

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

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A New Model of Collaboration:

Proposed Restructuring of
BOCH, Common Ground,
Homeless Advisory
Committees

Background

- 2006 BOS approved BOCH: 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness
- 2007 South Coast Homeless Advisory Committee formalized and expanded to Lompoc and Santa Maria
- Common Ground SB mobilizes over 500 volunteers for 2011 Point in Time and administers Vulnerability Index
- 2010/11 Grand Jury Report: no central, coordinated entity for mentally ill, indigent, homeless jail recidivists
- 2012 US Interagency Council on Homelessness recommends cross sector collaboration, strategic planning and best practices to address homelessness and jail recidivism

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Current Model

- BOCH Ten Year Plan
- Common Ground SB Campaign
- Homeless Advisory Committees
- Unaffiliated Community Action Groups
- Public & Nonprofit Service Agencies
- Uncoordinated efforts= isolated impacts
- Various government departments with County and City staff participation

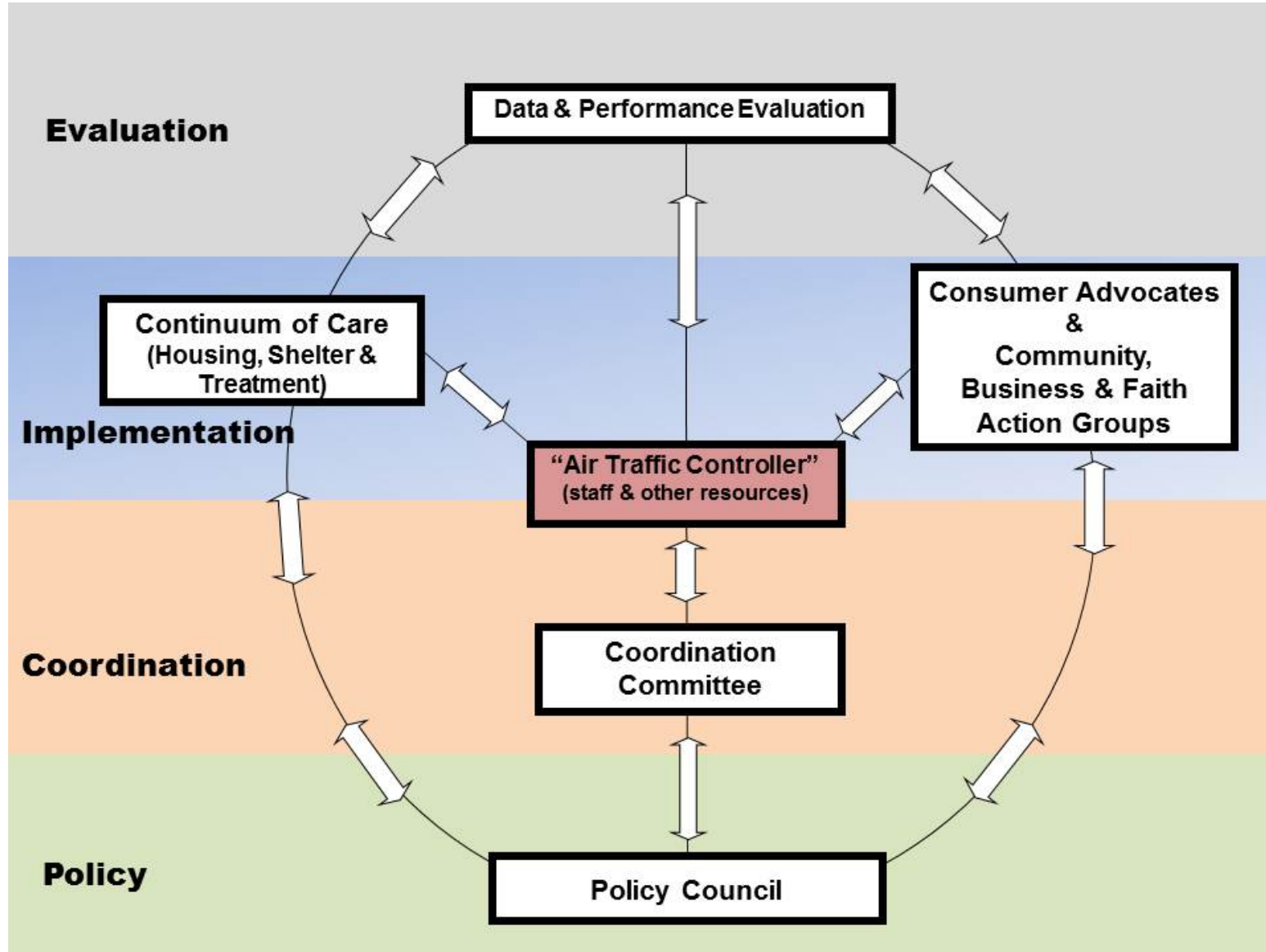
Proposed Model

- **Creates “Policy Council”** of Elected Officials to direct cost effective & efficient response
- **Creates “Coordination Committee”** of Key Leaders who set program & funding priorities
- **Empowers “Community Action Groups”** to participate in solutions
- Encourages **collaboration between service providers**
- **Facilitated** by **independent “Homeless Coordinator”** & support staff who **report to Coordination Committee**
- **Phased approach** to employ new strategies.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- Policy Setting
- Coordination
- Funding & Implementation
- Evaluation & Performance

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A New Model of Collaboration The County Role

Policy

- Representation by Board of Supervisors
- Participate in setting policy and priorities

Coordination

- Participation of CEO's Office - ACEO & Dept Execs
- Internal coordination and allocation of existing resources
- *Homelessness is sentinel issue for IAPC & Dept Head debrief*
- *County Department Heads - Expertise*

Implementation

- Continuum of Care (HUD)
- County Departments (treatment, services, housing, grants etc.)
- Delivery & facilitation of Data gathering & analysis (HMIS)

Evaluation

- HMIS – Enhance decision making, performance & outcomes
- “Point in time count” (HUD)
- Comprehensive approach/ Link to existing efforts
- Focus on continuous improvement

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Recommended Actions

- A. Receive a report about the potential merger of Bringing Our Community Home: the Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness (BOCH, Common Ground and the County Homeless Advisory Committee(s);

- B. Direct the CEO to return with a plan to implement the County's support for the new collaborative structure for the 2012/13 fiscal year.