

*A Collaboration to Provide and  
Improve Care for Homeless  
Persons*



Public Health Department  
Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services  
Department of Social Services

# Current Homeless Services

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- Together in Fiscal Year 2009-10, County departments provided:
  - More than \$7,900,000 in funding annually
  - More than 640 hours per week
- County grid reflects the specific programs and services supported with County funding and staff
- Collaborated on *Vulnerability Index & Point-in-Time count* to identify those most in need of services



# Facilitating Referrals

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- Coordination between PHD and ADMHS to assist the homeless people with physical health and mental health needs is being improved by:



- Clinician to clinician communication regarding specific patients
- Referrals through identified persons/entry points

# Collaborating to Secure Benefits

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- Efficiency in securing benefits for people who are homeless is being increased by:

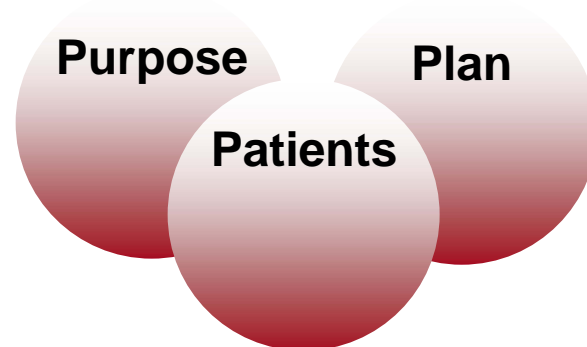


- Developing a common Release of Information form for all 3 departments
- Designating roles across agencies for this function

# Process Improvements

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- Include ADMHS in quarterly HCH meetings
- Ask patients about other county providers
- Inform other departments upon completion of Release of Information form
- Provide training to PHD clinicians
- Clarify expectations across referrals



# Bringing Our Community Home



10 Year Plan to End  
Chronic Homelessness in  
Santa Barbara County

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Bringing Our  
Community Home

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# Overview / History

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- **Problem**
  - The chronically homeless represent ~10% of the homeless population yet use ~50% of resources
- **Planning for a Solution**
  - 2005: Residents form plan to end chronic homelessness
    - Board of Supervisors, Mayors, and City Councils adopt the plan
  - 2007: Plan is implemented
- **Bringing Our Community Home (BOCH)**
  - Based on a “Housing First Model”





# Permanent Supportive Housing

- 2007 : El Carrillo, *Santa Barbara*
- 2008 : Recovery Way Home, *Lompoc*
- 2009 : Homebase on G, *Lompoc*
- 2011 : Artisan Court, *Santa Barbara*
- 2011 : Rancho Hermosa, *Santa Maria*
- 2011 : Casa de Familia, *Santa Maria*
- 2012 : Good Samaritan Duplex, *SM*



# Direct Services and Workshops

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- BOCH Prevention Programs connect the Homeless with Resources
- Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-Housing Program, Homeless Inmate Jail Discharge Program, Warming Shelter Program



- BOCH annual workshops bring developers and service providers together

# Point-In-Time Count

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- Required by HUD bi-annually for local continuums of Care (CoC)
- Focus: to understand the number and characteristics of the local homeless population
- Vulnerability Index
  - Provides comprehensive data about the homeless
  - Allows for utilization of the “Common Ground Model” to connect homeless persons with services and housing
- Family Vulnerability Index
  - Captures data on chronically homeless families
  - SB County among the first in the country to use the index

# Point-In-Time Count

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## Preliminary results

- 1,023 Individual Vulnerability Surveys
- 119 Family Vulnerability Surveys
- Approximately 80% of individuals approached participated in the survey



*Homelessness is on the rise*

# Additional Homeless Data

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- **SM Bonita School District**
  - 13,572 total student body
  - 2,777 students identified as homeless or doubled up (20.4%)
- **Orcutt Union School District**
  - 4,766 total student body
  - 450 students identified as homeless (9%)
- **Santa Maria Jr. High School District**
  - 7,604 total student body
  - 557 students identified as homeless or doubled up (7%)



# BOCH: Future Work

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- Use data from the Point-In-Time Count to reassess plan and target population

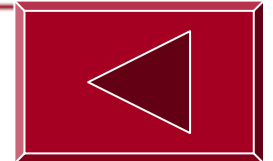


- Continue to work with community stakeholders to eliminate chronic homelessness and prevent morbidity amongst the homeless
- Seek continued funding for support services, homeless programs and housing projects

# Progress Made

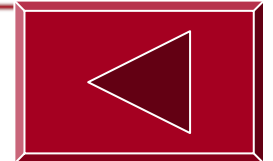
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- 2007 : El Carrillo, Santa Barbara
  - Built by the City of SB Housing Authority
  - 61 units
  - 100% designated as permanent housing for chronically homeless
- 2008: Recovery Way Home, Lompoc
  - 6 beds for adult residential detox
  - 32 beds for perinatal women & children needing residential drug and alcohol treatment
- 2009: Homebase on G, Lompoc
  - Managed by the County of Santa Barbara Housing Authority
- 2011 : Artisan Court, Santa Barbara
  - in development by City of SB Housing Authority
  - 27 units (50%) designated to the homeless



# Progress Made

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- 2011: Rancho Hermosa, Santa Maria
  - Developed by the County of SB Housing Authority
- 2011: Casa de Familia, Santa Maria
  - To be developed by Good Samaritan Shelter
  - 16 unit project; 100% for permanent homeless housing
- 2012 : Good Samaritan Duplex, Santa Maria
  - In development. Purchased by the City of SM
  - Provides permanent housing for 2 homeless families
  - To be operated by Good Samaritan Shelter