

HOMEBASE SUMMARY OF LOCAL PLANNING DOCUMENTS: OUTREACH, TREATMENT AND SERVICES

HomeBase synthesized local needs and strategies articulated in local planning documents relevant to development of California's Ten-Year Chronic Homelessness Action Plan. Local planning documents included in synthesis include 2005 or 2006 HUD Exhibit Ones, Ten Year Plans and State approved County MHSA Plans.

Treatment

- Fund sobering stations and detox facilities, and link them to appropriate treatment and housing
 - Fund a statewide increase in detoxification and treatment beds for substance use and co-occurring disorders
- Fund mental health services for those with post-traumatic stress disorder, mood disorders, and chemical addictions
- Fund training and certification for co-occurring disorder staff and programs
- Increase scope and timely availability of primary care, substance abuse and mental health services, including continuum of dependency interventions and after-rehab support, counseling
- Expand needed health, mental health, and substance abuse treatment
 - Expand capacity to provide treatment for SMI and not-SMI level
 - Expand funding for treatment beds
 - Fund Detox Centers
- Improve MediCal reimbursements and coverage for chronically homeless people receiving treatment
 - Support MediCal billing to cover ongoing service costs, training, and technical assistance
- Fund AB 2034 efforts and similar partnerships among law enforcement, the courts and service providers at the scale meaningful to reduce homelessness
- Extend Prop 36, the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000, funding and expand treatment services

Services

- Support all efforts to increase enrollment in mainstream service and benefits programs for eligible homeless people and those at risk
- Increase availability of age-appropriate services for youth exiting state or local care
- Fund peer-mentoring programs to assist consumers to recover, reduce harm to self and others, and move towards independent living
- Support multidisciplinary teams of health, mental health, and substance abuse recovery
 - Fund integrated service teams linked to housing
 - Fund the link of outreach services to permanent housing
- Fund culturally appropriate, long-term services to assist in housing retention, increase independence, and improve quality of life
- Support MediCal billing to cover ongoing service costs linked to housing
- Expand services available to assist youth in successfully transitioning out of foster care
- Enhance access to mainstream benefits; consider uniform benefits application, use of internet, expedited application process, presumptive eligibility
- Support ELHSI or similar increased in HHS budget for services for chronically homeless
- Develop administrative or legislative mechanism to allow for exchange of information among mainstream systems of services and treatment that supports coordination of care
- Complement jail diversion projects with 24hour stabilization centers and outreach programs throughout the County to assist law enforcement in diverting homeless people from jails into housing/services