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**KEY PROPOSALS FROM THE INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS  
("THE DAVIS REPORT"):  
OUTREACH, TREATMENT AND SERVICES**

- ✓ Create a new category of Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Program Certification entitled the Homeless Shelter Program.
- ✓ This would require the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) to develop and issue a set of certification standards for this category with basic existing standards for outpatient programs as the model.
- ✓ Examine existing barriers and opportunities to providing seamless linkages between children's and adult mental health service systems.
  - ◆ The Department of Mental Health (DMH) should work with stakeholder groups (such as the California Mental Health Directors Association and its existing committees and workgroups) to study key concerns and opportunities for system improvements.
- ✓ Utilize existing network of homeless services organizations to do outreach and education with organizations and providers to gather input regarding improving access to clinical care for homeless populations and preventing TB transmission in homeless individuals.
  - ◆ Develop a guideline for screening and treatment of homeless individuals that would be consistent with the needs of and resources available to the homeless community. Work toward integration of tuberculosis (TB) services with homeless services at the state and local levels.
  - ◆ Topics would include the feasibility of implementing administrative and engineering controls and the potential for collaboration between service providers and local health departments, including needs related to staffing, training, screening, treatment for latent TB infection (LTBI) and TB, and models for integrating services for the homeless.
- ✓ Expand state support of collaborative planning activities for the development of integrated housing assistance and service delivery and maximization of available resources.
  - ◆ Possible partner departments in this effort include the departments of Housing and Community Development, Alcohol and Drug Programs, Mental Health, Social Services, and Corrections.
- ✓ Direct the California Rural Health Policy Council to devote public meeting time to the issue of rural homelessness.
- ✓ Collaborate with the Department of Education to provide technical assistance to local education agencies on the resources available to homeless families or families at risk of becoming homeless.
- ✓ Develop a standardized CalWORKs eligibility pre-screening tool that can be used for people who are currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
  - ◆ Expand the current Welfare-to-Work Division external home page to include a link to an interactive website on the Internet.
  - ◆ Include a simple set of general eligibility-related questions on the website, such as a prescreening tool and other information about the CalWORKs program (i.e., cash, employment, etc.).

- ♦ Include a disclaimer on the website to alert users to contact their local welfare office for final eligibility determination.
- ✓ Enhance the CalWORKs Indian Health Clinic (IHC) Program to include an assessment for homelessness.
  - ♦ As part of their administrative responsibilities, clinic staff could identify and refer at-risk individuals and families to local supportive housing programs when clients present themselves for enrollment into the IHC program or when they are in need for such services during discharge planning.
  - ♦ Actions required to implement this proposal include:
    - Work with the IHCs and other knowledgeable resource people to develop a standardized risk-assessment for homelessness
    - Distribute the risk-assessment tool to the IHCs and provide technical assistance and training on its use
    - Augment the existing IHC grant awards to include these services
- ✓ Create a central point of contact for homeless services.
  - ♦ Could be modeled after One-Stop Career centers.
  - ♦ Create a State of California Homeless Services website as part of "My California" portal.
    - Could include links to state, federal, county and local government programs plus One-stop shops and community and faith based services and funding.
  - ♦ Establish a state toll-free hotline.
    - Would refer callers to available services
    - Could be located at a corrections center and staffed with inmates
  - ♦ Create pocket-size water-resistant information card with link for website with homeless services, One-Stop shops, and hotline number.
  - ♦ Publish an annual book listing homeless services provided by state, federal, county, and local government, One-Stop shops, and community and faith based organizations. It should include contact information, directions, maps and web sites.
- ✓ Identify the major barriers, issues, and needs impacting alcohol and other drug (AOD) clients who are homeless.