Santa Barbara County Homelessness Action Plan Stakeholder Input Sessions

Community Meetings

October 28-30 2019
Welcome!

- Welcome
- Introductions
  - The Homeless Assistance Team
  - The Continuum of Care (CoC)
Homelessness in South Santa Barbara County
2019 Point in Time Count
Countywide Homeless Population
2019 Point in Time Count Map
Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)

Building a More Complete Crisis Response System Together

Total Projected HEAP Outcomes
1364 Persons
289 Permanent Housing Placements
Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) South County Awards

City of Santa Barbara - $2,000,000
The Salvation Army - $2,500,000

HEAP All County Awards

Home for Good - $550,000
United Way Northern Santa Barbara County
Domestic Violence Solutions - $386,000
PATH - $380,000
Data Collection Sources

Coordinated Entry System

Connect with Housing & Supports
Navigate
Assess

Homeless Management Information System
**The Coordinated Entry System**
is a, no-wrong door, countywide system that **engages and connects individuals and families experiencing homelessness to the optimal resources** for their needs. We believe that everyone deserves a safe place to call home for good.

The partners listed are the local Coordinated Entry System.

*Agencies in bold complete assessments with persons experiencing homelessness*
Overview of Assessed Clients

- CES Assessed Client's
  - All CES clients assessed Jan 2018-Sep 2019

- City/Town of survey location
  - City/Town of Survey location

- Households-Singles/Families
  - Household status
Santa Barbara

INDIVIDUALS
Demographics from CES/HMIS

Age Distribution
- 40-49: 21%
- 50-61: 18%
- 62+: 25%
- 25-39: 2%
- Under 25: 34%

834 clients assessed by CES
- 51 years: Average age
- 62 months: Average Length of Time Homeless
- 92 Veterans
- 58% state that emotional, physical or sexual trauma caused their current episode of homelessness
- 69% experiencing chronic homelessness
Disabling Conditions

Santa Barbara Individuals

% Persons with Assessments

- Substance Abuse: 36% (City of Santa Barbara), 32% (Santa Barbara County)
- Mental Health OR Brain Injury: 42% (City of Santa Barbara), 34% (Santa Barbara County)
- Physical Disability: 34% (City of Santa Barbara), 28% (Santa Barbara County)
- Chronic Health Conditions: 36% (City of Santa Barbara), 31% (Santa Barbara County)

Santa Barbara Individuals
Housing Intervention Needs

Current Status: 135 Individuals have been Housed
Santa Barbara

FAMILIES
Demographics from CES/HMIS

Age Distribution

- 25-39: 29%
- 40-49: 59%
- 50-61: 6%
- 62+: 2%
- Under 25: 4%

Sleeping Location

- Outdoor: 9
- Shelter: 5
- Vehicle: 8
- Other Non-Vehicle: 7

48 families total and 29 assessed by CES

*40 years
Average age

32 months
Average Length of Time Homeless

3 Veteran Head of households

55% state that emotional, physical or sexual trauma caused their current episode of homelessness

*35% experiencing chronic homelessness

*Includes Transition House PIT data. Total VI-SPDAT only Families=29
Disabling Conditions

% of Families with Assessments

- **Substance Abuse**: City of Santa Barbara - 17%, Santa Barbara County - 23%
- **Mental Health OR Brain Injury**: City of Santa Barbara - 14%, Santa Barbara County - 31%
- **Physical Disability**: City of Santa Barbara - 18%, Santa Barbara County - 28%
- **Chronic Health Conditions**: City of Santa Barbara - 20%, Santa Barbara County - 34%

*Santa Barbara Families*
Demographics from CES/HMIS

**Age Distribution**
- 40-49: 18%
- 50-61: 26%
- 62+: 40%
- 25-39: 15%
- Under 25: 1%

**Sleeping Location**
- Outdoor: 54
- Shelter: 5
- Vehicle: 15

**74 clients assessed by CES**

- **53 years**
  - Average age

- **81 months**
  - Average Length of Time Homeless

- **9 Veterans**

- **53%** state that emotional, physical or sexual trauma caused their *current* episode of homelessness

- **72%** experiencing chronic homelessness
Disabling Conditions

Chronic Health Conditions

- Isla Vista and Goleta: 42%
- Santa Barbara County: 31%

Physical Disability

- Isla Vista and Goleta: 28%
- Santa Barbara County: 28%

Mental Health OR Brain Injury

- Isla Vista and Goleta: 35%
- Santa Barbara County: 34%

Substance Abuse

- Isla Vista and Goleta: 34%
- Santa Barbara County: 32%
## Housing Intervention Needs

### Current Status: 5 Individuals have been Housed
Carpinteria Summerland Montecito

INDIVIDUALS
## Demographics from CES/HMIS

### Age Distribution

- 23% 40-49
- 49% 25-39
- 17% 50-61
- 11% 62+

**Average age:** 53 years

**Average Length of Time Homeless:** 67 months

**0 Veterans**

### Sleeping Location

- **Outdoor:** 28
- **Shelter:** 1
- **Vehicle:** 7

**50%** state that emotional, physical or sexual trauma caused their *current* episode of homelessness

**44%** experiencing chronic homelessness

36 clients assessed by CES
Disabling Conditions

% Persons with Assessments

- **Substance Abuse**
  - Carpinteria, Sumerland and Montecito: 22%
  - Santa Barbara County: 32%

- **Mental Health OR Brain Injury**
  - Carpinteria, Sumerland and Montecito: 22%
  - Santa Barbara County: 34%

- **Physical Disability**
  - Carpinteria, Sumerland and Montecito: 14%
  - Santa Barbara County: 28%

- **Chronic Health Conditions**
  - Carpinteria, Sumerland and Montecito: 25%
  - Santa Barbara County: 31%
Housing Intervention Needs

Current Status: 1 Individual has been Housed
Who is Experiencing Homelessness in Our Community?
What is Happening Now?

Quick overview of current homeless programs and activities
Phase II Planning

Introductions: LeSar Development Consultants
• Review Phase 1 Plan and update

• Purpose of Phase 2 Plan and process

• Gather feedback and input on Phase 2 priorities, strategies, and goals
Review of Phase 1 Plan

- Data on individuals and families experiencing homelessness
- Overview of the current services system
- Description of barriers and challenges
- Strategies and actions to address unmet needs
- Next steps including creation of Phase 2 plan
Extent of Homelessness in County

**Localism: Where Was Your Most Recent Permanent Address?**

- Kern County: <1%
- San Luis Obispo County: 2%
- Ventura County: 3%
- Out of State: 8%
- Other California: 9%
- Santa Barbara County: 77%

**Localism: How Long Have You Lived in Santa Barbara County?**

- 1-30 Days: 4%
- 1-6 Months: 4%
- 6 Months - 1 Year: 5%
- 1-5 Years: 16%
- 5-10 Years: 11%
- 11 Years or More: 60%

**Localism: Where Were You Living When You First Became Homeless?**

- Kern County: <1%
- San Luis Obispo County: 2%
- Ventura County: 3%
- Out of State: 9%
- Other California: 9%
- Santa Barbara County: 76%
Data, Gaps, and Needs

Demand
Assessment data through the Coordinated Entry System highlights how many people currently need assistance by intensity. Data is not reflective of all people experiencing homelessness.

Resources
Important to note that most of the resources are at capacity, interventions such as RRH and PSH voucher need a physical unit in the community, regional differences in resources, and resources may be population specific.
Homeless Systems

- Homelessness is a crisis and we must respond as such
- Need to have a Housing Focused oriented response system
- Goal is to ensure homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring
Review of Phase 1 Plan Goals

1. Increase Access to Safe, Affordable Housing
2. Use Best Practices to Deliver Tailored Supportive Services to Meet Individual Needs
3. Build a Collective Action Plan; Improve Data Sharing
4. Strengthen Support System Available to Help Residents Obtain and Maintain Housing
5. Build Provider Capacity to Address the Needs to Specific Populations
Phase 1 detail

- **Increase Access to Safe, Affordable Housing**
  - Increase supply of affordable housing; Additional housing subsidies; Increase available funding for housing and services; Expand shelter system and create low-barrier options; Build partnerships with landlords and property managers.

- **Use Best Practices**
  - Implement Housing First; Engage in Harm Reduction; Provide Trauma-Informed Care; Expand supportive services; Connect people to ‘mainstream’ services.

- **Build a Collective Action Plan; Improve Data Sharing**
  - Craft a collective response; Improve data collection; Implement open HMIS; Improve data sharing with medical and behavioral health care providers.

- **Strengthen Support System Available to Help Residents Obtain and Maintain Housing**
  - Improve prevention and diversion; Create flexible funding source administered through CES; Reach out to the hard-to-reach.

- **Build Provider Capacity to Address Needs of Specific Populations**
  - Domestic Violence survivors; Families with children; Those living in vehicles; Veterans; Youth; Those with serious mental health needs; Children with serious emotional disturbance.
1. Moving from planning to action
2. County has contracted with LeSar Development Consultants to assist in creating Phase 2 Plan
3. 3 day site visit to gather input from key groups and stakeholders
4. Develop an operational work plan with specific steps, responsible parties, and funding needed
Who else are we gathering input from?

- Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, Lompoc
- Elected officials
- Service providers
- Law enforcement
- Faith-based communities
- People with lived experience
- Business community
- Public agencies
- Etc.
Time for YOUR input!

Guided Discussion
Guiding Questions

• What do you believe are challenges for people with very low incomes to access housing?

• What are challenges for those experiencing homelessness?

• What has been successful?
Guiding Questions

• What role do you see a group like this playing in implementing a broad community plan to address homelessness?

• Whose voice is not represented today that you think should be represented?
Closing Remarks

1. Summary

2. Next Steps
Next steps

• Aggregate and summarize stakeholder input
• Cross-reference with current plan
• Identify opportunities for policy and program updates
• Set community goals
New State Funding Update
Quick overview of Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Funding and Update

- Increase the supply of housing for households at or below 60% of area median income
- Increase assistance to affordable owner-occupied workforce housing
- Assist persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness
- Facilitate housing affordability, particularly for lower- and moderate-income households
- Promote projects and programs to meet the local government’s unmet share of regional housing needs allocation
- Ensure geographic equity in the distribution of the funds

Your input and questions
• Quick overview of HHAP & Update
  • One-time block grant established in 2019-20 Budget
  • Provides local jurisdictions with funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address their immediate homelessness challenges
  • Funding available to continuums, cities and counties
  • Requires a demonstration how they have coordinated with other jurisdictions to identify their share of the regional need to address homelessness, and how the requested funds will help meet the jurisdiction’s share of that need
  • Mandate that at least 8% of the allocation MUST be used to establish or expand programs to meet the needs of youth experiencing homelessness
  • Does not require a crisis shelter declaration to be a direct recipient of HHAP funds

• Your input and questions
Thank You!

Questions?