

THE REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING



Together we:

Identify common problems,
Search for useful solutions

Collectively we participate in:

- ◆ Policy development ◆ Training ◆ Information sharing
- ◆ Action strategies ◆ Program design

WELCOME

JUNE 17, 2011

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

1. Food Security: Still Struggling to Make Ends Meet

Even after accessing housing, many clients continue to struggle with hunger. The RSC will explore “Housed but Hungry,” increased outreach and access to food benefits, quantifying food insecurity, and the implications of reduced SSI and other budget cuts.

2. Telling a Story: Making Data Work for Advocacy

Homelessness data has been fundamental to funding and resource allocation. The right data, however, tells a story that can be utilized to determine and predict trends, and create strategies to prevent and end homelessness. The RSC will evaluate varying methodologies of collecting data and will discuss how these methodologies can further the goals of homeless advocacy.

3. Update: California’s Budget, Ten Year Plan, and Inter-Agency Council on Homelessness and the Latest on the Federal Budget

While the state has tried to minimize cuts by extending certain tax provisions, homeless service providers will still experience reductions in funding once the 2011-12 budget is passed. The RSC will discuss the changes that will occur as a result of the new California budget, the potential for a state Interagency Council on Homelessness, and the impact this would have on the California Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness.

4. 2010 McKinney-Vento Continuum of Care Awards

A look at the 2010 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant results for the Bay Area. Who reallocated funds for permanent housing? What are the challenges in the application process? What are the real challenges in your CoC? Do you feel that your CoC is “cutting edge” or “business as usual?”

5. Topics Under Research

- *Reentry plans and discharge planning to prevent homelessness—any connection?*
- *Housing Veterans—Los Angeles groups trying*

6. HEARTH Prep: Community Performance Measurements

How are CoCs measuring outcomes at the community level? Considering the performance measures under HEARTH, the RSC will explore how to establish and track outcomes, including looking at recent Point-in-Time data.

Reminder & Brief Updates

- *National Alliance to End Homelessness Annual Conference, July 13-15, 2011, Washington, D.C.*