



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

NOVEMBER 18, 2005

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

1. Federal Update.

An update on the Community Partnership to End Homelessness Act of 2005 (CPEHA) and on Federal appropriations. What would this mean for Continuum of Care and ESG funding? Big changes have been proposed – what does this mean for your community?

2. State/Regional Update.

State updates on the Governor's Initiative to Address Chronic Homelessness, new state funding available for housing and California's participation in the Federal Policy Academy. Regionally, the ABAG Regional Task Force on Homelessness is developing their Action Plan. What should the RSC recommend they take on?

3. Global Homelessness.

How is the rest of the world approaching the issue of homelessness? A look at the ideas and actions of other countries in relation to our own.

4. Mental Health Services Act Debrief.

Now that county plans are out, how's yours? Did you read it? Did you comment? Does it include homeless needs? Does it speak to supportive housing, outreach, etc?

5. Family Homelessness Update (continuation from last RSC meeting).

A short, continued conversation about the current experiences for families who are homeless, successful practices to end their homelessness and, oh yes – yet again, what's up with TANF reauthorization?

6. SAMHSA Update.

The SAMHSA conference was held on October 26-28, 2005 in Washington, D.C.. A quick update on recent, national work on ending chronic homelessness and on the new Blueprint for Change curriculum.

7. Reminders. *Housing California Conference, 12/5-12/7*

8. Upcoming Meeting Dates.

Please see reverse side of the agenda for 2006 RSC meeting dates.

Upcoming 2006 RSC Meetings -- Mark Your Calendars!

January 20 (Room 171)

March 17 (Room 171)

May 26

July 7

September 29

November 3 (Room 171)

Happy New Year!!

Upcoming RSC Meeting Topics:

- Faith Based Initiative Funding
What is the reality of this new focus?
- Agencies and programs housing or serving homeless people – what do we know about best practices that provide successful outcomes?
- Targeted responses to homelessness at Departments of Veterans' Affairs, Labor, Education, and Health and Human Services; A convening of the local Department of Veterans Affairs homeless coordinators
- Safe havens as permanent supportive housing

We are so pleased to see all of you at these meetings; your presence and input are what make the RSC meaningful and successful. Thanks for keeping us in your busy schedules.