

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

JANUARY 15, 2010

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

1. A Snapshot of Homelessness in the Bay Area

As advocates, we know that data about the number and make-up of people experiencing homelessness is flawed. Nonetheless, we need responses for the press, funders, and other stakeholders when they ask these questions. Reviewing data from across the Bay Area, HomeBase will present a regional picture.

2. Making our Clients Count

The U.S Census Bureau wants to hear your feedback on how to collect information about people experiencing homelessness for the upcoming census report.

3. Key Components of a CoC: Basic Housing Assistance Centers [90 min]

Basic Housing Assistance Centers, also called Multi-Service Centers, are an important engagement tool in the continuum of services. Leading programs will share their experiences on how to design an effective model for on-site services linked to housing, create public and private partnerships with stakeholders that increase capacity for service delivery, and develop comprehensive and coordinated solutions with the surrounding community.

4. FESG: What happens at the state level?

Each year emergency shelters wonder how the California Department of Housing & Community Development will disburse these important federal funds. How can we influence the process effectively to ensure a more equitable and reliable administration?

5. A Second Chance

In mid-December 2009, Congress approved over \$222 million in prisoner reentry programs. \$100 million of the appropriations are under the Second Chance Act, which makes housing and service dollars available for people exiting the criminal justice system. Learn how your community can access this exciting resource.

6. HPRP: How to make the money stretch

At the end of the first HPRP quarter, how are programs pacing the distribution of funds, managing demand, and determining terms of assistance? HPRP grantees will share strategies and discuss outcomes from their first QPR's.

7. HEARTH: A formula for calculating need

HEARTH directs HUD to develop a pro-rata need formula based on need. The specifics of this formula will impact future funding levels. Continuing our dialogue about HEARTH, the RSC will weigh-in on proposed formulas.

8. Reminder & Brief Updates

The next RSC is on April 16, 2010

- *House Keys Not Handcuffs Rally and March will be at Justin Herman Plaza in San Francisco on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 11 am.*
- *The next Transition Age Youth Roundtable will be at Larkin Street Youth Services in San Francisco on February 9, 2010.*
- *The National Alliance to End Homelessness' Annual Conference on Ending Family Homelessness will be at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, CA on February 11-12, 2010.*
- *Housing California's Annual Conference will be at the Sacramento Convention Center on April 26-28, 2010.*
- *The National Alliance to End Homelessness' Annual Conference on Ending Homelessness will be in Washington, DC at the Hyatt Regency Capital Hill Hotel on July 12-14, 2010.*