



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 25, 2008

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

1. Managing NIMBY Issues: New Tools and Practices

A new California law requires local agencies to zone for homeless shelters according to need. The RSC will start with a discussion of this law and then discuss current challenges that RSC members face when siting homeless housing and service projects within their communities.

2. 2007 McKinney-Vento Continuum of Care Awards

A look at the 2007 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant results for the Bay Area. Who reallocated funds for permanent housing? How much did each Continuum receive?

3. Legislative Update

HomeBase will report on recent federal and state legislation, including the HUD and Health and Human Services budget changes, McKinney-Vento reauthorization, SB 122, a new California bill to curb hate crimes against homeless individuals, and reforms in foster care both at the state and the federal levels.

4. Best Practices to End Rural Homelessness

What are the solutions to homelessness in rural areas? New research indicates that permanent supportive housing can be as cost effective for rural communities as it is for more urban communities.

5. Reminders and Brief Updates.

- *Future RSC topics and more.*
- *Ending Family Homelessness hosted by the National Alliance to End Homelessness; February 7-8, 2008 at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel*
- *Next RSC Meeting is April 18, 2008*
- *Housing California's Annual Conference, April 28-30, 2008 at the Sacramento Convention Center*