**Coordinated Entry Community Stakeholder Meeting**

**May 23, 2013**

***Introductions***

1. ***What is one key strength of the homeless system in Sacramento?***
2. ***What is one improvement area or challenge of the homeless system in Sacramento?***

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| **Key Strength** | **Improvement and/or Challenge** | **Key Strength** | **Improvement and/or Challenge** |
| No HUD CoC Competition Funding in El Dorado CoC | No coordinated process of entry  | Everyone (in Yolo County) knows each other | Not a large breadth of resources (in Yolo County) |
| There is a place for children in our system | The standard length of shelter stay is 3.5 days, it is hard to find any lasting support in that amount of time.  | Number of interested parties in the room | We need to continue to be creative about supportive housing and make sure all populations are represented  |
| The number of Permanent Supportive Housing units  | Lack of units | Homelessness is even being discussed in Sacramento | Not everyone who serves in the CoC knows where to direct people  |
| The diversity of programs | Need Coordinated Entry | Dedicated, knowledgeable people working on this issue. People are still engaged in this issue.  | Whatever we do, keep in mind who we are trying to help. |
| There is both government funding and community donations in Sacramento | There is an imbalance of supply & demand of housing  | Number of dedicated people to help | Improve mental health care for homeless  |
| Amount of services, the compassion and interest around homelessness in Sacramento | There is more to be done once we get coordinated.  | Great Homeless Management & Information (HMIS) system to put to use | Want to steer people in the right direction  |
| The prospect of a year-round Winter Sanctuary  | Emergency housing for non Cal-Works families  | Compassion | Making sure we are helping people from beginning to end |
| Potential for different programs & services | Eliminating certain barriers | Awesome community partners, people will help out. | Unaccompanied youth & affordable housing for all |
| Connecting families to different programs | Emergency Housing  | Outreach services available downtown | Services available to tenants or landlords after housing is attained  |
| Houses of worship that step up | CEA to make sure people know what is out there and available | Development of housing with services for chronically homeless individuals | Need coordinated entry |
| With budget cuts providers have gotten more efficient | Re-entry housing is limited.  | The providers we have here | Disconnect in the belief that jail is home. Jail is not home. 70% of inmates exit into homelessness. |
| Collective knowledge and collaboration | People get so busy it becomes difficult to follow any program changes  | Great services that families can access. Local faith based community fills in when it is needed.  | Coordinated Entry is great but will be challenging  |
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| The homeless people themselves are great | We are capable of improving the system. Providing consumer access to programs in our system.  | Diversity of stakeholders across the regions | We need a regional approach to addressing homelessness  |
| We have made progress as a community | Coordinated or services & access to undocumented homeless  | By merging placer & Nevada CoC funds have been merged and are available to more people  | Insufficient funding for alcohol & other drug (AOD) services  |
| Collective partnerships & strengths | There is always a new need | Community’s resolve to end homelessness | Not enough beds or shelter or permanent supportive housing (PSH) |
| Learning from our partners | People get so busy it becomes difficult to follow any program changes  | Different programs for consumers | Centralized exit. HUD Funded clean & sober programs.  |
| The homeless people themselves are great | We are capable of improving the system. Providing consumer access to programs in our system.  | Caring people in this room | Disconnect in the belief that jail is home. Jail is not home. 70% of inmates exit into homelessness.  |
| We have made progress as a community | Coordinated or services & access to undocumented homeless  | The re-entry system for inmates.  |  |
| Collective partnerships & strengths | Active and mindful use of data and numbers to inform policies.  | Desire of individuals to work with law enforcement |  |
| Learning from our partners | Outreach to homeless county-wide. Transitional-aged youth.  | Strength of providers, diverse group  |  |
| 40,000 of 120,000 calls per year (through 211) are related to housing needs. There are a variety of resources in Sacramento. | Coordinated Entry for consumers  | Successful in bringing in HUD dollars each year |  |
| Collaboration with providers | Job training & placement, and living skills  | The providers we have here |  |
| **Summary Notes*** In general, the group felt our greatest strengths were:
	+ The diversity and number of programs we provide in our community (8 responses),
	+ The compassion, interest, and resolve to end homelessness in our community (8 responses).
	+ The collaboration of service providers and sharing of information & knowledge (4 responses).
* In general, the group felt our greatest needs for improvement/greatest challenges are:
	+ Coordinated Entry into the different programs in Sacramento (7 responses).
	+ Number of units of housing available (7 responses).
	+ Increased knowledge of programs and services in our Continuum of Care (4 responses)
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