

HOMELESS WORKSHOP PRESENTATION

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Introduction

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Report Back on Homeless Issue

- ❑ Series of Presentations
- ❑ Broad and Specific
- ❑ Requires Policy Considerations

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The Challenge: Homelessness in Sacramento

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- ❑ 2,800 homeless persons in Sacramento region
- ❑ Three types
 - Temporary (81%); Episodic (9%); Chronic (10%)
- ❑ Common causes/Unique 'Face'
 - Family (divorce, domestic violence, child abuse)
 - Health (mental disability, medical condition, crisis pregnancy, substance abuse)
 - Economic (job loss, foreclosure)

The Challenge: Declining Resources

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- ❑ Local government funding declining
 - County resources run out in June 2011
- ❑ Administration of \$28 M in jeopardy
- ❑ Shelter facilities are not fully utilized
- ❑ Federal stimulus funding is limited
- ❑ Growing demand for match funding
- ❑ Need for partnerships

The Response: A Work in Progress

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- ❑ Ten Year Plan generated positive momentum
 - Chronic homelessness down 35%
 - 1,900 homeless families to permanent housing in the first three years of plan
- ❑ Private and Faith based communities step up
- ❑ But several challenges remain
 - Economic uncertainty
 - Gaps and inefficiencies in support services
 - Uncertain long-term funding streams
 - Lack of region-wide coordination

Overview of Presentation

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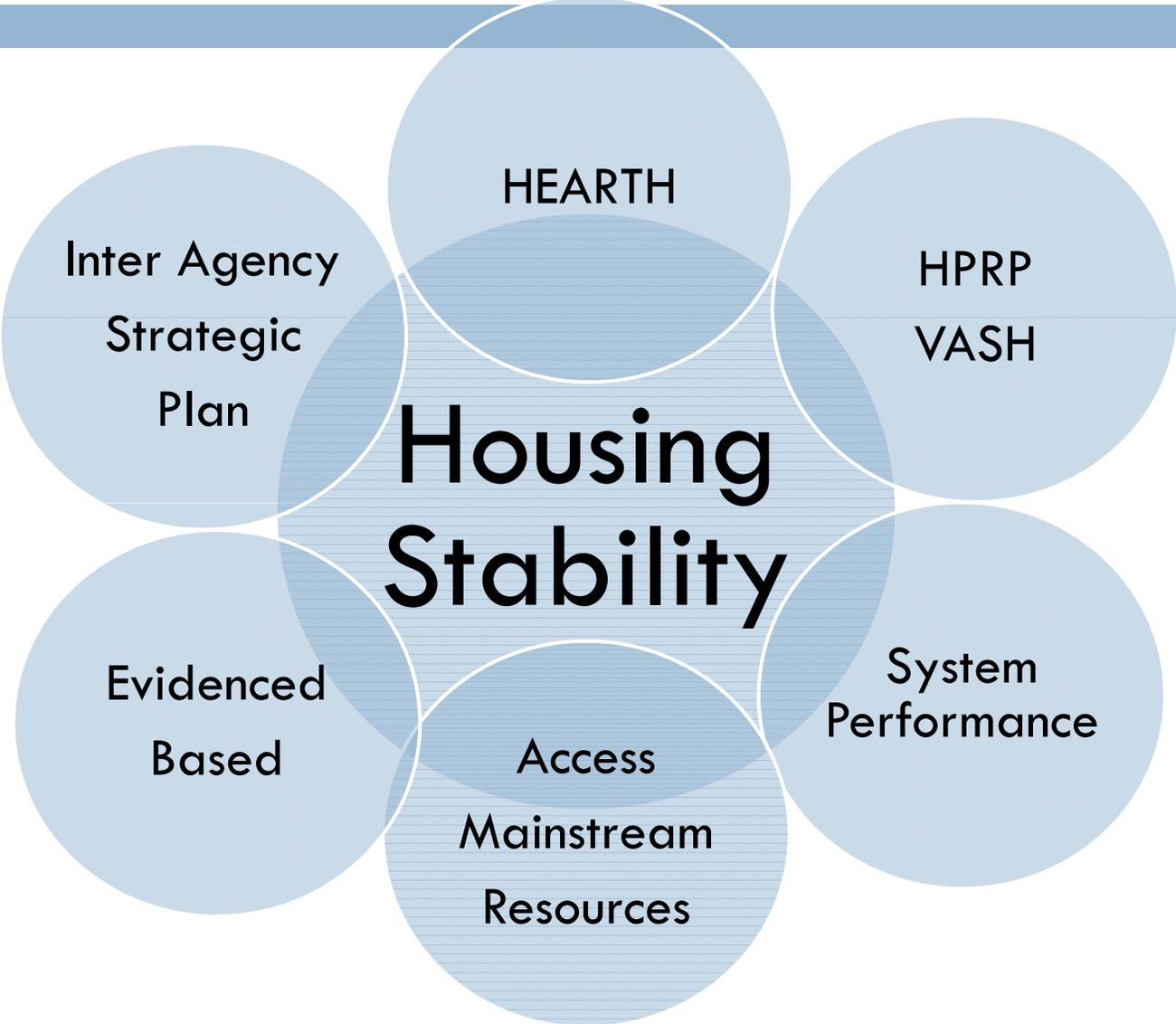
- ❑ Federal Perspective
- ❑ Sacramento Steps Forward Goals and Principles
- ❑ Progress within our Local Homeless System
- ❑ Stepping Stone Model
- ❑ Land Use Planning Process for Model
- ❑ Policy Considerations

Policy Considerations for Short Term Homeless Programs

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- ❑ *Shelter Capacity* - Is there support for additional capacity or alternative approaches to temporary shelter?
- ❑ *Land Use* - Are there additional considerations with Temporary Residential Shelter or beyond to process new ideas?
- ❑ *Resources Allocation*- What level of public participation is anticipated in short term programs?

Federal Perspective



Federal Goals

New Performance Measures

- ❑ Reduce time families remain homeless (under 30 days)
- ❑ Reduce recidivism rate (5% target)
- ❑ Reduce the number of people who become homeless
- ❑ Reduce the number of people who are homeless overall

Sacramento Steps Forward

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Permanent Housing

- ❑ Permanent housing for 2,400 homeless individuals and families, moving people to housing as rapidly as they are ready.

Services

- ❑ Provide a safety net and pathways to ensure that all homeless individuals and families transition to permanent housing.

Funding

- ❑ Fully fund the permanent housing and services needed to end homelessness.

Advocacy

- ❑ Build the community will—throughout the region—to fully support the permanent housing and services needed to end homelessness.

Accountability

- ❑ Continuously evaluate and optimize the permanent housing and services needed to end homelessness.

Sacramento Steps Forward Principles

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Empowerment



Regional



Sustainability



Business Principles



National Model

Process Toward Eliminating Homelessness

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**2007-09: 34% decrease in Chronic Homeless;
14% increase Overall Homeless**

2009
Homeless Count

Chronic
468 people

Other
2,332 people

2009-10
Additional
Capacity

PSH units: 71
VASH Voucher: 70
Total : 141

HPRP:
Prevention: **2,076**
Homeless: **1,214**

2011
Anticipated

PSH units: 279
VASH voucher: 70
Total : 349

HPRP:
Prevention: **989**
Homeless: **1,127**

Winter Shelter

2010-2011

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Families w/Children

Singles/Couples w/o Children

100 Beds

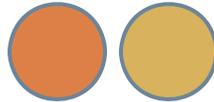
Nomadic Faith Based Shelter



Participating Churches:
Confirmed: 7
In Process: 7
Recruitment is on-going

50 beds

Existing Shelters
(507)
HPRP (200-250)



VOA (25 beds)
SAEHC (25 beds)
HPRP (200-250 households)

50 beds

Motel Vouchers



+ Elderly
+ Disabled

Administered by
SAEHC

Stepping Stones Concept

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Vision

- ❑ Safe, sustainable, innovative approach based on successful models
- ❑ Step toward permanent housing

Concept

- ❑ 60-70 residents
- ❑ Small living structures w/shared kitchen, bathroom and meeting facilities
- ❑ Single adults, clean and sober, empowerment plan
- ❑ Managed by non-profit with good neighbor policies and security

Planning Process

Temporary Residential Shelter

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- ❑ Existing process
- ❑ Requires a special permit in most cases
- ❑ Special Permit review includes:
 - location criteria
 - development standards
 - public outreach
 - public hearing

Progress To Date

The Stepping Stone Model

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- ❑ Publicly owned vacant sites provided to SafeGround development team
- ❑ SafeGround issued RFP requesting sites
- ❑ City met with team to review zoning options
- ❑ Follow-up meeting in November to discuss land use approaches

Policy Considerations for Short Term Homeless Programs

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- ❑ **Shelter Capacity** - Is there support for additional capacity or alternative approach to temporary shelter?
 - Considerations: expansion of options; guiding principles; minimum standards; permanent versus temporary
- ❑ **Land Use** - Are there additional considerations with Temporary Residential Shelter or beyond to process new approaches?
 - Considerations: existing requirements; guiding principles; basic design criteria; preferred building types; local control
- ❑ **Resources** - What level of public participation is anticipated in short term programs?
 - Considerations: public land disposition; capital/operating funding; facilitation; impact on long term; criteria

Next Steps



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- ❑ Continue to facilitate SafeGround through planning process
- ❑ Return to Council in December on structure
- ❑ Report back to Council on specific considerations
- ❑ Other