Regional Task Force on the Homeless San Diego Continuum of Care

Western Intergovernmental Audit Forum on Homelessness – The Problems, Programs and Oversight Challenges and Opportunities

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HUD Continuum of Care (CoC)

The CoC Program is designed to:

- Promote a community-wide commitment to the goal to end homelessness;
- Provide funding for efforts to quickly re-house individuals and families who are homeless which minimizes the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness;
- Promote access to and effective use of mainstream programs;
- Optimize self-sufficiency among homeless individuals and families

CoC have Planning Responsibilities:

- Coordinate the implementation of a housing and service system within its geographic area
- Conduct a Point-in-Time count of homeless persons, at least biennially
- Conduct an annual gaps analysis
- Provide information required to complete the Consolidated Plan(s)
- Consult with Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) recipients regarding the allocation of ESG funds and the evaluation of the performance of ESG recipients and subrecipients

Coordinated Strategic Planning Involvement

- CoC collaborative application for regional homeless services funding
- Consolidated Plans HUD requirement
- City/County/Community plans that address homelessness
- Regional Planning across Federal, State, and all other funding sources:
 - Data informed, Addresses need and Identifies population served, Strengthen infrastructure, Outcomes are Housing Focused, Priority Driven
 - Identifies funding source eligible activities, performance indicators and measures and importantly that efforts show efficient and effective utilization and coordination

Area of coordination around Homelessness

- Human Services, Low Income Housing, Public Housing Authorities, Education (secondary and higher), Employment, General Assistance Programs, Non profit, Religious Organizations and Foundations
- Transportation, Public and Private Health, Public Safety, Law Enforcement, Sanitation, Emergency Services, Criminal Justice
- Sub-populations specific resources- Veterans, Youth, Seniors, LGBTQ, Domestic Violence, Families, Chronic homeless

San Diego City/County CoC Point in Time count

2018 WeAllCount Totals

Sheltered Unsheltered

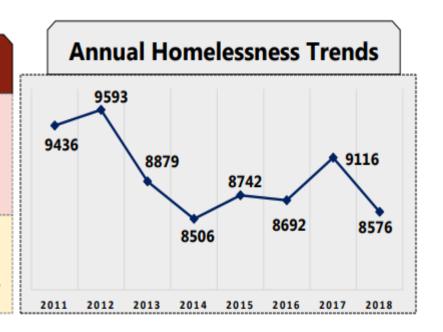
3,586
An increase of 3% since 2017.

A decrease of 11% since 2017.

8,576

Total homeless counted in the 2018 WeAllCount.

A decrease of 6% since 2017.



How we coordinate services focus on a sub-population/need

Homelessness Demographics











43%
Reported having a chronic health condition.

43%
Reported instances of mental health issues.

43% Reported having a physical disability. **63%**Reported being homeless for longer than one year.

74%

Reported becoming homeless in San Diego.











75%

Have been in jail, prison, or juvenile hall. 1,312

Of the total population are veterans.

813

Of the total population are youth under the age of 24.

2,171

Of the total population are chronically homeless.

60%

Reported accessing Free Meal services.

Accountability and Performance

- Use of National Best Practices Proven strategy to coordinate care
- Shared measure and metrics across funding sources
- Written standards for homeless services delivery, performance indicators and measures, program definitions
- Overall reduction in numbers experiencing homelessness and increase in retaining housing

Oversight challenges- opportunities

- Multiple Definitions around homelessness and funding sources
- Matching funds which funds can be matched?
- Inputting data into multiple required systems
 - Privacy polices
 - Different data collected, different service titles
- Time and Activity with coordinated care services challenge of what services are eligible and billable to what funding source
- Using data to determine unduplicated numbers served, indicators effected, measures achieved, how service delivered impact outcomes

What future funding coordination looks like:

- HYDP HUD grant 7.94 M San Diego CoC 2yrs
- Requires involvement of:
 - Homeless Youth services Providers, Public Health, Child Welfare, Public Assistance, Homeless School Liaison, Foster Care, Juvenile Justice, Higher Education, Employment, Domestic Violence Providers, General Assistance, etc.
- A big part of the grant is youth involvement. More funding sources are requiring client voice and choice in the process and have it documented.

Questions?

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