



## 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

SEPTEMBER 16, 2005

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**1. Federal Update.**

*A closer look at the HUD appropriations bill and what the House and Senate bills look like for those who house and serve the homeless.*

**2. State Update.**

*An update on state-level policy coordination on homelessness.*

**3. Housing California (Guest Speaker: Megan Schatz).**

*Megan Schatz, Housing California's first Homeless Policy Director, hosts a discussion about priorities for state homeless policy action, local implementation of Prop. 6, and Housing California's upcoming inaugural Mental Health and Housing Conference.*

**4. Disaster Relief.**

*We appreciate the generosity of Bay Area communities in receiving Hurricane Katrina victims. What issues/challenges does this present and how can we help each other?*

**5. 2005 NOFA Issues Brief.**

*Review and discussion of an RSC issues brief to be edited and distributed to our Congressional delegation about the 2005 HUD Continuum of Care competition.*

**6. Family Homelessness Update.**

*Of late, much attention in this Country has been directed to "chronically homeless" individuals. What are the current experiences for families who are homeless? What are successful practices to end their homelessness and, oh yes – yet again, what's up with TANF reauthorization?*

**7. Base Closures.**

*Communities now have the opportunity to compete for closed military bases to use them for homeless housing and/or services. This opportunity comes but once every ten years, so it's important to understand the process and get started early!*

**8. Upcoming Meeting Dates.**

*Please see circulating file for additional items of interest.  
Please see reverse side of the agenda for all 2005 RSC meeting dates.*

## **Upcoming 2005 RSC Meetings -- Mark Your Calendars!**

November 18th

### **Upcoming RSC Meeting Topics:**

- Taking a global look at homelessness: what are other countries doing to end homelessness?
- Safe havens as permanent supportive housing
- 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

*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!*