



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

JULY 29, 2005

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

- 1. Discharge Planning: Partnering State and Local Agencies to Create Effective Discharge Planning Policy for State Prisons and Foster Care Systems.**
How many people show up homeless in your community recently discharged from prison? How many foster youth are emancipated into homelessness? Work to prepare for a meeting with the Department of Corrections seeking changes in their practices, and help determine/discuss advocacy action on issues concerning youth.
- 2. Mental Health Briefing.**
Transformation of the nation's mental health system is underway! A national Subcommittee on Housing and Homelessness has thought about your work. This in-depth briefing will help your community apply the new strategies and help determine what we ask the state to do.
- 3. Section 8 and Federal Program and Budget Updates.**
Review and help edit an RSC issues brief for distribution to our Congressional delegation.
- 4. 2005 NOFA Changes: Hold Harmless and Permanent Housing Bonus Reductions.**
What was your experience with the 2005 NOFA? Work to help prepare an issues brief to HUD.
- 5. Update on State Budget and Action: Housing California and the Governor's Homeless Initiative.**
Hear the latest and weigh in on next steps to be taken. Please bring up issues and problems your community is concerned about for discussion.
- 6. NAEH Update: The Intersection of Ten-Year Plans and the CoC.**
What is happening in your Continuum as Ten-Year Plans move forward? Share your concerns and prepare for a full briefing later this year.
- 7. Real ID Act.**
New federal requirements change how homeless people can get identification. Find out what the new law states and how to contact Congress with your concerns.
- 8. Upcoming Meeting Dates.**

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

Upcoming RSC Meetings -- Mark Your Calendars!

September 16th

November 18th

Upcoming RSC Meeting Topics:

- Base closures and developing housing for homeless people
- 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!