

Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health



# Draft Housing Plan

September – October, 2018

# Funding opportunity No Place Like Home

- Governor Brown signed legislation on July 1, 2016 to dedicate \$2 billion to develop **permanent supportive housing** for persons who are in need of mental health services and are experiencing homelessness
- **Counties** will be eligible applicants (either solely or with a housing development sponsor)
- **RUHS - Behavioral Health** will submit applications following the model of care established under its existing **permanent supportive housing program**

# Program guidelines

- Housing is specifically for **homeless, chronically homeless, or at risk of chronic homelessness** adults with serious mental illness, or children with severe emotional disorders and their families
- Housing must utilize **low barrier tenant selection practices** that prioritize **vulnerable populations** and offer **flexible, voluntary, and individualized supportive services**
- Utilizes **Housing First** model and follows evidence-based practices

# Program guidelines

- Counties must commit to provide **mental health services** and help coordinate access to **other community-based supportive services**
- Counties must develop a **Housing Plan** that specifies goals, strategies and activities to reduce homelessness and make it non-recurring
- Housing Plan may be based on a **recently developed county-wide plan** and must include **input from community stakeholders**
- Riverside County Board of Supervisor adopted **county-wide strategic plan to address homelessness in January 2018**

# Guiding principles

- Funding for communities with NPLH housing must be **equitably distributed across Riverside County** and the **3 behavioral health service delivery regions**
- Development partners and operators must demonstrate **experience and competency** in serving behavioral health consumers
- Communities will include a cohort of about **20 behavioral health consumers** living in units that are scattered across an affordable housing community who will be supported by **on-site behavioral health staff**

# Guiding principles

- Emphasis placed on **behavioral health services and programs provided on-site** and/or easily accessible for residents at off-site locations
- Applications must promote **on-site integration of services** and demonstrate effective **collaboration and partnerships** with community-based providers and agencies
- Applications must show **efficient use of funding** and **effective leverage of other resources**, including housing vouchers

# Involvement of stakeholders

- **Community input for Housing Plan** is needed from all of the following:
  - ✓ County representatives from **behavioral health, public health, probation/criminal justice, social services and housing**
  - ✓ **County Continuum of Care**
  - ✓ **Housing and homeless services providers**
  - ✓ **County health plans, community clinics and health centers**
  - ✓ **Public housing authorities**
  - ✓ **Consumers of behavioral health services** and Representatives of **family caregivers of persons living with serious mental illness**

# Development of County-wide Housing Plan

- Drawn from **Riverside County data** across multiple departments/agencies/disciplines
  - ✓ Action Plan developed by Executive Office Committee on Homelessness (EOCH) - January 2018
  - ✓ Riverside County Point-in-Time Homeless Count and Survey – May 2018
  - ✓ Behavioral Health, Public Health, DPSS
  - ✓ Detention and criminal justice system



# ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY

The Riverside County Executive Oversight Committee on Homelessness (EOCH) includes the following partner agencies:

Code Enforcement Department  
Department of Animal Services  
Department of Public Social Services  
Economic Development Agency  
Office of County Counsel  
Housing Authority  
Probation Department  
Riverside County Executive Office  
Riverside County Sheriff  
Riverside University Health System (RUHS)  
RUHS-Department of Behavioral Health  
RUHS-Population Health  
RUHS-Public Health

The 2017 Point-in-Time Homeless County and Survey identified over 2,400 homeless individuals in Riverside County. To more effectively address the needs of the homeless, the Riverside County Executive Oversight Committee on Homelessness (EOCH) developed this action plan to provide a comprehensive set of 23 recommendations to end homelessness through:

- ✚ **PREVENTION**
- ✚ **COLLABORATION and COORDINATION**
- ✚ **RAPID HOUSING PLACEMENT**



# EOCH Action Plan Goals and Strategies

- Goals
  - ✓ **Prevent** homelessness among at-risk homeless
  - ✓ **End** homelessness among those living on the streets, in shelters and transitional housing programs
  - ✓ **Ensure funding** for coordinated system to prevent and end homelessness

# EOCH Action Plan Goals and Strategies

- Strategies
  - ✓ **Improve** system coordination
  - ✓ **Increase** housing resources
  - ✓ **Increase** outreach & navigation
  - ✓ **Increase** supportive services

# ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY

## *Evidence Based Recommendations*

**2018**

### SYSTEM COORDINATION

- A1 Design and Implement a Homeless Prevention System
- A2 Develop a Coordinated Discharge Planning System
- A3 Develop and Implement a Homeless Prevention and Awareness Campaign
- B1 Create a Fully Functional Home Connect (Coordinated Entry) System
- B2 Implement a Community-Wide Housing First and Low Barrier Approach
- B5 Develop a First Responders Training Program
- C1 Conduct Funding Analysis

### HOUSING RESOURCES

- A4 Create a Shelter Diversion System
- A5 Develop Affordable Housing and Improve Affordability

### OUTREACH & NAVIGATION

- B9 Create a Housing Search and Capacity Building Team
- B10 Expand Street Outreach within the Housing Crisis Response System
- B11 Expand Housing Navigation within the Housing Crisis Response System

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### SYSTEM COORDINATION

- B3 Establish a Countywide Homeless Court Program
- B4 Develop a Protocol Focused on Proactive Strategies to End the Cycle of Homelessness

### HOUSING RESOURCES

- B6 Increase the Supply of Bridge Housing
- B7 Increase the Supply of Permanent Supportive Housing
- B8 Increase Rapid Rehousing Assistance

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### SYSTEM COORDINATION

- C2 Create a Regional Funders' Collaborative

### HOUSING RESOURCES

- B15 Enhance CalWORKs Subsidized Employment Program for Homeless Families

### SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- B12 Increase the Number of Home-Based Care Managers
- B13 Increase Supportive Services
- B14 Enhance Community Partnerships to Increase Employment Opportunities
- B16 Improve Access to Health Care and Mainstream Benefits



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# Riverside County Homeless Count & Survey Report

May 31, 2018

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# Point-in-Time Homeless Count

*Table 8: Unsheltered Homeless Count - Primary Reasons for Becoming Homeless*

Primary Reasons for Becoming Homeless	Unsheltered Totals				2017-2018	
	2017		2018		Count Change	Percent Change
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent		
Unemployment	347	33%	<b>358</b>	<b>31%</b>	11	3%
Lack of income for housing	288	27%	<b>385</b>	<b>34%</b>	97	34%
Fleeing domestic violence	44	4%	<b>54</b>	<b>5%</b>	10	23%
Discharged from medical institution	31	3%	<b>21</b>	<b>2%</b>	-10	-32%
Discharged from jail or prison	79	8%	<b>89</b>	<b>8%</b>	10	13%
Mental Illness	84	8%	<b>81</b>	<b>7%</b>	-3	-4%
Runaway/left home	69	7%	<b>67</b>	<b>6%</b>	-2	-3%
Other	368	35%	<b>402</b>	<b>35%</b>	34	9%

# Point-in-Time Homeless Count

*Table 12: Unsheltered Homeless Count - Age*

Age Comparison			2017		2018		2017-2018
Age Range	Interview	Observational	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Percent Difference
0-5	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	-
17 or under	4	0	15	0.92%	4	0.24%	-73.33%
18-24	132	43	178	10.87%	177	10.50%	-0.56%
25-49	586	224	816	49.82%	808	47.95%	-0.98%
50-61	325	72	403	24.60%	397	23.56%	-1.49%
62-69	86	32	104	6.35%	118	7.00%	13.46%
70-79	22	2	13	0.79%	24	1.42%	84.62%
80+	3	0	6	0.37%	3	0.18%	-50.00%
(blank)	81	73	103	6.29%	154	9.14%	49.51%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1239</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>1638</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1685</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2.87%</b>

# Point-in-Time Homeless Count

Table 16: Unsheltered Homeless Count - Additional Subpopulations

Subpopulation	2017		2018		2017-2018	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count Change	Percent Change
Chronically Homeless	341	30.23%	387	31.44%	46	13.49%
Families with Children	3	0.29%	4	0.32%	1	33.33%
Alcohol Use	291	25.80%	273	22.18%	-18	-6.19%
Drug Use	461	40.87%	486	39.48%	25	5.42%
PTSD	268	25.52%	300	24.37%	32	11.94%
Mental Health Conditions	309	27.39%	321	26.08%	12	3.88%
Physical Disability	362	34.48%	403	32.74%	41	11.33%
Developmental Disability	135	11.97%	141	11.45%	6	4.44%
Brain Injury	212	20.19%	204	16.57%	-8	-3.77%
Victim of Domestic Violence*	282	25.00%	97	7.88%	-185	-65.60%
AIDS or HIV	21	1.86%	20	1.62%	-1	-4.76%
<b>TOTAL</b> (multiple subpopulations per individual are allowed)	<b>2685</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2636</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-49</b>	<b>-1.82%</b>



# Point-in-Time Homeless Count

## *PIT Count Findings Summary*

### Overall Count

- Identified 1,685 unsheltered and 631 sheltered homeless people (total = 2,316) in Riverside County, California. The total PIT Count decreased by 3.7% from 2017 to 2018.

### *Reasons for Becoming Homeless*

- Two most common reasons cited for becoming homeless is lack of income for housing (34%) and unemployment (31%) with significantly more (34%) individuals reporting lack of income in 2018 than in 2017.
- More than half (67%) of unsheltered homeless individuals are men (n = 1131) and one-third (29%) of these individuals are female (n=488).

# Additional community resources

NPLH Guidelines expect ongoing coordinated planning and non-duplication of efforts to maximize efficiency and equal access to housing that will involve, among others,

- HUD Continuum of Care
- Coordinated Entry System
- Community partners and providers

# Outreach for plan development

Stakeholder Perspectives	Presentation Forums
Hospitals/Health Care Providers	HASC - Inland Empire
Law Enforcement	RUHS - BH Commission Criminal Justice Committee
HUD Board of Governance	Continuum of Care
HUD Continuum of Care	Continuum of Care
RUHS Stakeholders	RUHS - BH Commission
	Housing Committee
	Adult System of Care Committee
	Older Adult System of Care Committee
	Children System of Care
Cities	CVAG
	WRCOG
Ethnic Cultural Disparities	RUHS Cultural Competency Reducing Disparities Committee
Family Stakeholders	NAMI Western Riverside
	NAMI Mid-County (Mt. San Jacinto and Hemet)

RUHS – BH will also outreach to homeless services partners in law enforcement, health care and cities to ensure they are aware of the NPLH planning effort and have an opportunity to contribute to the process.

# Ongoing public participation

- Each proposed project will be presented to RUHS – BH community stakeholder committees and will be circulated on social media will RUHS – BH website prior to submission for funding

# Ongoing project management

- RUHS – BH will serve as lead agency and will work with housing development sponsors to develop funding applications
- Ongoing collaboration with California Department of Housing and Community Development to satisfy compliance requirements

# Obtaining information and providing comment

- **[www.rcdmh.org/Administration/NPLH](http://www.rcdmh.org/Administration/NPLH)**
- [NPLHFeedback@rcmhd.org](mailto:NPLHFeedback@rcmhd.org)
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