**Coordinated Entry Stakeholder Community Meeting**

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**HPRP Program History**

Launched in October 2009, Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) offered housing solutions for families and individuals who were homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in Sacramento County.  Three core HPRP providers-Volunteers of America, The Salvation Army, and Lutheran Social Services-rapidly transitioned participants to long-term housing stability with short-term assistance.  In all, over 2,500 households were assisted.

Sacramento’s HPRP aligned a total of $11 million in one-time funding.  Funding included HPRP and Community Development Block Grant funds from SHRA, Community Services Block Grant funds from SETA, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families-Emergency Contingency Funds from the County of Sacramento, and priviate donations through the Sacramento Region Community Foundation.

Using a common assessment tool to evaluate the risk of homelessness and barriers to housing stability, HPRP providers targeted assistance to individuals and families whose barriers to housing were high enough that they were not able to house themselves without assistance, but were low enough that they were successful in this limited-assistance program.

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**Sacramento’s Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing**

**(HPRP)**

With many families economically challenged and with the face of homelessness changing, different more effective methods of preventing and addressing homelessness are needed. Prevention and rapid re-housing activities are proven and cost-effective solutions for families and individuals who are homeless or about to become homeless. While many families are in need, HPRP is carefully targeted to those truly at risk of homelessness who have no other resources.

**Why HPRP?**

Permanent housing and long-term stability are HPRP’s goals. HPRP assistance is intended to *rapidly* transition participants to long-term housing stability through short-term assistance. HPRP providers are skilled at empowering people to be stably housed as quickly as possible within the shortest timeframe necessary.

* If families can be reached before they experience the upheaval of homelessness, their inherent strengths and resiliency help them to get on their feet faster.
* For participants already homeless, HPRP seeks to return families to permanent housing as quickly as possible, reducing the length of stays on the streets on in shelters. Once in their own homes, experience shows that families and individuals are able to increase their income and stabilize more quickly.

**HPRP Services**

Through several nonprofit service organizations, HPRP provides a variety of critical, time-limited services aimed at housing stability.

* Help with finding new housing, making applications, and paying security deposits;
* Help with eviction services and limited help with past due utility or rental payments to preserve current housing;
* Short-term help with rent, with families continuing to pay a portion; and
* Short-term services aimed at housing stabilization, connecting families and individuals with employment and other community services.

**Who is eligible for HPRP?**

Funds are targeted to those at risk or homeless who can become stable with short-term help. Because demand is so high, pre-screening for HPRP services is done through 2-1-1.

In addition, families with children may be directly referred to the HPRP providers by social workers at CalWORKs bureaus. HPRP providers assess all referrals using a community assessment tool. Homeless clients are assessed within a few days of entering participating emergency shelters.

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**HPRP Providers**

Accessed through 2-1-1, several community organizations provided HPRP services for residents of Sacramento County. For over 100 years **Lutheran Social Services of Northern California** has been supporting homeless youth, individuals, and families in overcoming the barriers they face and in achieving stability and self-sufficiency. Comprehensive and flexible supportive housing services are tailored to individual household needs and are designed to maximize participant strengths. LSS is honored to be a partner in the HPRP Program which allows a rare opportunity to promote systems change by rapidly rehousing the homeless and also proactively preventing future homelessness.

**The Salvation Army** was founded in 1865 and the Del Oro Division, which encompasses Northern California and Sacramento, was established 125 years ago. We are dedicated to caring for the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, loving the unlovable, and befriending the friendless. This dedication has produced an international network of helpful ministries. Whether responding to a large natural disaster, or a more personal crisis, wherever there is need, we endeavor to be there. Founded in 1896, **Volunteers of America** is a national, nonprofit, faith-based organization with the mission to “reach and uplift” all people. Our goals are to end homelessness, assist the most vulnerable in our communities, and transform communities into safer, healthier places. Our efforts focus on giving individuals and families a handup rather than a hand out, to assure their long term self-sufficiency. Volunteers of America provides housing and social services to homeless individuals and families, abused and neglected children, youth at risk, low income elderly and disabled individuals, and many others. More than one million people benefit from Volunteers of America services annually in the United States.

**Legal Services of Northern California** is a nonprofit law firm serving the needs of low-income families in 23 Northern California counties. In 2010, LSNC celebrates 54 years of advocacy addressing the causes and affects of poverty. HPRP is our latest initiative that promises to soften the impact of the great recession on working people by preventing their fall into homelessness.

**2-1-1 Sacramento** is a free, 24/7 telephone resource for information on community, health and social services—especially for people who need essential services such as food, housing, shelter, health services, and employment assistance. Callers receive confidential and personalized information from a live resource specialist. Callers simply dial 2-1-1 or they may also call 916-498-1000.

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**Community Partners**

In addition to the direct service providers, HPRP relies on a network of community partners.

**Non-Profit/Community Partners**

Sacramento Steps Forward

Sacramento Region Community Foundation

SMUD

Rental Housing Association of Sacramento Valley

Sacramento Self-Help Housing

Community Resource Project

**Participating Shelters/Providers**: Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center,

St. John’s Shelter Program, My Sister’s House, Women Escaping a Violent

Environment (WEAVE), Faith and Homeless Families, Loaves and Fishes,

Women’s Empowerment Program, Maryhouse, Mustard Seed School, WIND

Youth Services

**Local Government Partners**

Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA)

Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance (DHA)

Sacramento Employment Training Agency (SETA)

Project TEACH, Sacramento County Office of Education

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