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Item No.	Consent Items	
1	Approve minutes of the April 27, 2016, ICH meeting	9:45 – 9:50 am
Special Recognition		
2	Acknowledgment of Dan Nackerman’s service to the Interagency Council on Homelessness	9:50 – 10:00 am
Discussion		
3	Approve the Interagency Council on Homelessness Recommendation for the Office of Homeless Services to seek a Consultant for the City Homeless Template	
4	Adopt the Interagency Council on Homelessness Recommendation for Potential Reallocation of CoC Transitional Housing Programs for the 2016 CoC Competition	10:00 – 10:45 am
Closing		
		10:45 – 11:00 am

Public Comment Open to the public for comments limited to three minutes

Council Roundtable Open to comments by the Council

Next ICH Meeting The next Interagency Council on Homelessness meeting is scheduled for:

June 15, 2016
9:00 am – 11:00 am
DBH – Health Services Building - Auditorium
850 E. Foothill Blvd
Rialto, CA 92376

Mission Statement
The mission of the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership is to provide a system of care that is inclusive, well planned, coordinated and evaluated and is accessible to all who are homeless and those at-risk of becoming homeless.

THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING FACILITY IS ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. IF ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES OR OTHER AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC MEETING, REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH THE OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES AT LEAST THREE (3) BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE PARTNERSHIP MEETING. THE OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES TELEPHONE NUMBER IS (909) 386-8297 AND THE OFFICE IS LOCATED AT 303 E. VANDERBILT WAY, SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415. <http://www.sbcounty.gov/dbh/sbchp/>



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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 (OHS) report and to record action items from prior Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) meetings.

Date May 25, 2016

Presenter Tom Hernandez, Homeless Services Manager

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

Announcements	
Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2016 Grant Inventory Worksheet has been released by United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In consultation with project recipients within the Continuum of Care (CoC) geographic area and the local HUD field office, the Collaborative Applicant must ensure that the GIW captures the CoC’s entire inventory of grants that are eligible for renewal in the FY 2016 CoC Program Competition. It is imperative that all eligible renewal grants are listed on the GIW. Eligible renewal projects that are not listed on the GIW will not be calculated in the CoC's final HUD-approved Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) amount. Submission to the local HUD Field Office is May 26, 2016. 	
Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The OHS HMIS section routinely monitors agencies data quality to ensure accuracy and meet the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) standards for data quality maintenance. Attached you will find a copy of the latest HMIS Data Quality Report for the month of April, 2016 (see attached, Report 2A). Agency report cards are posted for review on individual agencies participating in HMIS at the following website: http://www.sbcounty.gov/dbh/sbchp/HMIS.aspx 	



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Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Grant Tier 2 Awards

- On Monday, May 2, 2016, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the award of over \$300 million in Tier 2 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program funds for renewal and new competitive programs. These awards provide funding directly to agencies that are part of the Continuum of Care application submission. These funds are in addition to the Tier 1 funding awards announced on March 8, 2016.
- Through this annual competition, the San Bernardino County Continuum of Care received a total of \$9,366,053 in Homeless Assistance Program funds (\$6,715,355 in Tier 1 awards and an additional \$2,650,698 in Tier 2 awards), over \$2.2 million for new projects and over \$7.1 million for renewal projects that will provide services to hundreds of homeless individuals and families within the County. Awarded agencies are able to use the funds to provide transitional and permanent housing and supportive services for homeless individuals and families.
- This year, the CoC received a Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus award in the amount of \$1,544,888 to provide funding for “Step Up in San Bernardino” a program that will be administered by Step Up on Second, Inc., a 501(c)3 organization that provides psychosocial rehabilitation and support since 1984. This funding will add an additional, much needed 112 new permanent supportive housing program beds to serve the chronically homeless with mental illness within our County communities.
- The following agencies received award announcements for Tier 2:
 - Step Up on Second Street, Inc. - \$1,544,888
 - Inland Valley Hope Partners - \$141,137
 - Knowledge and Education for Your Success, Inc. - \$241,021
 - Life Community Development - \$249,956
 - Salvation Army San Bernardino - \$450,724
 - Central City Lutheran Mission – \$22,972
- HUD has noted that some communities that scored very high that will see an increase in funding in FY 2015 while other CoCs will see a decrease in overall funding. There are multiple factors that could have resulted in a lower amount of funding.
 - A CoC may have scored poorly on the CoC Application
 - Projects included on the Priority Listing in Tier 2 may have scored poorly or not met threshold requirements
 - The FMR for one or more geographic area within the CoC may have declined.



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Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Grant Tier 2 Awards, Cont.

- Many transitional housing programs were unfortunately not renewed by HUD in this year's awards announcement. HUD noted that there were clear incentives provided in the FY 2015 CoC Program Competition NOFA for communities to shift resources to create new rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing programs, and many CoCs used the opportunity to reallocate resources to new projects including HMIS expansion and Coordinated Entry System development. Even when transitional housing projects were included in the Tier 2 portion of applications, they did not fare well. As a result nationally, we were awarded \$260 million more in permanent housing projects than in FY 2014 but \$150 million less to transitional housing.
- HUD's emphasis on permanent housing is based on evidence from multiple sources that it is both more cost effective and results in better overall outcomes than transitional housing projects.
- Los Angeles re-allocated all of the \$14 million in TH and SSO grants that fell into Tier 2, 58 grants in total. So with the exception of a TH renewal that straddled the tiers, which was awarded, all were new permanent housing grant applications. All of their Tier 2 new projects were awarded, 21 PSH and RRH grants for \$14.2 million, and one bonus RRH grant for \$1.3 million.

CoC Registration Notice Highlights

- For Fiscal Year (FY) 2016, HUD requires each Continuum of Care (CoC) Collaborative Applicant (also known as the CoC applicant) to register in advance of applying for the approximately \$1.9 billion of funding available under the FY 2016 CoC Program Competition. (p. 1) Last year, approximately \$1.89 billion of funding was available.
- HUD will continue the Reallocation process. All CoCs may reduce or eliminate funds from eligible renewal projects, including first-time renewal projects formerly funded under the S+C program, to develop new projects. CoCs may use the reallocation process to create:
 - new permanent supportive housing projects where all beds will be dedicated for use by chronically homeless individuals and families;
 - new rapid rehousing projects for homeless individuals and families who enter directly from the streets or emergency shelters, youth up to age 24, and includes persons fleeing domestic violence situations and other persons meeting the criteria of paragraph (4) of the definition of homelessness;
 - new Supportive Services Only (SSO) project specifically for a centralized or coordinated assessment system; and
 - new dedicated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) project for the costs at 24 CFR 578.57.



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CoC Registration Notice Highlights, Cont.

- NOTE: When evaluating the performance of youth programs, CoCs should take into account the specific challenges faced by youth experiencing homelessness. When CoC's identify lower performing youth serving projects to projects, they should seek to reallocate funds from those projects to projects that will achieve better outcomes for youth. In coordination with mainstream programs, CoCs should also consider how they can best serve young people who are fleeing domestic violence, human trafficking, or who are exchanging sex for housing (p. 32).
- HUD will continue the Permanent Housing Bonus. All CoCs may create new projects through the permanent housing bonus up to 15 percent of the CoC's FPRN for the following types of new projects for those CoCs that meet the criteria provided in V.4. of this Notice and additional criteria provided in the FY 2016 CoC Program Competition NOFA:
 - New permanent supportive housing projects that will serve 100 percent chronically homeless families and individuals including youth experiencing chronic homelessness; and
 - New rapid rehousing projects that will serve homeless individuals and families, including youth, coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters, or fleeing domestic violence situations and other persons meeting the criteria of paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless.
- The FY 2016 Appropriations Act requires HUD to determine that CoCs demonstrate all project applications are evaluated and ranked based on the degree to which they improve the CoCs system performance:
 - CoCs cannot receive grants for new projects, other than through reallocation, unless the CoC competitively ranks projects based on how they improve system performance (p. 34).
- The FY 2016 HUD Appropriations Act requires that in order for a CoC to receive funding for a new project, other than through reallocation, the CoC must demonstrate that all project applications are evaluated and ranked based on the degree to which they improve the CoC's system performance (p. 3).
- FY 2016 CoC Program funding must prioritize those CoCs that have demonstrated a capacity to reallocate funding from lower performing projects to higher performing projects as demonstrated through the CoCs local selection process (p. 3).
- HUD will continue the Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding process in the FY 2016 CoC Program Competition to promote a more competitive process among CoCs.

National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) Conference

- This year the NAEH Conference will be held on July 26 through 28, 2016 at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C. Registration is now closed due to an overwhelming response for participation.

Attachments

HMIS Data Quality Monthly Report March 2016 – Report 2A-Attached

Org ID	Organization / Program	Total Enrollments	Total Applicable Records	# of Missing Data Elements	% of Missing	# of Don't Know	# of Refused	% of DK/Refused
CC1	Catholic Charities	83	1035	40	3.86%	8	0	0.00%
CCL	Central City Lutheran Mission	68	1149	0	0.00%	3	0	0.00%
CAP	Community Action Partnership	34	441	0	0.00%	3	0	0.00%
DMM	Desert Manna Ministries	12	185	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%
FA2	Family Assistance Program	8	107	10	9.35%	8	0	0.00%
FSA	Family Services Association of Redlands	8	100	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
FAI	Foothill AIDS Project	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
FFS	Foothill Family Shelter	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
FCC	Frazer Community Center	1	16	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
GDC	Global One Development Center	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
HDH	High Desert Homeless Services	40	525	2	0.38%	0	0	0.00%
HPG	House of Prayer Gospel Outreach Ministries	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
IBH	Inland Behavioral and Health Services	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
LTH	Inland Temporary Homes	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
IHP	Inland Valley Hope Partners	55	713	0	0.00%	7	3	0.42%
KEY	Knowledge & Education For Your Success	136	1501	0	0.00%	8	0	0.00%
LCD	Life Community Development	11	159	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
LSS	Lighthouse Social Services	67	793	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
PL1	LMWS Pacific Lifeline	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
MMC	Mary's Mercy Center	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
MH1	Mercy House	309	4281	42	0.98%	37	0	0.00%
NHV	New Hope Village, Inc.	10	121	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%

OG1	Operation Grace	4	51	0	0.00%	1	1	1.96%
HOA	Restoration House of Angels	1	15	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
SA1	Salvation Army	17	216	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
DBA	SB DBH Adult & Older System of Care	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
DBH	SB DBH/HA	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
HA1	SB Housing Authority	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
TFC	Time For Change Foundation	22	255	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
USV	US Veterans Inc	43	598	1	0.17%	0	0	0.00%
VVF	Victor Valley Family Resource Center	13	214	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%
WOL	Water Of Life Community Church	6	62	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
		948	12537	95	0.35%	77	4	0.08%



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**Homeless Youth Taskforce Report
Prepared for the Interagency Council On Homelessness**

Date October 22, 2015

Presenter James Ramos, Chair and Brenda Dowdy, Co-Chair, Homeless Youth Task Force

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

Announcements
Homeless Youth Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members of the Taskforce have completed the report on the recent Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Survey. Changes to the report are being completed by the Office of Homeless Services.• The report will be available to present at the October Interagency Council on Homelessness Meeting.
Homeless Youth Taskforce <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Taskforce will be dark in November to avoid interference with the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NOEHCY)• Although the date of the next meeting has not been scheduled, the meeting will take place at the San Bernardino Transitional Age Youth Center (TAY) located at 780 E. Gilbert Street, in San Bernardino.



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**Emergency Preparedness Committee
Prepared for the Interagency Council On Homelessness**

Date 05/25/16

Presenter Mike Jones, Deputy
San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department H.O.P.E. Team

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

Announcements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ On 5/23/16 the committee met and discussed further collaboration with Public Health.○ Update on Emergency Preparedness○ Continuing to set procedures for future "Extreme Weather" events.○ Working with the County OES to implement procedures for homeless in the event of a disaster.
<p>Next meeting will be held June 27th, 2016 at the Office of Homeless Services (Meetings are held the 4th Monday of every month)</p>



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**City Homeless Template Ad Hoc Committee
Prepared for the Interagency Council On Homelessness**

Date May 25, 2016

Presenter Dena Fuentes

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

Announcements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The ad-hoc group has been working on an interactive product that documents all the Federal funds being used for homeless related activities.• On May 17, 2016, the team had a meeting with Supervisor Gonzales to obtain clarity on the objective and work product.• Based on these discussions, the work product that is envisioned is a resource guide for cities and practitioners to help assist homeless persons and families.



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**Probation Report
Prepared for the Interagency Council On Homelessness**

Date May 25, 2016

Presenter Laura Davis, Division Director II, Probation Day Reporting Centers

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

Announcements	
Housing RFP Update	
Release of RFP	June 2016
Deadline for Submission of Questions	June 2016
Mandatory Proposal Conference	July 2016
Deadline for Proposals	July 2016
Tentative Date for Awarding Contract	September 2016
Questions: Contact Sean Engelhart – sengelhart@prob.sbcounty.gov	
Probation Homeless Veteran Update	
<p>In 2016, twenty (20) homeless veterans were identified out of the population of 244 veterans on probation. Of the twenty homeless veterans, six (6) were referred to housing. Of the remaining fourteen (14 or 6%) identified as homeless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four (4) were on Warrant Status (Whereabouts Unknown). • Six (6) were identified as homeless in error. • Two (2) were NOT veterans and refused housing. • Two have been placed multiple times and refuse housing. Currently on GPS and check-in weekly. 	



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Interagency Council on Homelessness Bills of Interest
May 25, 2016

Please find below a list of active bills of interest introduced for the 2015/16 Legislative Session. The Legislature has until June 3 to pass bills from the house of origin. The status of the bills listed below reflects the report date of May 18, 2016.

[AB 1014](#) ([Thurmond](#) D) Pupils: truancy: Our Children's Success-The Early Intervention Attendance Pilot Grant Program.
Status: 9/11/2015-Ordered to inactive file at the request of Senator Leyva.
Location: 9/11/2015-S. INACTIVE FILE

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Summary: Would make various findings and declarations regarding truancy. The bill would establish the Our Children's Success-The Early Intervention Attendance Pilot Grant Program under the administration of the State Department of Education. The program would provide grants to applicant public schools, school districts, and county offices of education seeking to resolve the attendance problems of pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 3, inclusive. This bill contains other related provisions.

[AB 1500](#) ([Maienschein](#) R) Planning and zoning: housing element: supportive housing and transitional housing.
Status: 2/4/2016-Referred to Com. on T. & H.
Location: 2/4/2016-S. T. & H.

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Summary: Would authorize a city or county to additionally include in its assessment and inventory the identification of supportive housing and transitional housing, as those terms are defined in specified statutes. If a local government elects to include this identification in its assessment and inventory, the bill would impose certain requirements, including that the identified zone or zones include sufficient capacity to accommodate the need for supportive housing or transitional housing, that the local government demonstrate that existing or proposed permit processing, development, and management standards are objective and encourage and facilitate the development of supportive housing or transitional housing.

[AB 1567](#) ([Campos](#) D) After school programs: enrollment: fees: homeless youth: snacks or meals.
Status: 4/27/2016-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
Location: 4/27/2016-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would give first priority enrollment to homeless youth, as defined, and pupils who are in foster care, and 2nd priority enrollment, for programs serving middle and junior high school pupils, to pupils who attend the program daily. The bill would require an after school program to inform the parent or caregiver of a pupil of the right of homeless children and foster children to receive priority enrollment and how to request priority enrollment. The bill would authorize the administrators of a program to verify the homeless status of a pupil through the school district liaison designated for homeless children, as specified, and, if that information is not available through the school district, would require the program to allow the parent or caregiver of a pupil to verify the pupil's homeless status. The bill would authorize the administrators of a program to verify that a pupil is in foster care through the school district, if that information is available, or through the foster parent of the pupil. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 1699](#) ([Kim](#) R) Homeless youth emergency service projects.
Status: 4/20/2016-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
Location: 4/20/2016-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

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Summary: Would require the Office of Emergency Services to establish additional homeless youth emergency service projects in other counties with a priority given to counties that lack existing services for runaway and homeless youth. The bill would require the Office of Emergency Services to develop, with input from specified stakeholders, criteria for the selection of grantees and the determination of grant amounts under the grant program.

[AB 1789](#)

([Santiago](#) D) Personal income taxes: voluntary contributions: School Supplies for Homeless Children Fund.
Status: 5/12/2016-Read second time. Ordered to Consent Calendar.
Location: 5/12/2016-A. CONSENT CALENDAR

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoe	Chaptered
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Summary: Would extend the time period for the School Supplies for Homeless Children Fund to appear on the tax return to January 1, 2022, or when the amount of contributions by taxpayers does not meet the minimum contribution amount, whichever occurs first.

[AB 1809](#)

([Lopez](#) D) CalWORKs eligibility: asset limits.
Status: 4/27/2016-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
Location: 4/27/2016-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

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Summary: Current federal law provides for allocation of federal funds through the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant program to eligible states, with California's version of this program being known as the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program. Under the CalWORKs program, each county provides cash assistance and other benefits to qualified low-income families and individuals who meet specified eligibility criteria. This bill would repeal those limitations on assets with regard to eligibility for CalWORKs, thereby eliminating the consideration of an individual's or family's assets as a condition of eligibility for CalWORKs.

[AB 1915](#)

([Santiago](#) D) Alcohol and drug programs: facility expansion.
Status: 3/28/2016-Re-referred to Com. on HEALTH.
Location: 3/28/2016-A. HEALTH

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Summary: Would, until December 31, 2018, authorize the State Department of Health Care Services to establish a program for the purpose of making grants or loans to residential treatment centers that are expanding services or to substance use disorder treatment service facilities that are expanding to provide residential treatment services, as specified.

[AB 1995](#)

([Williams](#) D) Community colleges: homeless students: access to shower facilities.
Status: 5/4/2016-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
Location: 5/4/2016-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

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Summary: Would require a community college campus that has shower facilities for student use to grant access to those facilities to any homeless student who is enrolled in coursework, has paid enrollment fees, and is in good standing with the community college district. The bill would require the community college to create a plan of action to implement this requirement that includes, among other things, conducting outreach to homeless students at each community college campus relating to available services. By imposing additional duties on community college districts, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 2254](#)

([Achadjian](#) R) Armories: homeless shelter.
Status: 5/5/2016-Referred to Com. on V.A.
Location: 5/5/2016-S. V. A.

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Summary: Current law requires the Military Department to make certain state armories available to specified cities and counties for the purpose of providing temporary shelter for homeless persons from October 15 through April 15 each year. This bill would revise the list of armories to be made available to include the Atascadero armory in San Luis Obispo County.

[AB 2256](#) ([Maienschein](#) R) Homelessness: report.
Status: 5/2/2016-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Location: 5/2/2016-A. APPR.

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Summary: Would require a homeless services provider, as defined, to submit an annual report to the California Health and Human Services Agency that contains specified data regarding homeless children or youth and homeless persons. The bill would require the data reported to the California Health and Human Services Agency to be published on the California Health and Human Services Open Data Portal. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 2475](#) ([Gordon](#) D) Loan program: California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank.
Status: 5/11/2016-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
Location: 5/11/2016-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

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Summary: Would establish within the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank the Local Government Affordable Housing Forgivable Loan Program, and require the bank to make loans to a local government for the development of affordable housing by the local government on terms and conditions the bank deems in the best interests of the state. The bill would define terms for its purposes.

[AB 2734](#) ([Atkins](#) D) Local Control Affordable Housing Act.
Status: 5/4/2016-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
Location: 5/4/2016-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would establish the Local Control Affordable Housing Act to require the Department of Finance, on or before ____ and on or before the same date each year thereafter, to determine the state General Fund savings for the fiscal year as a result of the dissolution of redevelopment agencies. The bill would provide that, upon appropriation, 50% of that amount or \$1,000,000,000, whichever is less, be allocated to the Department of Housing and Community Development.

[AB 2817](#) ([Chiu](#) D) Taxes: credits: low-income housing: allocation increase.
Status: 5/17/2016-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Location: 5/17/2016-A. APPR.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would, for calendar years beginning 2017, increase the aggregate housing credit dollar amount that may be allocated among low-income housing projects by \$300,000,000, subject to annual approval, as specified. The bill would also increase the amount the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee may allocate to farmworker housing projects from \$500,000 to \$25,000,000 per year. The bill, under the insurance taxation law, the Personal Income Tax Law, and the Corporation Tax Law, would modify the definition of applicable percentage relating to qualified low-income buildings that meet specified criteria.

[SB 866](#) ([Roth](#) D) Veterans housing.

Status: 5/12/2016-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Location: 5/12/2016-A. DESK

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Summary: The Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$600,000,000 for expenditure by the California Housing Finance Agency, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide multifamily housing and services to veterans pursuant to the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of 2014. This bill would authorize a housing developer or service provider that receives bond moneys pursuant to those provisions to provide housing or services to veterans and their children in women-only facilities in limited instances, as specified.

[SB 873](#)

([Beall](#) D) Income taxes: insurance taxes: credits: low-income housing: sale of credit.

Status: 4/18/2016-April 18 hearing: Placed on APPR. suspense file.

Location: 4/18/2016-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoe	Chaptered
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Summary: Would, beginning on or after January 1, 2016, allow a taxpayer that is allowed a low-income housing tax credit to elect to sell all or a portion of that credit to one or more unrelated parties, as described, for each taxable year in which the credit is allowed for not less than 80% of the amount of the credit to be sold, and would provide for the one-time resale of that credit, as provided. The bill would require the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee to enter into an agreement with the Franchise Tax Board to pay any costs incurred by the Franchise Tax Board in administering these provisions.

[SB 879](#)

([Beall](#) D) Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2016.

Status: 5/13/2016-Set for hearing May 23.

Location: 5/11/2016-S. APPR.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoe	Chaptered
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Summary: Would enact the Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2016, which, if adopted, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$3,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law. Proceeds from the sale of these bonds would be used to finance various existing housing programs, as well as infill infrastructure financing and affordable housing matching grant programs, as provided. This bill contains other related provisions.

[SB 1068](#)

([Leyva](#) D) Homeless children and youth: local educational agency liaisons: training materials.

Status: 5/16/2016-Referred to Com. on ED.

Location: 5/16/2016-A. ED.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoe	Chaptered
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Summary: Would require the State Department of Education to provide specified informational and training materials to local educational agency liaisons for homeless children and youths, including informational materials on the educational rights of homeless children and youths and the resources available to schools to assist homeless children and youths. The bill would require the department to adopt policies and practices to ensure that local educational agency liaisons for homeless children and youths participate in professional development and other technical assistance programs deemed appropriate by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

[SB 1380](#)

([Mitchell](#) D) Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council.

Status: 5/9/2016-May 9 hearing: Placed on APPR. suspense file.

Location: 5/9/2016-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoe	Chaptered
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Summary: Would require a state agency or department that funds, implements, or administers a state program that provides housing or housing-related services to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, except as specified, to revise or adopt guidelines and regulations to include enumerated Housing First policies. The bill would also

establish the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to oversee the implementation of the Housing First guidelines and regulations and, among other things, to identify resources, benefits, and services that can be accessed to prevent and end homelessness in California.

ICH REPORT



DATE: May 2016

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Homeless Policy Advisor, Fifth District

SUBJECT: ICH Related Board Items

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23. Community Development and Housing: This item is the **FINAL 2016/17 HUD ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT, AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAMS** for a \$10,275,214 application to HUD, and acceptance of these grants.

Background: The County is required to submit a HUD Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2016-17. The Annual Plan also serves as the County's grant application to HUD. The proposed Action Plan recommends projects that best meet identified community development needs eligible for CDBG, HOME, and/or ESG funding. The HUD Five Year Consolidated Plan is a strategic plan and combines all HUD grant sources into one comprehensive document.

Two goals of the Action Plan are to: 1) assist persons who are homeless through the development and rehabilitation of transitional housing; fund projects that provide supportive services and shelter to persons who are homeless, and 2) assist persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness through the development and rehabilitation of permanent supportive housing. The estimated Emergency Solutions Grant allocation is \$584,769.

Financial Impact: The County's 2016-17 Consolidated Grants allocation is \$10,275,214. The amount is the sum of \$6,509,948 for CDBG, \$3,180,497 for HOME, and \$584,769 for ESG.

Presenter: Dena Fuentes, Director

51. Sheriff: This item is an **AMENDMENT TO CONTRACTS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE JAIL BASED COMPETENCY TREATMENT PROGRAM** with the California Department of State Hospitals to administer a Jail Based Competency Treatment Program for services to inmates within any county in California from June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017, and provide a maximum reimbursement in the amount of \$11,008,031.60.

Background: The DSH is responsible for returning to competency individuals charged with a felony who have been determined to be incompetent to stand trial by the California Superior Courts. Once an individual is committed to a DSH facility for treatment, the facility has 90 days to make a written report to the court concerning the defendant's progress toward recovery of mental competence. Currently, DSH has insufficient beds within the state hospitals thereby creating lengthy waiting lists of inmates in county jails, including those in San Bernardino County, who are in need of mental competency restoration services.

The new contract with DSH will provide the continuation of this program for the period of June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017, and will reimburse the County the maximum amount for transportation of inmates and the administration of the program.

Financial Impact: DSH will reimburse the Sheriff's Department the maximum amount of \$10,828,031.60 (76 beds x 365 days @ \$390.34) for inmates services and transportation costs for Northern California patient inmates in the amount of \$180,000 (36 trips x \$5,000) for a total maximum reimbursement of approximately \$11,008,031.60.

Presenter: John McMahon, Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator

Report	The purpose of this document is to present the Office of Homeless Services on activities from the San Bernardino County Reentry Collaborative (SBCRC).
Date	May 25, 2016
Presenter	Jose Marin, Special Projects Coordinator, Department of Public Health
Announcements	The table below lists the announcements for today's meeting.

<p>May 2016 Reentry Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2016 from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm at the DBH building located at 303 Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA (Behind TGI Friday's) <p>Apr 2016 Reentry Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative met on Apr 22, 2016. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Probation presented services for those returning from incarceration ○ Presented updates to Strategic Plan
<p>Workgroup meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workgroup meeting was held on May 13, 2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updates to Strategic Plan
<p>Community Recidivism Reduction Program (CRRP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health is overseeing a Recidivism Reduction Program funded by the California's Bureau of State & Community Corrections (BSCC). Public Health finished its RFA process and was able to contract with 10 community- and faith-based organizations to provide recidivism reduction services that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Self-help groups ○ Anger management ○ Employment and Education Services ○ Referral Services ○ Juvenile/mentoring Services, and ○ Basic life skills services • 8 of the 9 selected providers are new vendors to the county. • Goal of the program is to reduce recidivism rates in our community by using local community- and faith-based organizations that have been providing services to the population for at least 5 years. • Services have begun as of November 2015

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Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino Report Prepared for the Interagency Council on Homelessness

Report purpose The purpose of this document is to present Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) updates and to record action items from prior Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) meetings if applicable.

Date Wednesday, February 24, 2016

Presenter Daniel Nackerman, Executive Director

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

Announcements: Homeless Initiatives

HACSB and KEYS Inc. continue to expand both resources and results in their respective responses to homelessness.

The Housing Authority has been awarded several one-year renewal grants for \$2.74 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for its various Continuum of Care programs that serve homeless families and individuals with disabilities. Our affiliate non-profit KEYS, also received renewal funding totaling \$241,021 for a rapid rehousing program to serve homeless families. Combined both entities received almost \$3 million to serve San Bernardino County families.

HACSB and KEYS not only administer the CoC funded programs, but work diligently to leverage those dollars against other programs they operate, such as No Child Left Unsheltered and the Housing Support Program (through CalWORKs). This ability to leverage program funding and services provides allows us to craft program responses to best fit the needs of the individual and/ or family, to achieve the strongest outcomes and to stretch resource dollars to serve more households in need.

HACSB was also recently invited by HUD to apply for an additional 50 Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing vouchers. We are very excited to have this additional resource, and recognition of the efforts and successes of both the HACSB, the Homeless Veterans Community Planning Group and the Veterans Advisory Council. Based on previous year(s) experience we expect to receive the final award within 2 to 3 months and will be working with our partners to ensure the quickest roll-out and utilization of these additional vouchers.



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HACSB continues to be a leader in the industry on innovative and outcome driven approaches to homelessness. Lisa Jones, Deputy Director, has recently presented on HACSB's and KEYS efforts on homelessness at the Housing Rights Summit in Riverside, the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials Southern California Annual Conference in Anaheim and the Regional Symposium on Homelessness and Education in Los Angeles. We view each of these opportunities as a chance to share best practice, discuss local innovations, and in particular, to network and bring back new tools and resources to the local community.

*HACSB is still encouraging responses to our Request for Proposal (RFP) from owners/ developers who would like to participate in our Project Based Voucher Veterans program. Interested parties can find the streamlined RFP on the Housing Authority website at www.hacsb.com, 'Business' section. The RFP is currently posted as open until closed. Please contact Lisa Jones, Housing Authority Deputy Director at 909-890-5311 or ljones@hacsb.com for further information.

**Bridge housing and Safe Haven beds still have some limited availability *and agencies are encouraged to refer possible candidates to the VA Loma Linda.* (These programs serve single adult males).

Open Waiting Lists

Valencia Grove, Redlands – 4 bd
San Bernardino, Redlands – 4 and 5 bd
Chino, Montclair and Rialto – 3 bd (Chino/Colton 4 and 5 bd)
Adelanto, Apple Valley, Hesperia, Victorville – 3 bd
Barstow – 2, 3, 4 and 5 bd
Joshua Tree, Twenty-nine Palms, Yucca Valley – 2, and 3 bd

Senior Housing

Victorville, Twin Peaks, 1 and 2 bd
San Bernardino, Studio and 1 bd
Fontana, Redlands, Yucaipa – 2 bd
Barstow – 1 bd

***Please note: All waiting lists have an ultimate preference for veterans.**

Minutes for San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)

April 27, 2016
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Department of Behavioral Health-Training Institute
303 E. Vanderbilt Way
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Minutes Recorded by Tom Hernandez, DBH and Transcribed by Amy Edwards, Secretary I, Office of Homeless Services

TOPIC	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Call to Order	Supervisor Josie Gonzales, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.
Introductions	Supervisor Josie Gonzales, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions were made by all ICH Members. Guests were also invited to introduce themselves.
REPORTS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Homeless Provider Network (HPN)	Sharon Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our last meeting was April 20, 2016. The Regional Chairs gave their reports. We discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recommended By-Laws to reflect Article XI ○ Victorville Voluntary Compliance Agreement ○ CA SB2 Protection ○ HUD Guidance on Use of Criminal Records by Providers of Housing and Real Estate Transactions ○ HUD Guidance for Public Housing Agencies ○ Guidance Letter to Judges • We have been unable to reach a quorum to vote on the amended Bylaws; therefore the HPN Bylaws were emailed to all HPN members for approval. All responses are required by 5pm on this Friday, April 29, 2016. • The City of Victorville signed a Compliance Agreement to ensure that it operates in a non-discriminatory manner. It has an affirmative duty not to discriminate under Section 504 or the ADA. Within 120 day of the effective date of this agreement The City shall submit to HUD a self-evaluation, per 24 CFR Section 8.51(a)(1)(2)(3)(b) (Section 504) and 28 CFR Section 35.105 (a)(b)(c)(1)(2)(3)(d) (ADA). Within 120 days, The City shall also submit a transition plan, per 24 CFR Section (a)(1)(2)(3)(b) (Section 504). HUD will monitor compliance for 3 years and may require written reports concerning compliance, inspect the premises, examine witnesses, and examine and copy pertinent records at any reasonable time during the agreement time period. The City also agreed to cooperate in any monitoring review undertaken by HUD to ensure compliance. • Criminal records-based barriers to housing are likely to have a disproportionate impact on minority home seekers. While have a criminal record is not a protected characteristic under the Fair Housing Act, criminal history-history based restrictions on housing opportunities violate the Act if, without justification , their burden falls more often on renters or other housing market participants of one race or national origin over another (i.e. discriminatory efforts liability). • HUD Guidance for Public Housing Agencies, this notice informs PHA and owners of other federally-assisted housing that arrest records may not be the basis for denying admission, terminating assistance or evicting tenants. HUD does not require their adoption of "one strike" policies and reminds them of their obligation to safeguard the due process rights of applicants and tenants.

Office of Homeless Services (OHS)	Tom Hernandez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA SB2 Protection - Chapter 633, Statutes of 2007 (SB 2) clarified and strengthened housing element law to ensure zoning encourage and facilitates emergency shelters and limits the denial of emergency shelters and transitional and supportive housing under the Housing Accountability Act. The law facilitates efforts to address the critical needs of homeless populations and persons with special needs throughout all communities in California. Generally, SB 2 amends housing element law regarding planning and approval for emergency shelters and transitional and supportive housing as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At least one zone shall be identified to permit emergency shelters without a conditional use or discretionary actions. ○ Sufficient capacity must be identified to accommodate the need for emergency shelters and at least one year-round emergency shelter. ○ Existing or proposed permit procedures, development and management standards must be objective and encourage and facilitate the development of or conversion to emergency shelters. ○ Transitional and supportive housing shall be considered a residential use and only subject to those restrictions that apply to other residential uses of the same type in the same zone. • Each Region has been asked to gather and review the Land Use and Zoning ordinances in their areas to ensure compliance. Some have already been reviewed and we have found that in an attempt to evade compliance, some cities have designated uninhabitable areas as emergency shelter and transitional housing usage. As Homeless Providers with a Housing First mission, we are concerned with the actions of the Cities. We are therefore uniting in our efforts across the country to reduce the barriers established in these ordinances. • Our next All County HPN Meeting will be July 20, 2016, 1-3 pm at BHRC in Rialto. • At the request of Riverside County Homeless Services, the San Bernardino County Office of Homeless Services (OHS) conducted a two day SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) "hybrid" course in Moreno Valley. The SOAR "hybrid" course is designed for case managers to learn the SOAR method in a classroom setting using the computer based online learning modules, with a facilitator present to guide them through the process and help with any questions. • The SOAR method training helps case managers to assist individuals applying for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are experiencing or at risk for homelessness, and • Have serious mental and/or physical illnesses that affect their ability to work • There were 20 students in attendance. Two of the students were from the Inland Empire Homeless Planning Initiative and are getting together the resources and funding to establish a Housing First community for the Riverside County area, aiming to open a building in Corona. Prior to acquiring the funding and building for a Housing First community, the plan is to open an office dedicated to assisting clients applying for SSI/SSDI, using the SOAR method. • The next SOAR "hybrid" training course will be in San Bernardino County on June 28 & 29. A flyer and registration form will go out to the partnership next month. There is extremely limited seating for this course (14 maximum). • The 2016 Housing First Partners Conference was held from Tuesday, March 22 through Friday, March 25 at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles. Pathways to Housing and the Downtown Emergency Service Center (DESC) were the hosts of the conference. • Pre-Conference activities included activities such as a walking tour of Skid Row, a Veteran Move-In Service Day, and training opportunities presented by DESC on single site and scattered site Housing First principles and programs, as well as the Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT). If you attended the VAT training, there was also a homework assignment to interview a
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		<p>homeless individual in your neighborhood using the tool, and then go over it via a conference call with one of the trainers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunches included guest speakers, which were Secretary Robert A. McDonald from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, a panel of speakers from the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, United States Department of Justice, and the Council of State governments Justice Center who spoke about Breaking the Cycle of Criminal Justice Involvement and Homelessness, and lastly Congresswoman Maxine Waters. • Several vendors from around the country provided information about their organizations, such as Corporation for Supportive Housing, Piece by Piece, Enterprise, and others who make furniture for use in shelters. • There were numerous workshops to choose from which focused on programs in various cities which are working to end homelessness. These workshops encompassed several types of homeless situations, such as veterans, families, elderly, and those with disabilities. Presenters from around the country and Canada spoke about ways of collaborating to provide medical services for the homeless, the role of the criminal justice system in the plight of the homeless, and working with landlords to improve relations in order to get homeless housed. • Conference program and workshop materials can be accessed at http://www.hfpartnersconference.com/ • The OHS HMIS section routinely monitors agencies data quality to ensure accuracy and meet the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) standards for data quality maintenance. Attached you will find a copy of the latest HMIS Data Quality Report for the month of March, 2016 (see attached, Report 2A). • Agency report cards are posted for review on individual agencies participating in HMIS at the following website: http://www.sbcounty.gov/dbh/sbchp/HMIS.aspx • The Office of Homeless Services Homeless Management and Information System (HMIS) staff recently attended the NHSDC Conference in Los Angeles. The conference focused on HMIS strength based housing plans which focused on three goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtaining and maintaining housing • Increasing income and increasing self-sufficiency • The Vulnerability Index Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) -developing a process to prioritize which intervention is best suited for a client. • The Conference offered workshops on how to conduct data sharing in a Coordinated Entry System that will engage providers in effective sharing of client data to facilitate streamlined screening and assessment and targeted referrals to programs and services. • During the past month, there have been attempts to assist homeless individuals confined to a wheelchair to access housing. OHS would like to remind CoC funded agencies that all federally funded agencies must comply with regulations to assist all persons regardless of a disability. • The CoC application agencies submit to HUD and the resulting HUD contracts specifically note that each agency will comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), as amended, and with implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 8, which prohibit discrimination based on disability in Federally-assisted and conducted programs and activities. • 24 CFR Part 8 – “Except as otherwise provided in §§ 8.21(c)(1), 8.24(a), 8.25, and 8.31, no qualified individual with handicaps shall, because a recipient’s facilities are inaccessible to or unusable by individuals with handicaps, be denied the benefits of, be excluded from participation in, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance.” • <u>Please Note:</u> Not all housing units have to be handicap accessible, and there are exceptions for historic preservation but at a
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<p>Bylaws and Membership Committee</p> <p>Homeless Youth Task Force</p>	<p>Tom Hernandez on behalf of Chris Rymer</p> <p>Supervisor Ramos Brenda Dowdy</p>	<p>minimum the client must have the same access to apply for a program as a person without any form of disability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training on how to conduct the Homeless Youth Survey (April 21, 2016) was done by OHS to approximately 35 volunteers at the San Bernardino Transitional Age Youth Center on April 20th and Operation New Hope in Rancho Cucamonga on April 14th. These volunteers were given information on the reasons for the survey, how to conduct the survey (teams), elements of the survey instrument, and a primary focus on how to remain safe throughout the process. • The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) announced that Jasmine Hayes has been promoted to Deputy Director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. As Deputy Director, Jasmine will lead their Policy Team, extending her expertise to a wider range of USICH's efforts that advance the goals of Opening Doors. See more at: https://www.usich.gov/news/usich-announces-new-deputy-director • The USICH released strategies to help guide efforts to identify those experiencing chronic homelessness on the streets and in shelters, hospitals, jails, and other settings and connect them with the supportive housing, benefits, and health care they need to end their homelessness once and for all. The document also contains links to many tools and resources to implement the strategies. Download the document at: https://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset_library/10_Strategies_to_End_Chronic_Homelessness.pdf • The National Alliance to End Homelessness recently released the State of Homelessness in America, 2016. This report is the sixth in a series of reports charting progress in ending homelessness in the United States. It examines trends in homelessness, populations at risk of homelessness, and homelessness assistance in America. Noted highlights in the report include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The national rate of homelessness in 2015 fell to 17.7 homeless people per 10,000 people in the general population from 18.3 in 2014. The rates in individual states ranged from 111 in D.C. to 7 in Mississippi. • The rate of veteran homelessness continued its descent of the past several years to 24.8 homeless veterans per 10,000 veterans in the general population. The rates in individual states ranged from 145 in D.C. to 9 in Virginia. • The majority of states had decreases in every major subpopulation: family homelessness (33 states and D.C.), chronically homeless individuals (31 states and D.C.), and veteran homelessness (33 states). <p>To download the full report please click on the following link: http://www.endhomelessness.org/page/-/files/2016%20State%20of%20Homelessness.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On April 19, 2016, the HUD Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) announced the release of two new complementary tools: Coordination and Collaboration for CoCs and Con Plan Jurisdictions Guide and Video for Continuum of Care (CoC) and Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) Jurisdictions, including those with and without Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) allocations. - See more at: https://www.hudexchange.info/news/hud-announces-new-coordination-and-collaboration-for-cocs-and-con-plan-jurisdictions-guide-and-video/#sthash.cM2igyST.dpuf • The Bylaws and Membership Committee received six applications for the University/College vacancy. They reviewed the applications and have their recommendation for ICH. We ask that item three be pulled from the consent calendar as the Office of Homeless Services did not give the board sufficient time to review the item. I will be sending out the applications to the board for their review. • The Homeless Youth Survey was rescheduled for April 21, 2016 from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM. • Regions to be reached are: Morongo Basin, Victorville, Ontario/Rancho Cucamonga (West Valley) and San Bernardino and Redlands (East Valley).
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Emergency Preparedness Ad Hoc Committee	Mike Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next count of unaccompanied homeless youth in Morongo Basin, Redlands, San Bernardino, Victorville, and West Valley on April 21, 2016 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. will serve as a comparison from April 8, 2015 unaccompanied homeless youth count. • Tom Hernandez to revise three questions on survey tool to make them more concise. • Suggestion to count the youth that have warrants as runaways in CFS (Children and Family Services) and Probation systems through the courts. • There must be continual follow-up with the youth that are unaccompanied and homeless and counted during the survey. • Tom Hernandez will develop comparison report after the count of the unaccompanied homeless youth. This report will be ready for the Board of Supervisors to take to meeting to Washington, D.C. in July, 2016. • Next meeting scheduled for April 20, 2016, 3:00pm to 4:30 at TAY Center.
Housing Committee	Ray Osborne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We recently met with Dr. Ohikuare from Public Health. We are focusing more on extreme weather conditions and how we can increase our shelter capacity, not just for cold/wet weather but for hot weather as well. • Public Health and Tom Hernandez will be working on some literature to add to the County Office of Emergency Services plan, in relation to the subpopulation of the homeless. • Our next meeting will be May 23, 2016 at 3:00 pm, here at DBH Administration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee reviewed the Housing First, Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) model and how Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units are part of the overall plan. • The committee discussed the issue of emergency shelter units vs. PSH units as they relate to the model. For instance, there are currently 18 facilities identified as Emergency Shelters in San Bernardino County. The plan should identify, map in each county, and indicate the numbers of beds/private rooms are available at each shelter. The same should be done for the current PSH facilities in each county and the homeless populations they serve. • The committee reviewed the 2015 Point-In-Time (PIT) statistics for Riverside and San Bernardino counties, and agreed that the Five-Year PSH Strategic Plan should be based on the 2016 PIT numbers and demographic breakdowns should be used as the basis for determining the number and make-up of the PSH unit inventory needed to house the Inland Empire homeless population. • The committee discussed what the future PSH unit make-up should include, i.e. single family homes (SFH), duplexes, four-plex buildings, small apartment buildings (8-20 units), large apartment buildings (up to 200 units), as well as geographically where the units need to be located for maximum effectiveness • The committee discussed the financial, supportive services and other barriers that face homeless individuals and families that need to be housed in PSH units. • The committee determined that multiple Access Center facilities, with data gathering, supportive services and housing opportunities, located throughout the Inland Empire would probably not be the best solution for the PSH unit inventory problem. The committee agreed that a scattered site approach to creating PSH units would be the most effective approach. • The committee discussed the importance of getting organizations like United Way, the California Apartment Association (CAA), and Community Renaissance (CORE) involved in working to solve the challenge of creating a sufficient inventory of PSH units for the Inland Empire. • The committee discussed the need for identifying and developing additional sources of PSH construction funding. • The committee discussed looking at potential shelter structures like Tiny House as a possible source of creating sufficient inventory PSH units in the Inland Empire. • The committee reviewed the 2-25-16 PSH committee notes and discussed the critical need to develop an inventory of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units specifically designated to house segments of the homeless population throughout

<p>City Homeless Template Ad Hoc Committee</p> <p>Legislative Reports</p>	<p>Tom Hernandez on behalf of Dena Fuentes</p> <p>Otis Greer</p>	<p>the Inland Empire other than those with serious physical and mental disabilities who will always require housing with supportive services provided.</p> <p>In addition, the Inland Empire area homeless population will be better served if PSH units are developed in geographic areas where they currently reside, like the high desert area (Victorville-Barstow), west valley area (Ontario-Upland), central valley area (Fontana-Colton), east valley area (Redlands-Loma Linda), low desert area (Palms Springs-Coachella Valley), the Morongo Basin area, and southwest Riverside County area (Hemet-Temecula), as well as in the major population areas of San Bernardino, Riverside and Corona.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee discussed the initial San Bernardino County Point-In-Time (PIT) count statistics that showed a 12% reduction in the homeless population in 2016, 1,887 (1,191 unsheltered, 696 sheltered) in 2016 vs. 2,140 in 2015 (1,302 unsheltered, 838 sheltered). The homeless population in San Bernardino County is centered in four primary areas (San Bernardino -564, Upland/Ontario/Fontana – 499, Victorville/Barstow - 344, and Redlands – 148). The Riverside County preliminary PIT counts number are expected in April or early May this year, and the committee will do a similar analysis of those figures when that information is available. • The committee reviewed the current San Bernardino County emergency shelter, transitional/ bridge housing, and permanent supportive housing unit inventory. There are 15 emergency shelters, 18 transitional/bridge housing, and 13 permanent supportive housing facilities currently in San Bernardino County. Kent Paxton reported that of the current total of 1,832 PSH units in the County, 862 units are being utilized to house chronically homeless individuals with physical or mental disabilities, and the remaining 970 units provide housing for individuals and families with low barriers to housing, and a priority is given to housing veterans, veterans families and households with children. The committee has asked Stephanie Adams of the Riverside County Housing Authority to help compile a similar list for Riverside County to be presented and reviewed at the April PSH committee meeting. • The committee reviewed the HAIE Homeless Service Provider partner list and concluded that the list should be expanded to include all the homeless service providers in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. All committee members will be involved with creating the partners list. • The committee discussed developing a list of all of the tax-credit affordable housing builders and agencies, like Community Renaissance (CORE), that are currently involved with creating PSH units in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. All of the committee members will be involved with providing input to create and update this list. • The committee discussed the need to be able to secure various construction funding resources in order to develop a sufficient inventory of PSH units throughout the Inland Empire. Ray Osborne agreed to contact Dena Fuentes and Doug Fazekas in San Bernardino County and Emilio Ramirez with the City of Riverside to discuss potential construction funding sources, and report his findings back to the PSH committee at its April meeting. • Next Strategic Plan Committee meeting: Thursday, April 28, 2-3pm Riverside BIA House • Kent and I attended a Go to Meeting along with a few of our city representatives yesterday. Dena presented a few goals of the template, and how we can engage cities to start questioning how they can address the homeless in their cities. She provided a matrix of all funding resources, that cities can use as a tool. They can take a look at what is being done in their city and how they can leverage funding for future resources. • A bill of interest for this body is SB 1380, presented by Senator Holly Mitchell. This bill would create an ICH of sorts at the state level. • The bill would establish the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to oversee the implementation of the Housing First
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Board Agenda Review Report	Kent Paxton	<p>guidelines and regulations and, among other things, to identify resources, benefits, and services that can be accessed to prevent and end homelessness in California.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Governor shall appoint up to 15 members of the Coordinating Council, 9 members from CA Departments such as Social Services, Veteran's Affairs, and Corrections, as well as members of local agencies that participate in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care Program. • Should this bill pass we have a good chance of having someone from this body become a representative. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We had several Board Agenda items dating back to the March 22, 2016 board meeting that are of interest to ICH. • <u>Behavioral Health</u> – This item is a Grant Application to the California Health Facilities Financial Authority for a Crisis Residential Treatment Facility Crisis Stabilization Unit, and Vehicle Purchase in the amount of \$7,931,040 for construction of a Crisis Residential Facility in the Eastern Desert, and West Valley Regions, and purchase of vehicles to increase access to community based Mental Health Crisis Services, for a three-year period. • <u>Behavioral Health</u> – This item is a Memorandum of Understanding with the California Department of State Hospitals for Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital Beds in the amount of \$9,155,629 for hospital beds and inpatient health care and support services provided to adults and children with psychiatric disabilities, for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016. • <u>Behavioral Health</u> – This item is a Request to Release One-Time Mental Health Services Act Housing Program Funds in the amount of \$250,000 effective March 22, 2016. • <u>Housing Authority</u> – This item is for Waterman Gardens Redevelopment Project Based Vouchers for 47 Units for a term of up to 20 years, for the purpose of providing rental assistance to the residents of Waterman Gardens that elect to move to an area of opportunity. • <u>Housing Authority</u> – This item is a Non-Financial Memorandum of Understanding with the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health for Veteran's Housing Program effective March 22, 2016 through June 30, 2017. <p>At the April 5, 2016 the following items were presented</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Behavioral Health</u> – This item is a Grant Award with the California Health Financing Authority for a est Valley Crisis Residential Treatment Facility and a East valley Crisis Stabilization Unit under the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program, in the amount of \$7,586,185 for a 16-bed Crisis Residential Treatment facility in the West Valley region and a 20-bed Crisis Stabilization Unit in the East Valley region for the provision of crisis residential treatment services, for the period of December 3, 2015 through June 30, 2017. <p>At the April 19, 2016 the following items were presented</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Behavioral Health</u> – This item is an Amendment to a Contract with Lighthouse Social Service Centers for Family Stabilization Rapid Re-Housing Services effective April 19, 2016, to contract No. 15-93, and increasing the total contract amount by \$265,430 from \$1,705,000 to \$1,970,430 with no changes in the contract period of March 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. • <u>Behavioral Health</u> – The item is an Amendment to a Contract with Red Carnation Homes, LLC for Emergency Shelter Services effective July 1, 2016, to Contract No. 12-588 for the provision of Emergency Shelter Services for DBH clients enrolled in Homeless Intensive Case Management and Outreach Services, updating standard contract language, extending the contract one year, and increasing the total contract amount by \$747,000, from \$2,801, 250 to \$3,548,250, for the total contract period of October 1, 2012, through June 30, 2017. • <u>Behavioral Health</u> – (See Item #81 – HACSB) This item is a Non-Financial Memorandum of Understanding with the Housing Authority of San Bernardino for the veterans Housing Program the period of April 19, 2016 through June 30, 2017. • <u>Community Development and Housing</u> – This item is the 2016/17 HUD Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership Act, and Emergency Solutions Grant programs for a \$10,275,214 application to HUD, including a list of recommended projects that best meet the identified community development needs under the three
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<p>Reentry Collaborative Report</p>	<p>Jose Marin</p>	<p>grants; and consider any necessary changes to the Proposed 2016-17 Annual Action Plan and direct staff to return to the Board on May 3, 2016 with a revised 2016-17 Annual Action Plan for review and approval prior to submittal to HUD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Reentry meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2016 from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm at the DBH building located at 303 Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA • Collaborative met on April 22, 2016. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Probation presented services for those returning from incarceration ○ Presented updates to Strategic Plan ○ Discussion on PC 290 (Sex Offender) housing • Workgroup meeting was held on April 8, 2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updates to Strategic Plan ○ Discussion of PC 290 (Sex Offender) housing • Public Health is overseeing a Recidivism Reduction Program funded by the California's Bureau of State & Community Corrections (BSCC). Public Health finished its RFA process and was able to contract with 10 community- and faith-based organizations to provide recidivism reduction services that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Self-help groups ○ Anger management ○ Employment and Education Services ○ Referral Services ○ Juvenile/mentoring Services, and ○ Basic life skills services • 8 of the 9 selected providers are new vendors to the county. • Goal of the program is to reduce recidivism rates in our community by using local community- and faith-based organizations that have been providing services to the population for at least 5 years. • Services have begun as of November 2015.
<p>Housing Authority Report</p>	<p>Dan Nackerman</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) and KEYS Inc. continue to expand both resources and results in their respective responses to homelessness. • The launch of special vouchers (60 total) for previously homeless Vets in January has now been fully supplemented with services through a newly executed agreement between the county Department of Mental Health and HACSB. • Potential new funding sources for homeless families and youth have been earmarked by HUD and the outgoing administration. • Growth is expected in all of our homeless response areas and as such recruitment for 'Director of Supportive Housing' is underway. The duties will include economic advancement/job training leadership as well as that of homeless responses.
<p>CONSENT ITEMS</p>	<p>PRESENTER</p>	<p>ACTION/OUTCOME</p>
<p>Approve minutes of the March 23, 2016, ICH meeting</p> <p>Approve moving the regularly scheduled June 22, 2016, ICH meeting to June 15, 2016</p>	<p>Supervisor Gonzales, Chair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item Number Three has been pulled. • A motion was made to accept the consent items as submitted. All were in favor, none opposed or abstained. Motion carried.

UPDATE	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Probation Department: Reentry plans for the Homeless and Request for Proposals Review	Cynthia Wallace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Just a brief update on our Request for Proposal (RFP). We are collaborating with the Community Housing and Development Department and it has been returned, so we are expecting a release date of May 20th. This RFP prioritizes around the High Desert, Morongo Valley, the West End, and the PC 290 population. I just want to touch on the PC 290 population. Just to reassure the community the 290's are monitored through GPS ankle monitoring. So if they aren't housed they are fitted with GPS and can be monitored closely.
PRESENTATION	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
NECON - Addressing Transportation Challenges for Homeless Households	Debra Watkins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debra requested her presentation be rescheduled due to the lack of time remaining to present. It was suggested that a webinar be set up in order to reach a larger audience. The chair agreed and with the assistance of the Office of Homeless Services and Economic Development a webinar will be set up and a link will be emailed out through the Homeless RFP mailbox.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Angelina Hernandez Amber Hearn
COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
	Patricia Nickols-Butler Tom Hernandez Brenda Dowdy Kent Paxton Supervisor Gonzales, Chair Sgt. Matt Yost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I encourage any of the non-profits and maybe Brenda Dowdy to assist Amber in her project, she is doing great work with this research paper and I know we have 18 families we can connect her with for her paper and she is working on such a tight time frame, so if you can assist please reach out to Amber. I too encourage our CoC providers to reach out to Ms. Hearn. If you can help her with her dissertation, that would be really wonderful. Our police department and cities are doing a wonderful job in assisting our homeless families. Officer Eric Rivera was one of the ones in Ontario Montclair that helped a family that was displaced due to a fire. He started a GoFund page to help raise money for this family. When we have our officers stepping up and putting their own money out to help our families that is really awesome. We have a lot of officers that really do care and that spread a great message. I just want to thank all the providers that are in that email loop, usually generated by Mike Jones and the HOPE team regarding displaced families and individuals. You all are really stepping up and doing a great job in finding placement for these folks, it's great to see all of the collaboration. Great Job, keep it up. I want to give a shout out to Jeff Collins, who has been promoted to Detective. We will miss you! We just want to thank Jeff for all that he has done for us, we are really going to miss him but we are very proud of him. This position was handpicked for him so he has some big shoes to fill. Good luck in Yucca Valley. Aaron Holloway will be taking his spot on the HOPE Team. We just wish you the best Jeff.
Adjournment	Supervisor Gonzales, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.
Next Meeting		<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Department of Behavioral Health Administration Building, Rooms 109A and 109B 303 E. Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92415</p>

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As we move into the FY 2016 Competition, I want to take a moment to reflect back on the FY 2015 Competition to explain the results and describe why we made some of the policy decisions we did.

The FY 2015 NOFA process was challenging for all Continuums of Care (CoCs), but especially for the CoCs and projects that lost funding. Although renewal funding has never been guaranteed, this year, CoCs had much more at stake, with both the possibility of increased funding for new projects and the risk of losing funding for renewals. I know many of our partners in communities had to make difficult decisions about which projects to prioritize. Those providers with projects that did not get renewed are going to face the extremely challenging task of finding alternative funding, downsizing, or closing and working to ensure that people currently served by those projects are not harmed. We will provide guidance and technical assistance resources to help CoCs and providers.

Factors That Informed the FY 2015 Competition

Our approach to the past several Competitions, including the FY 2015 Competition, has been informed by many factors, including:

- **Policy Goals** - In 2010, the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) published *Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness* (<https://www.usich.gov/opening-doors>), which relied on input from an unprecedented number of stakeholders, including practitioners, researchers, public officials, and most importantly, people with lived experience. Since then, we have worked to align the CoC program with the goals and strategies in that plan.
- **Congressional Directive** - In our recent appropriations bills, Congress has directed HUD to make the CoC program more competitive and ensure that lower performing projects were not automatically renewed. These directives complement the HEARTH Act's focus on outcomes and system performance.
- **Research on Homelessness** – much of the research, including the Family Options Study (<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4515/family-options-study-brief/>), have clearly indicated that permanent housing strategies, such as permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing, are more cost effective and achieve the same or better outcomes than other types of homeless assistance. We work to support these research-based strategies through the Competition and encourage communities to adopt them.

Over the past several years, thanks in part to increases in funding for veteran homelessness programs, we have witnessed important progress on ending homelessness. Overall, the number of people experiencing homelessness has steadily declined and that progress was concentrated among the most vulnerable populations, including people living unsheltered, those who have disabilities, and families with children. However, when we look at the progress made at ending homelessness for non-veterans, this progress has been much slower, and in recent years, appears to have tapered off.

During this same period of time, funding for the CoC Program has been just enough to continue existing levels of assistance. It has become clear that we need to more efficiently prioritize our CoC Program resources to make significant strides in ending homelessness. Research and the experience of leading communities is telling us that prioritizing people with the greatest needs, focusing on data and performance, and relying on permanent housing strategies are key to ending homelessness. While communities have used the CoC program and the CoC application process to greatly improve homeless assistance, we also continue to fund many lower-performing projects and ones using outdated program models.

Increasing Progress on Ending Homelessness

Those of us working in the federal government on homelessness programs have a deep commitment to ending homelessness. It is the reason I entered public service, and it is what motivates everyone in the SNAPS office and our friends working on homelessness here at HUD and throughout the federal government. It is what leads us to constantly try to improve our programs and make them more effective. For the FY 2015 CoC Competition, we made several changes to the CoC Competition that we hoped would accelerate progress to end homelessness. We had several goals in mind:

- Increase the focus on data and performance;
- Increase the capacity of coordinated entry systems to prioritize people who most needed assistance;
- Allocate resources to the types of projects that were most likely to reduce homelessness;
- Encourage CoCs to more actively manage and oversee the projects in their geographic areas to ensure that they are effective and efficient; and
- Ensure that homelessness programs are using housing first approaches to serve people who most need assistance and are doing so using client-driven approaches.

To better achieve these goals, we implemented numerous changes in the FY 2015 Competition:

- The CoC application focused even more on improving outcomes, lowering barriers, and developing partnerships with key mainstream partners.
- We significantly increased resources for CoC planning to the maximum allowed. These resources will enable CoCs to better analyze performance data and more actively manage their communities' response to homelessness. (See more on this topic in the SNAPS In Focus: CoC Planning message (<https://www.hudexchange.info/news/snaps-in-focus-coc-planning/>).

- We set a Tier 1 threshold of 85% of each CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) amount to ensure that CoCs had the opportunity to protect the highest priority projects in their communities.
- We created a robust competition among Tier 2 projects to encourage more reallocation to permanent housing, Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS), and coordinated entry projects; encourage projects to use a housing first approach; and reward CoCs that were performing better at reducing homelessness and implementing strategies that would lead to further progress.

As a result of the steps we implemented in this Competition, many communities will receive funding for new projects that will house tens of thousands of people experiencing homelessness. At the same time, many renewal projects were not funded and face the difficult task of finding alternative funding for, downsizing, or closing down longstanding programs. I believe the most important outcome of the Competition is that CoCs, even some who lost funding this year, made very hard choices that will position them to make more progress in the future. I have been impressed with the way so many CoCs carefully evaluated projects and prioritized the ones that are higher performing and will ultimately lead to better outcomes. Homelessness systems will be more efficient and effective because of these efforts.

Initial Outcomes of the FY 2015 Competition

Here are some of our early estimates of the changes in projects that we funded nationally:

- Funding for permanent supportive housing projects increased by approximately \$165 million to \$1.41 billion. Of this, approximately \$115 million represents 7,500 additional permanent supportive housing units, and the rest is a result of increases needed to keep up with rising housing costs.
- Funding for rapid re-housing projects doubled to \$197 million. We estimate that this funding will serve approximately 30,000 more households experiencing homelessness than if there had been no increase.
- Funding for transitional housing projects declined by \$155 million to \$171 million. As a result, CoC Program-funded transitional housing will serve approximately 15,000 fewer households than the previous year.

We have done some analysis of these changes, especially for unaccompanied youth and families with children. Overall, funding for projects serving unaccompanied youth will rise by over 50 percent. Permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, and transitional housing projects combined will serve twice as many youth as the previous year. CoCs created many new youth rapid re-housing projects. The CoC Program will also provide more funding for projects serving families with children. While we will serve fewer families in transitional housing, many more will receive rapid re-housing. As a result, The CoC Program will serve approximately 20,000 more families with children in permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, and transitional housing combined. CoCs also dedicated more of their existing permanent supportive housing to people experiencing chronic homelessness. While the number of units of permanent supportive housing will increase by about 7,500 (containing approximately 10,000 beds), the number of dedicated permanent supportive housing beds will rise by about 15,000.

The decreases in transitional housing and other projects will create hardships for many communities. However, in looking at the net impact of these changes, it is clear that these changes will result in the CoC Program serving more people experiencing homelessness and serve them better than ever before.

Preliminary CoC and Project Score Observations

I know many of our partners are interested in knowing what factors made CoCs more or less competitive and why certain projects did not receive funding. We will be providing debriefing resources in the next few weeks that will explain each CoC's score, but here are a few preliminary observations.

The range of CoC scores was very large. The highest possible score was 203, and the weighted median was 158.25. Congratulations to Houston, Pasadena/Harris, Fort Bend Counties CoC, who received the highest score in this Competition of 188. Meanwhile, the lowest scoring CoC received a score of 49.5. There were many factors that influenced a CoC's score, but the most important one was improving the performance of the CoC, especially in areas such as reducing the number of people experiencing homelessness in the community and improving permanent housing outcomes. Other priorities, such as engaging partners such as Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) and Domestic Violence (DV) and youth-serving organizations, and a high level of data coverage and quality were also very important.

CoC score was a large part of the Tier 2 project score, however, there were three other reasons that affected whether individual projects received funding aside from the CoC's score.

- **Reallocation** - One of the most important factors in a project's score was whether CoCs reallocated projects. Transitional housing projects (except for those that serve youth) and supportive services only (SSO) projects (except for those for coordinated entry) received fewer points than other project types. This provided a strong incentive for CoCs to reallocate from those project types to create new permanent housing, HMIS, and SSO-coordinated entry projects. CoCs that reallocated received more funding, and those that did not were much more likely to lose funding. About 270 projects totaling \$44 million were not awarded because of a combination of the project type and the fact that they were not fully using housing first practices. CoCs would have received this funding if they had reallocated to permanent housing projects using housing first practices, new HMIS projects, or new projects for coordinated entry.
- **Project Ranking** - A project that was ranked at the top of Tier 2 was much more likely to be funded than one at the bottom of Tier 2. The local CoC ranking process mattered not just to determine which projects were placed in Tier 1, but to determine which ones were higher ranked within Tier 2, and thus more likely to be funded.
- **Housing First Practices** - Projects that committed to using housing first practices received more points and were more likely to be funded than those that did not. Over 80 projects totaling nearly \$9 million were not funded, but would have been if they had committed to using housing first practices.

I want to close by thanking our many partners in communities. You make very challenging decisions that affect many people's lives. Your work to end homelessness has resulted in very large declines in homelessness over the past 6 years, and it has positioned us to continue that progress in the future. There is much more work ahead, but together, I am confident that we can finally and forever end homelessness.

Thank you.

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