



Contra
Costa
County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Date: June 7, 2022

Subject: Council on Homelessness 2022 Quarter 1 Report

RECOMMENDATION(S):

ACCEPT the 2022 Quarter 1 Report from the Council on Homelessness, as recommended by the Family and Human Services Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

BACKGROUND:

Health, Housing and Homeless Services Division staffs the Council on Homelessness, which functions as both an advisory board to the Board of Supervisors and the governing board of the Contra Costa County Homeless Continuum of Care.

In 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:

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/07/2022** ☒ 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 7, 2022

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

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Homelessness is first a housing issue, and necessary supports and services are critical to help people remain housed. Our system must be nimble and 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.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

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; and
- 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.

The Council is submitting a 2022 Quarter 1 report with updates on the homeless Continuum of Care and work of the Council on Homelessness, as well as recommendations for the Board of Supervisors from the Council on Homelessness Advisory Body. Please see the attached Homeless Continuum of Care 2022 Quarter 1 report for updates, which also solicits encouraging interdepartmental collaboration and community partnerships to facilitate accomplishment of the Regional Action Plan goal of reducing unsheltered homelessness by 75% by 2024.

On May 23, 2022, the Family and Human Services Committee accepted the 2022 Quarter 1 report from the Council on Homelessness and directed staff to forward the report to the Board of Supervisors for its information.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Board of Supervisors will not receive the information included in the 2022 Quarter 1 report from the Council on Homelessness.

ATTACHMENTS

Council on Homelessness 2022 Quarter 1 Report