

# BUILDING CONNECTIONS WITH LANDLORDS AND PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES

WEST SACRAMENTO COMMUNITY CENTER

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017

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**9:30 AM** Welcome & Introductions

**10:00** Legislative & Budget Updates & Actions

- ❖ HUD Updates by John Burke, Senior CPD Representative at HUD
- ❖ State Updates by Tyrone Buckley, Policy Director at Housing California

**10:30** **PANEL 1 TOPIC: Landlord Engagement Strategies**

- ❖ Sage Foster, Independent Consultant
- ❖ Jason Blair, Director of Housing Programs at Abode Services
- ❖ Peter Balas, Landlord in San Francisco
- ❖ Rosalyn Van Buren, Landlord Liaison at Sacramento Steps Forward

**11:15** Break

**11:30** **PANEL 2 TOPIC: Case Management: Balancing Landlord and Client Relationships**

- ❖ Isaac Blackstock, Housing Manager at Solano Coalition for Better Health
- ❖ Helen Pelayo, Program Manager for Transitional Housing at Napa NEWS
- ❖ Steven Flores, Housing Inspector at Yolo Housing Authority
- ❖ Katie Sears, Case Manager at Shasta County Unsheltered Adult Program

**12:15 PM** CoC Roll Call

**12:45** Lunch

**1:30** **PANEL 3 TOPIC: Best Practices for Building Partnerships with Your Housing Authority**

- ❖ Cheyenne Caraway, Housing Authority Supervisor at Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency
- ❖ Steven Flores, Housing Inspector at Yolo Housing Authority
- ❖ Sarah Ramler, Director of Leased Housing at San Francisco Housing Authority

**2:15** Coordinated Entry Networking Session

**2:45** Federal Updates by Talia Gilbert, Research Associate at HomeBase

**3:00** Adjourn

## Northern California Homelessness Roundtable History

(If no location is noted, the meeting was held in Sacramento/West Sacramento)

- **How to Develop Local Homeless Policy**, Placer Consortium on Homelessness and Affordable Housing (PCOH), Roseville, CA, 4-29-04
- **The Housing First Model**, Yolo County Homeless Coalition, Woodland, CA, 7-29-04
- **Discharge Planning to Prevent Homelessness**, Sacramento County & Cities Board on Homelessness, Sacramento, CA, 10-26-04
- **Local Corrections Systems**, HUD Sacramento Field Office and California HCD, in Sacramento, CA, 2-24-05
- **Housing First Model, 10 Year Plans, Prop 63**, Butte CoC, Oroville, CA, 5-5-05
- **Homeless Counts; Engaging Law Enforcement**, Merced Continuum of Care Collaborative, Merced, CA, 7-28-05
- **Interacting with Media, MHSA, Medical Care**, City of Redding & Shasta CoC, Redding CA, 10-21-05
- **Advocacy Issues; Paul Boden & Megan Schatz**, Stanislaus Housing and Supportive Services Collaborative, Modesto, CA, 2-23-06
- **HMIS Best Practices & Input on 10 Year Plan**, San Joaquin Continuum of Care, Stockton, CA, 7-27-06
- **Role & Enhancement of Roundtable Infrastructure**, Planning Committee Retreat, Sacramento, CA, 10-24-06
- **Housing Models & Their Application in Member CoC**, Kings/Tulare CoC, Visalia, CA, 10-19-06
- **10-Year Strategic Planning, Extreme Weather Preparedness**, Yolo County Homeless Coalition, 2-15-07
- **Continuum Improvement & Development**, Chico/Paradise/Butte Continuum of Care, 5-17-07
- **Advocacy; Federal, State & Local Levels**, Fresno-Madera Continuum of Care, 8-16-07
- **Hospital Discharge Planning**, Redding/Shasta County Continuum of Care Council, Redding, CA, 11-15-07
- **SSI Advocacy**, HUD Sacramento Field Office, California HCD and HomeBase 2-21-08
- **Housing Development 101: Focus on PSH**, Central Sierra CoC, Jackson, CA, 5-22-08
- **RRH for Families, Housing Operations 101**, HUD Sacramento Field Office, via Conference Call, 8-28-08
- **Project Homeless Connect, Homeless Count**, Sacramento CoC, 12-4-08
- **Homeless Programs: Surviving and Thriving**, Yolo County Housing and Poverty Action Coalition, 2-26-09
- **How Do We Capitalize on What's Happening Now?** Fresno-Madera CoC, Fresno, CA, 5-28-09
- **HMIS Data Standards**, Roundtable Planning Committee, via Conference Call, 8-27-09
- **Regional Coordination**, Placer County Continuum of Care, 11-19-09
- **HEARTH and Foundation Funding**, 2-25-10
- **Roundtable Retreat**, 4-16-10
- **HMIS as a Planning Tool**, 5-27-10
- **Federal Strategic Plans and CoC Coordination with Federal Mainstream Systems of Care**, 8-26-10
- **Community-wide Performance Measurements**, 12-2-10
- **Connecting Homeless Persons to Employment**, 2-24-11
- **Targeting - How do we best match need to service?** 5-26-11
- **Food Security, 100,000 Homes, Corrections Realignment, and Healthcare Reform**, 8-11-11
- **Linking Homeless Veterans to Housing and Services**, 11-4-11
- **Serving Homeless Youth; Innovations in SSI Advocacy**, 2-23-12
- **Coordinated/Centralized Assessment; Working with PHAs**, 5-24-12
- **Interim Continuum of Care Regulations**, 8-23-12
- **Opening Doors Revisited; Bringing Law Enforcement to the Table**, 12-6-12
- **Implementing 211, Coordinating with ESG**, 2-28-13
- **Definition of Rural, RHSP regulations**, 5-23-13
- **Federal Agencies Responding to Homelessness; Serving Vehicularly Housed**, 8-22-13
- **Adapting Transitional Housing; Rural Data; Extreme Weather**, 12-5-13
- **Emergency Shelters: Increased Use and Decreased Funding**, 4-27-14
- **Using Medi-Cal for Services in Supportive Housing**, 5-22-14
- **Then and Now: Homelessness in Our Communities from 2004-2014**, 8-28-14
- **Homelessness Crisis Response System**, 12-4-14
- **Promoting Landlord Partnerships to Overcome Housing Attainment Barriers**, 2-26-15
- **Building Positive Relationships with Law Enforcement**, 5-28-15
- **Fair Housing & Alternative Housing Models**, 9-3-15
- **Ending Veteran Homelessness: Progress & Strategies**, 12-3-15
- **Building CoC Capacity**, 2-25-16
- **Criminal and Public Records; Data Sharing in Coordinated Entry Environment**, 5-26-16
- **Housing and Health Care**, 9-29-16
- **Harnessing Data Interventions & System Performance Measures**, 12-1-16
- **Discharge Planning for Coordinated Entry**, 2-23-17

## Northern California/Central Valley Homeless Roundtable Acronym List

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
AB	Assembly Bill
ACA	Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)
ADAP	AIDS Drug Assistance Program
AHAR	Annual Homeless Assessment Report
AI	Analysis of Impediments (to fair housing), a part of Consolidated Plans
AOD	Alcohol and Drug Dependency
APR	Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)
CA	Collaborative Applicant
CalFresh	California's SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) (formerly Food Stamps)
CalWORKs	California Work Opportunities and Responsibility to Kids
CBO	Community Based Organization
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant (CPD program – federal)
CDCR	California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
CDVA	California Department of Veterans Affairs
CH	Chronically Homeless
CSBG	Community Services Block Grant (Federal program that flows from US Department of Health and Human Services to the California Department of Consumer Services and Development to California counties)
CHDO	Community and Housing Development Organization. Non-profit housing provider receiving minimum of 15% of HOME funds
CoC	Continuum of Care approach to assistance to the homeless
Continuum of Care	Federal grant program stressing permanent solutions to homelessness
Con Plan	Consolidated Plan, a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under CDBG and other CPD programs
CPD	Community Planning and Development (HUD Office)
CY	Calendar Year
Davis Bacon	Statutory requirement that persons working on Federal assisted projects be paid at least minimum prevailing wage rates.
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services (State Office)
DV	Domestic Violence
EHAP	Emergency Housing and Assistance Program Operating Facility Grants (State program. Obsolete.)
EHAPCD	Emergency Housing and Assistance Program Capital Development (State program). Not open to new applications
ESG	Emergency Solutions Grants (CPD – federal program. Flows to entitlement jurisdictions and HCD)
e-SNAPS	Electronic grants application and management system for HUD Homeless Assistance Programs
FESG	Federal Emergency Shelter Grants (obsolete program – replaced by ESG)
FHEO	Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (HUD Office of)
FMR	Fair Market Rent (maximum rent for many HUD housing programs)
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
FTE	full-time equivalent (employee) (2080 hours of paid employment)
FY	Fiscal Year
GAO	Government Accountability Office
GA/GR	General Assistance/General Relief (county assistance)
HAP	Housing Assistance Payments

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
HAP	Housing Assistance Plan; Housing Plans required by CDBG
HCD	Housing and Community Development (California Department of)
HCV	Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance (formerly Section 8)
HEARTH Act	Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009, S. 896
HIC	Housing Inventory Chart (inventory of housing for the homeless conducted annually in January for same night as the PIT)
HPRP	Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (obsolete)
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HOME	Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program)
HOPWA	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (CPD program)
HPC	High Performing Community
HQS	Housing Quality Standards (required before move in for HUD programs)
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration (division of US HHS)
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal)
HUD-VASH	HUD Vouchers through Veterans' Affairs Supportive Housing
IDIS	Integrated Disbursement and Information System (CPD system)
IHSS	In-Home Supportive Services
LEA	Local Education Agency
LGBTQ	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, or Questioning
LOCCS	Line of Credit Control System
MHSA	Mental Health Services Act
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NAEH	National Alliance to End Homelessness
NAMI	National Alliance on Mental Illness
NIMBY	Not In My Back Yard
NOFA	Notice of Funding Availability
OneCPD	Resource Exchange and email notice system for HUD CDP
PHA/ HA	Public Housing Authority
PIT Count (PITC)	Point-In-Time Homeless Count (unsheltered count conducted biennially, every odd numbered year; sheltered count, every January)
PSH	Permanent Supportive Housing
RFP	Request for Proposals
RFQ	Request for Quotations. Used to solicit price quotes under the simplified acquisition procurement method.
SA	Sexual Assault Or Substance Abuse
SB	Senate Bill
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
S + C	Shelter + Care (obsolete – replaced by CoC Program)
Section 8	Housing Assistance Payment Program (Housing and Community Development Act of 1974)
Section 202	Loans for construction/rehab of housing for the elderly or handicapped
Section 202/811	Programs for housing assistance to the elderly and people with disabilities
SHP	Supportive Housing Program (obsolete – replaced by CoC Program)
SMI	Serious Mental Illness or Seriously Mentally Ill
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly Food Stamps)
SNAPS	Special Needs Assistance Program (HUD Division that deals with homelessness)
SOAR	SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SSI/SSDI Application program)

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
SRO	Single-Room Occupancy housing units
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SSO	Supportive Services Only (Type of CoC grant providing services only)
SSVF	Supportive Services for Veterans Families (but can serve single adults)
TA	Technical Assistance
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
TAY	Transition Age Youth
UFA	Unified Funding Agency
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
VA	Veterans Affairs (U.S. Department of)
VASH	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing

\*Thanks to Nevada/Placer CoC for use of their acronym list.

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**PACIFIC OCEAN**

**MEXICO**

## FEDERAL UPDATE

### FEDERAL BUDGET<sup>1</sup>

The final Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 spending bill was signed into law on May 4, 2017. The bill provides \$2.383 billion for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants program, representing a \$133 million increase. This includes:

- \$40 million for rapid re-housing or other critical activities to assist communities that lost significant capacity after January 1, 2016.
- \$43 million for homeless youth demonstration projects (increase from \$33 million).
- \$12 million for the national homeless data analysis project.

Additionally, the bill:

- Extends the sunset date of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) one year.
- Allows HUD to award one-year transition grants to CoC recipients to transition from one CoC component to another.

Although the 2017 fiscal year is well underway, Congress failed to agree on a budget resolution last year and needed to pass a final budget for FY 2017. Congress will still need to pass a full FY 2018 budget resolution later this year for the fiscal year that begins October 1, 2017. On March 16, President Trump released his “skinny budget” for FY 2018. The budget proposed significant cuts and few increases in funding for federal programs aiding homeless and low-income households.

**HUD:** The proposal calls for a \$6.2 billion — or 13% — decrease below HUD’s FY 2016 budget. The budget proposes to sunset USICH, the Community Development Block Grant, and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. It is still unclear how much funding is proposed for the Homeless Assistance Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant Programs, and Housing Choice Voucher Program.

**Department of Health and Human Services:** The budget proposes a \$15.1 billion — or 18% — decrease to the 2016 budget. These cuts include plans to sunset various programs that deliver services to low-income households, including the Community Services Block Grant Program and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Other changes propose expansions and continued support for other programs, such as a \$500 million expansion to SAMHSA’s efforts to prevent opioid misuse and increase access to treatment and recovery services.

**Department of Veteran Affairs:** The proposed budget also seeks to increase discretionary funding for the VA by \$4.6 billion dollars; this may include funding for homelessness prevention, although details have not been specified.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

**H.R.2076 – ENDING HOMELESSNESS ACT OF 2017**

This legislation lays out a comprehensive plan to ensure that every homeless person in America has a safe, decent, and affordable place to call home. The bill would appropriate \$13.27 billion in mandatory funding over 5 years to several different federal programs and initiatives, which is designed to act as emergency relief funding above and beyond the annual appropriated amounts. All in all, this bill is expected to provide an estimated 410,000 units of housing for the homeless. The bill would also provide funding for outreach and case management to ensure that homeless people are effectively connected to the services that they need, as well as technical assistance to help states and local jurisdictions better align their healthcare and housing strategies. It would also permanently authorize the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. On April 6, 2017, the bill was referred to the House Budget Committee.<sup>2</sup>

**H.R. 1875 – HOMELESS VETERANS ASSISTANCE FUND ACT OF 2017**

This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) establish in the Treasury the Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund to provide services to homeless veterans; (2) allow individual taxpayers to designate on their tax returns a portion of any overpayment of tax or an additional contribution for the fund; and (3) require the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Labor, and Housing and Urban Development, to include in the President's budget, beginning with FY2019, a description of the uses of the fund during the previous fiscal year and the proposed uses for the next fiscal year. On April 5, 2017, the bill was referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.<sup>3</sup>

**H.R. 1511 – HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACT OF 2017**

This bill would amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to expand HUD's definition of "homelessness" to include children and youth who are already verified as homeless by several other federal educational and social services programs, such as foster children who have aged out of services.

This bill would also provide safeguards for HMIS data collection and use, and would prevent non-evidence-based policies from being prioritized. It would restrict the HUD Secretary from redefining any definitions, or issuing any funding opportunities or regulations that would restrict eligibility for assistance for those who meet the definition of homeless. It would also restrict the Secretary from providing bonuses or incentives for any national priority that the Secretary would establish, instead requiring that these be awarded according to the need of the local priority populations. On March 13, 2017, this bill was referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.



## FEDERAL RESOURCES

### RESOURCES FROM HUD

#### TOOLS FOR ENDING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

On Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, HUD announced the release of new products, guides, and tools to help communities end youth homelessness. The products are focused on four topic areas:

- The Coordinated Entry for Youth Brief provides an overview of the four Coordinated Entry core elements (Access, Assessment, Prioritization, and Referral).
- The Engaging Youth in Decision Making document provides guidance on how to engage youth in the decision-making process and in the development of projects.
- The Using a Housing First Philosophy When Serving Youth brief provides an overview of the Housing First philosophy and how it applies to youth-serving projects.
- A suite of tools and products on Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) for Youth includes a Jump Start Tool, a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and a Checklist. Coming soon will be a Toolkit.

All of the resources can be found here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/resources-for-homeless-youth/resources-for-homeless-youth-service-providers/#planning-your-coordinated-community-approach>

#### APR TRAINING: OVERVIEW OF THE SAGE HMIS REPOSITORY (WEBINAR)

On March 16, 2017, HUD hosted a webinar entitled *APR Training: Overview of the Sage HMIS Repository Webinar*, which provided an overview of HUD's new reporting system for the submission of its CoC Program Annual Performance Report (APR). Effective April 1, 2017, the new system, Sage Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Repository, will now be the portal for all CoC program recipients to submit their APR to HUD. To access the webinar materials, please visit:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/apr-training-overview-of-the-sage-hmis-repository-webinar/1887/>

### RESOURCES FROM FEDERAL PARTNERS

#### ADVOCACY TIPS: ENGAGE YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS AT HOME

There is a lot you can do to get homelessness on your elected officials' radars while they are in their home districts. You can find out their schedules while they are at home, reach out personally, rally your community, and attend a Town Hall meeting. To find tips for engaging members of congress in district, a sample site visit initiation, and a sample site visit letter of support, please visit: <https://cqrcengage.com/naeh/community>

### THE EMERGENCY SHELTER WEBINAR SERIES

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Emergency shelters play a critical role when it comes to ending homelessness. Over the years, the emergency shelter system has received little attention. In April, the National Alliance to End Homelessness and its Center for Capacity Building kicked off The Emergency Shelter Webinar Series, a six-month installment of webinars and complementary resources and tools dedicated to guiding and supporting communities interested in improving the way they serve those experiencing homelessness and in need of shelter. To access the series and toolkit, please visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjPMdBWTxnk&feature=youtu.be>

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.endhomelessness.org/pages/federal\\_homelessness\\_appropriations](http://www.endhomelessness.org/pages/federal_homelessness_appropriations)

<sup>2</sup> [https://democrats-](https://democrats-financialservices.house.gov/uploadedfiles/04.06.2017_the_ending_homelessness_act_of_2017_executive_summary.pdf)

[financialservices.house.gov/uploadedfiles/04.06.2017\\_the\\_ending\\_homelessness\\_act\\_of\\_2017\\_executive\\_summary.pdf](https://democrats-financialservices.house.gov/uploadedfiles/04.06.2017_the_ending_homelessness_act_of_2017_executive_summary.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1875>