



HOMELESSNESS ACTION COUNCIL THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2016 MEETING SUMMARY

You may access the [April 2016 HAC Meeting handouts by clicking this here](#).

Coordinated Access System Recommendation

- Council members reviewed the Implementation Workgroup's Coordinated Access System recommendation. Since January, the Implementation Workgroups have worked to develop a plan to implement a Coordinated Access System (CAS). Various aspects to the CAS were discussed, including developing multi-sector engagement and assessment teams, developing agreements to coordinate access to housing and supportive services among multiple providers, and developing a single-site access center. After group discussion and questions for clarifications, the HAC unanimously endorsed the recommendation. Work is underway with key homelessness services providers and partners already providing services to start to align efforts under this new Coordinated Access System Model. The Implementation Workgroup will continue to meet and provide overall strategy direction and timelines for on-going implementation. You can find more information about the [CAS by clicking this link](#).

Neighborhood Engagement Training (Pilot)

- Kevin Carroll presented an update on the emerging training to help neighborhood and other sector leaders learn best practices about engaging people who are struggling with homelessness. This new training, developed by community leaders across the county, will provide education, practical skills, and resources for neighborhood leaders and residents to engage and effectively address issues of homelessness in their community. We will test this training with a group of neighborhood leaders in late April. At this session, participants will be asked to provide input into the content, and invited to work with the training team to further develop the training as needed. Space is limited, so please [click here to register for the training](#). After incorporating feedback from this test session, the plan is to offer this training broadly across the county in the coming months. If you are interested in learning more about this training for your neighborhood or community, please contact Ruben Imperial at (209) 525-6333 / imperialr@stancounty.com.

Housing Data

- Finally, we began to share some new data about households and families who may be at risk of homelessness. You can access the data slides from this presentation [by clicking this link](#). HAC Innovation workgroups will begin to meet in May to explore new housing models, and models for improving services and supports for people who struggle with, or are at risk of, homelessness. (See the next section).

Housing Action Council Innovation Workgroup

- At the HAC meeting, we announced New Ideas Workgroups with the aim of developing innovative strategies that align with the current four strategy areas: Coordinated Access, Engagement, Housing, and Supportive Services. For now, we'll be calling these workgroups HAC Innovation Workgroups. The purpose of these workgroups will be to review best practice/innovative models and determine which strategies may be feasible for implementation within a Coordinated Access System. The first workgroup scheduled for May 20, 2016, from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, will focus on "Housing: Developing new inventory for Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing." If you are interested in participating in this workgroup, [please click this link to register](#).

Next Homelessness Action Council Meeting in July

- The Next HAC meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2016, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, at the Sutter Education and Conference Center. To ensure adequate space, we're requesting meeting participants register using Eventbrite. Registration is not mandatory, and individuals will not be turned away if they do not register. However, if you can register and let us know you will attend that will be most helpful. [Click here to register](#) for the July 2016 HAC.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Focus on Prevention Faith Sector Summit: Engaging Faith Leaders in the Growing Movement to Strengthen our Families and Communities

- Join your fellow faith sector leaders from across Stanislaus County on May 18, 2016 for the Faith Sector Focus on Prevention Summit. At the Summit, faith sector leaders will hear about how the initiative has progressed thus far, and how the faith community can come alongside the Focus on Prevention efforts. You will also hear about the work of the Homelessness Action Council, and the recommended results, indicators and strategies to address homelessness in our County. We'll be discussing how the faith sector can join other sectors in addressing homelessness in our community. [Click here to register and more information](#).

Connecting for Good 2016: "From Idea to Action"

- Join us for the third annual Connecting for Good event and learn how to create solutions for problems that seem too big to solve. The 2016 Connecting for Good event will showcase the SMALLIFY Rapid Innovation Lab developed and presented by Dave Viotti. During the event, participants will create concepts that can be tested immediately with a goal of validating, iterating, and launching breakthrough solutions in months, rather than years. There is a \$35 fee to register for the full-day event, which includes lunch and snacks. [Click here to register](#).