessment results obtained through the Check-up will create a baseline against which our CoC can measure progress from year to year. 	



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2010 Continuum of Care Achievements

- The 2011 Continuum of Care (CoC) Application Exhibit I data reflected successful achievement on 5 of the 5 HUD CoC goals:

Category	Goal	Actual	Result
Chronic homeless beds	12	81	Increased by 69 beds
Permanent Housing Stability	86%	95%	Increased by 9%
Employment Income at exit	20%	20%	Met minimum federal requirement
Decrease family homelessness	191	189	Exceeded reduction goal by 2
Exit to Permanent Housing	75%	91%	Increased by 16%

- Although the CoC made great strides in successfully meeting our goals, new changes to HUD’s electronic system is making it critical for Continuums to have complete and accurate data. Noted changes in measures for this submission:
 - Permanent housing no longer measured solely on adult head of household; it is now measured by all persons in the household
 - Rather than reporting solely employment income at exit, HUD is measuring increased income at exit

HUD Homeless Data Exchange

- The Homelessness Data Exchange is an on-line tool designed to allow CoCs to submit data to HUD regarding the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR), the Annual Housing Inventory Count (HIC), and the Homeless Point-In-Time Count (PITC). These reports are based primarily on data collected and maintained in our Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
- In terms of our CoC, the following reports are essential to the award of HUD funding: AHAR, APR, and HIC. The data contained in these reports has a significant impact on our application. Inconsistent and inaccurate data ultimately have influence on our overall score.
- With the APR now automatically entered into E-snaps, the HIC and APR can be easily compared and assessed by HUD. The APR pre-populates information from other reports and cannot be changed by the agency.
- This is a data driven, competitive grant, it is not an entitlement grant; awards are based on successful completion of goals. Just having more people that are homeless does not equate to more money.



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Updated HUD Definition of “Chronically Homeless”

- On November 15, 2011, HUD released the final “definition” of homelessness. This was in response to the new Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act.
- Attached you will find a Fact Sheet developed by Housing California that highlights specific changes (see Attachment 2B).

5th Annual Homeless Summit Evaluations

- The Office of Homeless Services received over 100 evaluations.
- The vast amount of responses received and noted on the evaluations were overwhelmingly positive. Many noting the overall event and workshops to be excellent and/or good. A summary of the evaluation responses is included for your review (Attachment 2C).
- Some of the comments for future events included increased collaboration, fundraising techniques and information, increasing grant writing effectiveness, and access to resources.

ICH Membership Roster

- Previous ICH membership included a total of 30 voting members. As of this year we have 6 vacancies and 2 inactive members (see list of ICH member representation, Attachment 2D).
- The Bylaws and Membership (BAM) Committee met informally on January 9, 2012 to review applications for Members-At-Large and Veterans Administration Health Care System (VAHCS) Representative. The following recommendations were made:
 - Approve membership application for Josephine Escalante as Representative for the VAHCS
 - Approve membership application for Melissa Conrad as Alternate for the VAHCS
 - Approve membership application for Charlie Mello as General Member-At-Large

City of Upland Homeless Count Pilot Project

- The Office of Homeless Services is currently collaborating with the City of Upland on a pilot project to conduct a complete citywide count. Their count is preliminarily scheduled for February 22, 2012 at 6:30 am.



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New United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) Chair

- On December 13, 2011, HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius was elected the 2012 Chair of the USICH. She will be succeeding DOL Secretary Hilda Solis as Chair. In a statement released by Secretary Sebelius, she emphasized the importance of agency cross collaboration, increased efficiency of mainstream resources and an interest in addressing youth homelessness (see Attachment 2E).
- USICH also announced that it is hiring 4 new regional homeless coordinators. In the FY 2012 budget, Congress shifted the funding for the positions from HUD to USICH direct hires. Ed Cabrera, our Regional Coordinator, will be remaining with HUD, but assisting USICH through the transition process.

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AB109 Housing Advisory Committee Update

- The Office of Homeless Services has hosted the AB109 Housing Advisory Committee on November 3, November 21 and December 13, 2011. Representatives from Redevelopment and Housing, Probation, the City of San Bernardino's Mayor's Office, House of Prayer and OHS were present.
- The following items were reviewed and discussed:
 - Connecting with the Sober Living Homes within the County as a basic bed package option for Probation
 - Several county agreements as provided by Dena Fuentes, and Vickie Baumbach, DBH Drug Abuse Manager
 - Involving the Faith-based communities and working with them in the provision of services
- OHS will be working with Mr. Ricketts in the development of a MOU or contract agreement specifically addressing the housing needs of potential homeless probationers.

Status of State Interagency Council on Homelessness

- As you are aware, California still does not have an active taskforce on homelessness. Assembly Bill 1167 (Fong), which would have established a statewide Interagency Council on Homelessness was held under submission by the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- Organizations and elected officials from throughout California are urging Governor Brown to use his executive order authority to create an Interagency Council on Homelessness. A state Interagency Council on Homelessness would promote efficiency of our remaining resources and apply best practices throughout state agencies, reducing duplication of efforts among state agency staff.
- California is one of 11 states that have yet to establish a statewide ICH (see Attachment 2F).



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The State of Homelessness in America 2012

- The National Alliance to End Homelessness released the research report on homelessness on January 18, 2012. The document examines homelessness between 2009 and 2011. Website: [http:// www.endhomelessness.org](http://www.endhomelessness.org)
- Major findings include:
 - Nation’s homeless population decreased nationally overall; however it increased in 24 states including California.
 - The number of households that spent 50% of their income on rent increased nationally by 6%.
 - The “doubled-up” population increased by 13%. A 50% increase compared to 2005.

County Vision Meeting – Housing Element

- OHS along with several members of ICH were invited by the County’s Administrative Office to participate in the County Visioning Process as it relates to Housing.
- The Countywide Vision Meeting was held on January 19, 2012 in Fontana from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

Homeless Service Guide on Google Maps

- On November 28, 2011, a presentation entitled, “Using Google to Create Interactive Maps” was presented by Sandra Wakcher of the Human Services Legislation and Research Unit at the HS Leadership Team Monthly Meeting.
- Ms. Wakcher demonstrated how to use the Google mapping system to create online maps of providers that are part of a partnership or collaborative.
- A spreadsheet was provided to OHS from Ms. Wakcher to create the mapping system and she completed the changes on January 20, 2012. The new mapping system link is available on the Partnership website: <http://www.sbcounty.gov/SBCHP>

Attachments

2011 CoC Homeless Assistance Renewal Awards – Report 2A-Attached

Housing California Fact Sheet – Report 2B-Attached

2011 Homeless Summit Evaluations – Report 2C-Attached

ICH Membership Roster – Report 2D-Attached

Council Elects HHS’ Sebelius an New Chair – Report 2E-Attached

ICH Active States and Territories – Report 2F-Attached



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Action items/
Follow up

The table below identifies items, actions, and status for inquiries and next steps during prior ICH meetings.

Item	Action	Status
A request was made of OHS to provide background information to the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) regarding the ICH; to include the importance of participation and membership opportunities.	OHS made contact with SANBAG and presented to the Plans and Programs Committee on January 18, 2012. A follow-up presentation to the Board of Directors will be presented on February 1, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.	In Progress

Attachments
Plans and Programs Committee Agenda (Item 3) – Report 2G-Attached

HUD > Press Room > Press Releases > 2011 > HUDNo.11-290

HUD No. 11-290
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FOR RELEASE
Tuesday
December 20, 2011

**HUD AWARDS \$1.5 BILLION TO MORE THAN 7,100 LOCAL
HOMELESS PROGRAMS**

*Funding supports Obama Administration strategy to
prevent and end homelessness*

WASHINGTON – U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Shaun Donovan today awarded \$1.47 billion to renew funding to more than 7,100 local homeless programs operating across the country. The funding announced today will ensure these housing and service programs remain operating in 2012 and are a critical part of the Obama Administration’s strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness. [View a complete list of all the state and local homeless assistance programs awarded funding.](#)

The funding announced today is \$62 million more than last year, the most homeless assistance ever awarded by the Department. HUD is renewing funding through its *Continuum of Care* programs to existing local programs as quickly as possible to prevent any interruption in federal assistance and will award funds to new projects in early 2012.

“The grants we’re awarding today will literally keep the doors of our shelters open and will help those on the front lines of ending homelessness do what they do best,” said Donovan. “It’s incredible that as we work to recover from the greatest economic decline since the Great Depression, the total number of homeless Americans is declining, in large part because of these funds.”

Last week, HUD announced its 2011 “point in time” estimate of the number of homeless persons in America. Approximately 3,000 cities and counties reported 636,000 homeless persons on a single night in January of 2011, a 2.1 percent decline from the year before. This documented reduction in homelessness was noticed among all population groups including individuals, families, and those experiencing long-term or chronic

State**CoC Name**

Project Name	Program	Awarded Amount
Shelter Plus Care All County # 1	S+CR	\$374,016
CoR Homeless Street Outreach Program	SHPR	\$216,871
CoR Permanent Supportive Housing for Disabled	SHPR	\$117,127
Desert Horizon-SOS Transitional Housing	SHPR	\$408,234
Desert Vista Permanent Housing	SHPR	\$646,847
FSA Permanent Housing for Disabled Women with Children	SHPR	\$218,000
HMIS 2010 Expansion Project	SHPR	\$59,440
Homeless Management Information System	SHPR	\$260,498
LSS Amelia's Light Transitional Living Program	SHPR	\$218,484
Martha's Village & Kitchen	SHPR	\$525,000
ABC Recovery Transitional Living Village	SHPR	\$42,192
CA-608 Total:		\$6,756,067

CA-609 - San Bernardino City & County CoC

Homeless Management Information System	SHPR	\$250,158
Permanent Housing for Homeless with HIV/AIDS (CA0938B9D091001)	SHPR	\$75,046
Victor Valley Domestic Violence Transitional Housing	SHPR	\$283,537
Social Service Outreach Program FY 2011	SHPR	\$69,401
San Bernardino Path To Prosperity	SHPR	\$158,521
Project Stepping Stones	S+CR	\$364,740
Project Home Again	SHPR	\$367,063
New Hope Village, Inc. Fiscal Year 2011	SHPR	\$66,675
Legal Education & Advocacy Project (LEAP II) RENEWAL FY2011	SHPR	\$54,531
Legal Education & Advocacy Project (LEAP I) RENEWAL FY 2011	SHPR	\$38,395
Homeless Veterans' Program	SHPR	\$26,250
Foothill Family Shelter	SHPR	\$34,125
Infinite Horizons FY 2011	SHPR	\$424,835
CA-609 Total:		\$2,213,277

CA-611 - Oxnard CoC

S+C City of Oxnard 2011	S+CR	\$201,876
CA-VC 2011 Exhibit 2	SHPR	\$129,515
Wooley House Permanent Housing 2011	SHPR	\$35,410
Wooley House Transitional Housing 2011	SHPR	\$31,361
Transition House 2011	SHPR	\$53,642
Oxnard Homeless Outreach Project	SHPR	\$31,214
Kingdom Center 1450 2011 Exhibit 2	SHPR	\$13,490
City of Oxnard HMIS Project	SHPR	\$44,541



Federal Definitions of "Homelessness"

On November 15, 2011, after years of deliberation, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released *final* regulations on the definition of homelessness used for HUD's homeless assistance grant programs. This fact sheet is designed to assist in general understanding of the changes that result from the new definition by explaining the significant changes and why they matter.*

Why Is There a New Definition?

When the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act was enacted into law on May 20, 2009, it reauthorized and consolidated federal homeless programs. Among the implementation tasks, it tasked the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with updating and defining "homelessness" for the new HEARTH Act programs.

Since that time, HUD received enormous stakeholder feedback advocating for expansions and clarification of various homeless definitions.

What's Different?

- The final rule includes definitions for "homeless", "at risk of homelessness", and "chronically homeless".
- By not expanding the "homeless" definition to include individuals and families who are "couch surfing" or doubled up, HUD has maintained that the priority for limited resources are the neediest and most marginalized homeless persons. However, HUD has expanded the definition of "at risk of homelessness" to include these populations, making most people in these circumstances eligible for services and resources under the new Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program (a new interim rule for ESG outlining the changes was also released on November 15, 2011).
- The definitions are more inclusive of family homeless dynamics; it is now codified that families can be chronically homeless, and HUD has defined as "homeless" some families and youth who are considered homeless under other federal statutes.
- The time one is allowed to spend in an institution (such as jail, hospitals, or treatment) and still be considered "homeless" increased from 30 to 90 days.
- Homeless youth are clearly defined as being less than 25 years of age.
- Some forms of documentation used by other federal departments and programs can satisfy some HUD requirements.
- "Episodes" of homelessness are defined as being at least 15 days, which is important for determining chronic homelessness. (Four separate "episodes" within three years or continuously homeless for one year is required to be considered "chronically homeless".)

*Please Note: This fact sheet is intended to enhance general understanding and should NOT be used for determining eligibility for homeless programs. For more detail, please refer to HUD's HEARTH "Homeless" Definition Final Rule: <http://hudhre.info/index.cfm?do=viewResource&ResourceID=4519>

2011 Homeless Summit Evaluations

Subject (5=Excellent; 1=Needs Improvement)

	Grade				
	5	4	3	2	1
General					
On-line registration process	61	9	3		1
Check-in registration	72	6			
Event location: Diocese of San Bernardino	73	8	1		
Event Organization	70	9	1		
Summit presentations increased knowledge	54	21	6	1	
Materials provided will help me in the future	49	25	7	1	
I would recommend this event to others	63	16	3		
Track A1: REDUCING PAROLEE RECIDIVISM WITH HOMELESS PROGRAMS					
Was the speaker knowledgeable about the subject matter	27	6	1		
Training increased my knowledge and will help me further my organization	20	11	4		
The materials provided were useful and relevant	20	11	3		
Quality of overall presentation	22	11	2		
Track A2: USING DATA TO DEMONSTRATE OUTCOME MEASUREMENT AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS CHANGE					
Was the speaker knowledgeable about the subject matter	30	4	1		
Training increased my knowledge and will help me further my organization	30	3	2		
The materials provided were useful and relevant	30	2	2		1
Quality of overall presentation	31	4			
Track B1: FUNDRAISING STRATEGIES FOR HOMELESS CAUSES					
Was the speaker knowledgeable about the subject matter	19	2	1		
Training increased my knowledge and will help me further my organization	19	1	1	1	
The materials provided were useful and relevant	18	3			1
Quality of overall presentation	19	2		1	
Track B2: LOGIC MODELS					
Was the speaker knowledgeable about the subject matter	21	4			
Training increased my knowledge and will help me further my organization	17	7	1		
The materials provided were useful and relevant	18	6	1		
Quality of overall presentation	21	4			

What did you like best about the event?

The variety of speakers from different sectors
A1 - reducing parolee recidivism
The information
Location, location, location
Concept of improving/building a system of care
Presentations from different homeless providers from the different counties
Total summit!
Hands on participation
Stimulating information
The panel and assembly member Atkins - providing various perspectives
Collaboration - California Endowment Daniel Foster
To hear that problems we are seeing placing homeless even after hospitalization is a universal problem
The way the speakers were so passionate about these organizations and their causes
Networking information
Knowledge of the presenter
The organization
Relevance
All new information. Was very informative.
All the dedicated friendly participants and speakers
The wealth of knowledge
The variety of workshops that were relevant and very helpful
Learning that data can help advance our mission
Elected Official participation
Statistical Information and knowledge and experience of presenters
Informative!
Informative presenters and the relaxed atmosphere
The information with the numbers for parolees
Morning speakers were excellent and tracks offered interesting topics
Speaker selection; lunch!
It was informative and it dealt with a real issue - recidivism
Realizing that the challenges of placing homeless into the community are shared and are increasing
Opening speaker, workshop A - Reducing Recidivism
The workshop on parolees
The Pastor speaking
The subject matter

Motivational speakers and the advocates of the programs
The relevance of the information; chance to network with others
Loved hearing Josie Gonzales and Pastor Marco Garcia the most. Very motivational
The information with the statistics
The Way minister
The panel was very informative
Information about Day Reporting Center
The workshops
Timing and presentation
Everything
Chance to meet with others to find out the how-to's of establishing a shelter and the supportive community to set this up
Sharing of Information
Collaboration/211 Data
It was informative and helpful
Pastor Marco Garcia's motivational speech, Fundraising workshop was very informative and passionate
Fundraising presentation
The networking and encouragement from the pastor from The Way
Location, food, decorations. Pastor Marco was excellent
The networking from the participants and the new knowledge
The ideas presented for fundraising
The awareness of how agencies can collaborate to transition clients from homelessness to productive and thriving in society
Everything, it was informative
The afternoon workshops
The websites that I learned contain valuable data regarding the resources I need in the community of Rialto
The collaboration of agencies
Open communication on real needs

What other organizations or topics would you like to hear from?

Funders

A workshop from a CoC (not SB) partner, their best practices with HMIS or collaborations
Private individual groups looking to partner with others to fulfill their mission statement
Employment development
Results online and metropolitan water district
Other advocates
Fundraising
The homeless association/organizations that deal with infectious diseases. People living with these diseases that are homeless
Leadership development
Outreach for homeless veterans
Collaboration
HMIS more
County Hospital and County Health Services
Financial organizations (funding, budgeting)
Programs in SB County
Lawyers and judges
Substance abuse treatment providers
Time for Change
Crisis Services and Psychiatric medication laws regarding parolees
Federal level speakers/experts
Public Defenders Office
If someone wanted to build a homeless center, what would it take?
How to access healthcare
Department of Aging
If speaking about AB109, have representatives from that program present instead of others whom may not be as familiar with the program
Information on practical information - where to get gas cards/bus passes and every day needs
Catholic Charities
Resources on accessing health care throughout the county
Drug Court Program
Information/Collaboration with Riverside County
Networking with other agencies
Rural community resources - transportation and housing not available
Resource directory of the organizations, include organization, contact information and services,, places that offer shelters
The school district to present information regarding support for homeless students
Other funding information - this was really great!!
Employment strategies. Funding opportunities.
Neighborhood community development

Sign-up to receive data and other services

What other workshops will be useful to you and your organization?

Healthcare for homeless

B2 -logic models

Grant writing

Building successful collaborations

Volunteer grant writers offering to write grants for free

Improving collaboration

Creating actual collaborations

Behavior management

The speaker in the morning - too long - and did not say something new

Collaborating

Collaborating development

Outreach, transitional housing

Case Management

Anything regarding homeless

Care of the medically indigent homeless

Collaboration

How to build relationships with employers and with landlords

Funding/Fundraising

Crisis training; elderly services and improvements

Felon friendly employers who are willing to share with providers what they look for when they hire

Role of faith-based organizations

Getting agencies or shelters up and running. Exactly where do you begin

Resource overall

Opportunity for funding

What works and doesn't work on establishing a new shelter. Way to know what services other places provide so we can refer - housing, jobs, places for clients to "graduate" to

Training with other agencies in what services they have to offer

How to work with homeless youth ages 18 to 21. What are the first steps to help them

Parole re-entry and fundraising

Supports for homeless students

State funding "tips"/information

How to get matching funds

Capacity building. Encourage innovation and efficiency
Collaboration workshops creating actual projects

What needs improvement?

Nothing

2-1-1 for migratory individuals

Breaking down rooms

Schedule vs. Workshop Number vs Time. Clarity on web registration

Just starting to address the homeless situation

Would like to hear more case history and outcomes over long term for homeless

Sound

You cannot complete this action without including both substance abuse treatment providers and mental health treatment providers

Instruction on flow to get started in the field to be a County provider

More materials would be useful

Political involvement that is not only supporting visible projects but collaborates with existing resources to really meet disenfranchised population

Have a contact list available resources within the county

Time allowed to ask questions for panel

Workshops a little longer. So much information; so little time

Would like to connect with other faith-based shelters so can learn

Rural areas

Knowing what resources are out there. Maybe having a network session, giving us the opportunity to go around and meet each other

Some of the morning speakers were "preaching to the choir." More information on what's happening on the County, State, and Federal level

Other Comments/Feedback:

Great day. Workshops were more relevant to our needs.

Excellent presentation and atmosphere

2011 Homeless Summit Evaluations

Attachment 2C

All very good!

Thank you!

Suggest more information on how to apply for grants and various grant availability

Very worthwhile seminar

Good Job!!!

Bring successful people to testify as to what helped them to re-connect and become functional community members again

Very good program, helpful, professional

I really like it; I learned a lot; thank you

The presenter was enthusiastic, motivating, and sincere (B1 - fundraising)

Jennifer - thanks for encouraging us to come and thanks for introducing us to Margaret Rochelle

The Summit is not geared to help our area in the mountains

Excellent job

Very well organized. Staff very courteous and helpful. Really enjoyed this event.

Well organized. Thank you.

Food was great. Well run.

Excellent!!

Interagency Council on Homelessness Members

Updated January 2012

Member Representation	Member Name	Alternate
Member of the Board of Supervisors (2)	Josie Gonzales, Chair	Angel Baltazar
	Brad Mitzelfelt, Vice Chair	Garner Morris
City Elected Official or designee (7)	VACANT, Barstow	
	Chris Rymer, Colton	
	Brent Schultz, Ontario	Julie Bjork
	L. Dennis Michael, Rancho Cucamonga	Tranda Drumwright
	Jon Harrison, Redlands	
	Patrick J. Morris, San Bernardino	Kent Paxton
	Lori Herbel, Yucca Valley	
Director or designee of Human Services	Linda Haugan	
Director or designee of the Department of Behavioral Health	Allan Rawland	
Director or designee of the Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County	Patricia Nickols	
Director or designee of the San Bernardino County Public Housing Authority	Susan Benner	
Director or designee of the Department of Probation	Renee Ford	
Director or designee of Redevelopment and Housing for San Bernardino County	Dena Fuentes	
Veterans Administration Health Care System	VACANT	

Interagency Council on Homelessness Members

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Representative		
San Bernardino County Specialty Courts System Representative	VACANT	
Administrator or designee of the State Department of Rehabilitation	Susan Senior	Connie Boring
Superintendent of San Bernardino County Schools or designee	Brenda Dowdy	
Director or designee of 2-1-1 San Bernardino	Gary Madden	
San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Representative	Jack Trotter	
Homeless Management Information System Lead Agency Representative	Patricia Nickols	
Elected Homeless Provider Network Representative (5)	Leanne Drieberg Cheryl Heesen Angela Myles Angela Pasco Bob Roddick	
General Member At-Large (3)	VACANT VACANT VACANT	



United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

Council Elects HHS' Sebelius as New Chair for 2012

December 14, 2011

Yesterday, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) hosted the fourth and final meeting of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) for 2011. The meeting focused on advancements, strategies, and needs for addressing youth homelessness. Outgoing Chair of the Council and Department of Labor (DOL) Secretary Hilda Solis was joined by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Shaun Donovan, HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Eric Shinseki, and USICH Executive Director Barbara Poppe. The meeting concluded with the election of HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius as the Chair for 2012, and VA Secretary Eric Shinseki as Vice Chair.



Secretary Sebelius released the following statement in regards to her election:

"Yesterday, I was pleased to take on the role of Chair of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. I look forward to building on the hard work of this year's Chair, Secretary Solis, whose accomplishments include: developing a plan to increase access to mainstream benefits and increasing engagement with governors and mayors to align local plans to Opening Doors - the nation's first-ever comprehensive strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness.

The implementation of *Opening Doors* over the last year has given our federal agencies an opportunity to work together on an issue we all care about. Each member of the Council brings a unique approach to this problem and through this collaboration we're laying the groundwork for future successes with better data collection, better reporting, and better use of mainstream resources. By engaging states and local communities in the plan's goals and strategies, we're making sure everyone is in agreement as we move forward.

While I'm proud to say we are making progress, homelessness remains a serious issue and there is more work to do. As I take on the role of Chair for the year ahead, I am looking

forward to building on our current foundation as we work to end homelessness altogether. In these tough economic times, continued cross-agency collaboration is more important than ever to help those who are homeless."

The major topic for discussion was ending youth homelessness by 2020 and the recent work done by the HHS-headed Interagency Group on Youth. The Group consists of representatives from USICH, HHS (the Administration for Children and Families, the Office for the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), HUD, DOL, Department of Education, Department of Justice, Social Security Administration, Department of Agriculture, Corporation for National and Community Service, and the White House Domestic Policy Council. It has been meeting weekly since October 19th bringing together expert knowledge from federal and state programs in the child welfare, education, housing, and juvenile justice sectors.

The Group spoke to the full Council on what we know (and do not know) about youth homelessness currently and federal resources available to serve this population. The Group also spoke about the challenges of serving this population - notably the lack of consistent data available on the number of unaccompanied youth and research on the practices that help this population. We do know, however, that there are sub-populations of youth that have a much higher risk for homelessness: youth exiting child welfare or the juvenile justice system and LGBT youth. At the meeting, all of the member agencies agreed to work together to marshal appropriate resources to improve our knowledge and achieve the goal of ending youth homelessness by 2020. Collaboration will have to be at the forefront of our work at all levels of government and with service providers currently serving this vulnerable population in order to ensure that we have a better understanding of the size of the problem, the needs of different sub-groups, that successful strategies are implemented and progress is made.



United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

Preventing and Ending Homelessness in the United States

Active State and Territory Interagency Councils on Homelessness

Status of all State and Territory Interagency Councils on Homelessness (41 active)

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| ✓Arizona | ✓Missouri | ✓Virgin Islands |
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| California | ✓Nebraska | West Virginia |
| ✓Colorado | Nevada | ✓Wisconsin |
| Connecticut | ✓New Hampshire | Wyoming |
| ✓Delaware | New Jersey | |
| ✓District of Columbia | New Mexico | |
| ✓Florida | New York | |
| ✓Georgia | ✓North Carolina | |
| ✓Hawaii | ✓North Dakota | |
| ✓Idaho | ✓Ohio | |
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| ✓Indiana | ✓Oregon | |
| ✓Iowa | ✓Pennsylvania | |
| ✓Kansas | ✓Puerto Rico | |
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- San Bernardino County Transportation Commission
- San Bernardino County Transportation Authority
- San Bernardino County Congestion Management Agency
- Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies

Minute Action

AGENDA ITEM: 3

Date: January 18, 2012

Subject: City Participation in San Bernardino County Interagency Council on Homelessness and the Homeless Partnership

Recommendation:* Receive briefing on the Interagency Council and Homeless Partnership.

Background: The San Bernardino County Office of Homeless Services was established in 2007 by the Board of Supervisors to address the issue of homelessness in San Bernardino County. The County Office of Homeless Services collaborated with County Agencies serving the homeless population, as well as Cities, and homeless service providers to develop the San Bernardino County 10 Year Plan to end Homelessness. The annual grant submission to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the federal homeless continuum of care dollars through the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership is developed through that ongoing collaboration.

The Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) is the policy making body for the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership. ICH works to ensure that the recommendations listed in the County's 10-Year Strategy to End Homelessness are realized. ICH Membership is composed of elected officials, state and local representatives, community and faith-based organizations, and corporate advocates.

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Plans and Programs Committee

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The ICH currently has vacancies for public and elected officials to serve as voting members. This item is to detail the purpose of the Partnership, the responsibilities of the ICH, and the importance of city participation in helping to address homelessness and homeless recidivism within the County.

Financial Impact: There is no financial impact associated with this item.

Reviewed By: This item will be received by the Plans and Programs Committee on January 18, 2012.

Responsible Staff: Ty Schuiling, Interim Executive Director