



Contra
Costa
County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Date: June 8, 2021
Subject: Continuum of Care for the Homeless Status Report

RECOMMENDATION(S):

RECEIVE a quarterly status report on the Continuum of Care Plan for the Homeless, as recommended by the Family and Human Services Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NA

BACKGROUND:

On May 24, 2021, the Family and Human Services Committee received a report from staff on the status of the Continuum of Care Plan for the Homeless. The report is attached. The committee voted to add the item to the consent agenda for a Board of Supervisors' Meeting. The Board received a previous annual report on December 10, 2019.

On November 2014, the Board approved "Forging Ahead Towards Preventing and Ending Homelessness: An Update to Contra Costa's 2004 Strategic Plan", that renewed the County's 2004 plan with the latest data, best practices, and community feedback and reaffirmed the County's commitment to the Housing First approach. As such, "Forging Ahead" establishes this guiding principle: "Homelessness is first a housing issue, and

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RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/08/2021** APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: June 8, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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necessary supports and services are critical to help people remain housed. Our system must be nimble and

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

flexible enough to respond through shared responsibility, accountability, and transparency of the community.” The Strategic Plan Update identifies two goals: 1) Decrease the length of time people experience homelessness by focusing on providing Permanent Housing and Services and; 2) Decrease the percentage of people who become homeless by providing Prevention activities. To achieve these goals, three strategies emerged: Implement a coordinated entry/assessment system to streamline access to housing and services while addressing barriers, getting the right resources to the right people at the right time; Use best, promising , and most effective practices to give the consumer the best possible experience through the strategic use of resources; and Develop the most effective platforms to provide access, support advocacy, and connect to the community about homelessness and available resources. The Homeless Program of the Health, Housing and Homeless Services Division partners with the Homeless Advisory Board and Continuum of Care to develop and carry out an annual action plan that identifies the objectives and benchmarks related to each of the goals and strategies of Forging Ahead. Further, the Homeless Program incorporates the strategic plan goals into its own delivery system of comprehensive services, interim housing and permanent supportive housing as well as contracting with community agencies to provide additional homeless services and housing with the goal of ending homelessness in our community.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

NA

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

NA

ATTACHMENTS

Q1 Report on Status of CoC Plan for the Homeless