



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

♣ MARCH 17, 2006 ♣ 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

1. **It's out! The 2006 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs NOFA:** *The direction HUD is taking; how does this affect your continuum? What would we like to see from HUD?*
2. **The Reed Bill:** *What you said and what is being done next.*
3. **Federal Issues and Budget:**
 - ♣ *Changes in the HUD budget and how it effects McKinney Vento funding*
 - ♣ *Federal rule change regarding surplus property*
 - ♣ *Changes in the federal homeless definition*
 - ♣ *Changes in DHHS budget*
4. **California Action on Chronic Homelessness:** *First wave of invitations are out. Can you respond?*
5. **Developing Regional Priorities:** *An analysis of the Bay Area County Ten Year and other strategy documents on homelessness as a vehicle for the RSC, BACHIC and the ABAG Task Force on Homelessness to jointly use in advocating state action.*
6. **State Budget:**
 - ♣ *State bonds*
 - ♣ *Input from the RSC on Housing California Bills*
7. **Updates:** *ABAG Task Force on Homelessness; BACHIC; May meeting cancelled due to NOFA Deadline.*

♣ **HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!!** ♣

*Please see circulating file for existing items of interest.
Please see reverse side of the agenda for all 2006 RSC meeting date.*

Upcoming RSC Meetings for 2006 --

Mark Your Calendars!

July 7th

September 29th

November 3rd

Upcoming RSC Meeting Topics:

- 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.