STANISLAUS COUNTY FOCUS ON PREVENTION INITIATIVE
STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Thursday, February 4, 2016
TIME: 8:30 - 12:00 Noon
LOCATION: Center for Human Services • 2000 W Briggsmore Avenue • Suite I • Modesto CA

INTENTIONS:
- Explore and take formal action on the emerging plan to prevent homelessness
- Updates on larger movement
- Develop shared understanding of next steps

AGENDA

1. Opening session 8:30
   a. Welcome • Check-in
   b. Intentions for today

2. Exploring the emerging movement to prevent homelessness 8:40
   a. Overarching plan
   b. The emerging strategies
   c. Small group work • Large group discussion
   d. Formal action: Values • Results • Indicators • Overarching strategies

3. The larger movement
   a. Progress since December 2015
   b. In process • Next steps

4. Closing sessions
   a. Assessing today
   b. Final reflections

5. Adjourn for the day At or before 12:00
## Gradients of Agreement

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Center for Collective Wisdom
Opening session
Setting our intentions

Timeframe: 9:00 - 12:00 PM

Our intentions

- Continue work on overarching results and indicators
- Explore emerging plan for 2016 and beyond
- Receive an update on the movement to prevent homelessness
- Develop shared understanding of next steps
Understanding the complexity of homelessness
Unpacking the numbers with the HUD definition

Source: 2015 Stanislaus County Point-In-Time Count
Homelessness in Stanislaus and Neighboring Areas
Rate of unsheltered homeless persons per 100,000 residents

Stanislaus County: 373
Santa Clara County: 309
Merced County: 233
Kings & Tulare Counties: 63

Sources: HUD Exchange, 2014 CoC Homeless Populations and Subpopulations Reports • U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2013 3-Year American Community Survey
Stanislaus County figures based on 2015 PIT count.
Homelessness in Stanislaus County
Understanding the complexity of homelessness

Total # of homeless people in Stanislaus County: 1,408
Total # of unsheltered adults in Stanislaus County: 786
Total # of unsheltered adults in downtown areas in Stanislaus County: 567
Unsheltered and vagrant adults in downtown areas in Stanislaus County: 246
Unsheltered and vagrant adults in downtown areas in Stanislaus County who do not access the system of care: 173
Unsheltered and vagrant adults in downtown areas in Stanislaus County who actively refuse the system of care: 82

Source: 2015 Stanislaus County Point-in-Time Count
Homelessness in Stanislaus County
Geographic distribution of PIT count

Total Point-in-Time homeless count in 2015

Source: 2015 Stanislaus County Point-in-Time Count
Understanding the complexity of homelessness
One estimate of children and family members who are homeless or imminently homeless

6,899
# of children

12,076
# of family members

18,975
Total homeless or imminently homeless

Sources: 2014-15 Stanislaus County Office of Education Count • U.S. Census Bureau
Homelessness in Stanislaus County
Geographic distribution of children and family members who are homeless or imminently homeless

18,975
Total based on 2014-15 SCOE count

Source: 2014-15 Stanislaus County Office of Education Count • U.S. Census Bureau
Understanding the complexity of homelessness
Unpacking the numbers: One measure of scope

20,383
Beginning estimate of the scope of our focus

18,975
SCOE count: Homeless or imminently homeless students in Stanislaus County

1,408
PIT count: Homeless in Stanislaus County

Sources: 2015 Stanislaus County Point-In-Time Count • 2014-15 Stanislaus County Office of Education Count • U.S. Census Bureau
Stanislaus County Focus on Prevention Initiative
Emerging values to guide our efforts

1. There are no others.

2. Compassion • Empathy: Everyone has a story.

3. Respect • Dignity: Every human being deserves to be treated with respect and dignity.

4. We embody mutual accountability, reciprocity, and responsibility:
   a. In our relationships with each other.
   b. In what we ask—and offer—to people we support through this movement.
   c. In our commitment to achieve our priority results.
System Issue

A diverse collection of service providers and community efforts employing various methods seeking various program goals

An integrated network of providers and community efforts committed to a common set of strategies and results
OUR COMMON AGENDA

1. People who are homeless in Stanislaus County permanently escape homelessness.
2. People who are at risk of homelessness in Stanislaus County do not become homeless.

1. For individuals who are homeless...
   a. Reduce # of people experiencing homelessness
   b. Reduce average length of time someone is homeless
   c. Increase % in accessing resources to improve their wellbeing
   d. Increase % in experiencing improved wellbeing

2. Improve safety of parks and neighborhoods negatively impacted by people engaging in anti-social and criminal behavior who struggle with homelessness.

3. Decrease occurrences of public anti-social behavior committed by—and toward—people struggling with homelessness.

Coordinated Access  Supportive Services  Engagement (Relationship/Peer Support)  Housing

Data Development and Capacity-Building

Mutually reinforcing activities and strategies across multiple sectors and communities.
• Community-level Strategies • Countywide strategies
• Multi-sector Strategies / Sector Development
Strategies to prevent homelessness
Beginning implementation efforts: **Coordinated access**

**Developing a countywide coordinated access system** integrating public and community based supports

1. Multi-site countywide network with a centralized access center with supportive services
2. Common screening • Coordinated referral process
3. Improve data sharing • Real-time knowledge about inventory and services
Strategies to prevent homelessness

Beginning implementation efforts: Supportive Services

Increasing availability and effectiveness of supportive services that help people escape and stay out of homelessness

1. Map existing supportive services, and develop a coordinated network to meet the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness

2. Finding our Way Home Public Awareness Campaign — Promoting services through public awareness campaigns for the general public and service providers

3. Employment and education sector leaders will partner with other sectors to align efforts and develop a clear pathway to connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness with educational, job readiness, and employment opportunities

4. Homeless Behavioral Health Assessment and Access across spectrum of care — prevention, early intervention, and treatment: Strategic outreach • Streamlined access
Strategies to prevent homelessness
Beginning implementation efforts: Engagement

Improving community-based engagement strategies to build relationships with people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness

1. Multi-sector engagement team
   - Strategic outreach to individuals not accessing services and unsheltered
   - Targeted pilot project: 576 unsheltered/not accessing services
   - City and community-level coordination, training and planning

2. Food/Charity services planning and coordination
   - Develop countywide food service/charity coordination plan
   - Coordinated engagement strategies supplementing any charitable activities
   - A food services and basic needs assessment to inform multi-sector charitable service providers and help align efforts with other multi-sector partners
Strategies to prevent homelessness
Beginning implementation efforts: Housing

Improving both the quantity and quality of temporary, transitional, and permanent supportive housing in the county

1. Convene city managers and non-profit community development agencies to develop countywide strategy to address housing needs
2. These first conversations will lead to engaging other sectors around promising strategies
Beginning to map homeless services in Stanislaus County

A beginning gap analysis of available beds in 2015

Point-in-Time count

- 1,408

Temporary shelter and transitional housing capacity

- Hotel vouchers • Emergency shelter: 641
- Transitional housing: 164
- Permanent housing capacity: 805

- 641
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- 805

Permanent housing capacity

- 462

6 of these beds were available on the night of Jan 28th

Source: 2015 Stanislaus County Point-in-Time Count • 2015 Stanislaus County Housing Inventory Chart

Note: The count of available beds is done during the winter when there are likely more beds available compared to the rest of the year.
Strategies to prevent homelessness
Beginning implementation efforts: **Data • Overall movement**

**Improve data systems to help us assess impact** and effective implementation of services, supports, and community efforts

1. Increase frequency of Point in Time Counts
2. Improve and expand utilization of Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS): Real time housing/shelter capacity • Coordination of services
3. Improve data collection and tracking of food services and other charitable efforts to support effective planning and partnering across multiple sectors.

**Ad hoc workgroups** to develop start-up and pilot projects
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2. **Improve safety of parks and neighborhoods** negatively impacted by people engaging in anti-social and criminal behavior who struggle with homelessness
3. **Decrease occurrences of public anti-social behavior** committed by—and toward—people struggling with homelessness

Coordinated Access  
Supportive Services  
Engagement (Relationship/Peer Support)  
Housing

**Data Development and Capacity-Building**

Mutually reinforcing activities and strategies across multiple sectors and communities.
- Community-level Strategies
- Countywide strategies
- Multi-sector Strategies / Sector Development
Questions for table discussion
Table conversations • Large group sharing

What do we like about what’s emerging?

Is there anything we need to hear or know before we can endorse the proposed:

- Values
- Results
- Indicators
- Strategies
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## Stanislaus County Focus on Prevention Initiative
Progress since December 2015

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<td>Final report</td>
<td>City Council and sector meetings re Homelessness and larger movement</td>
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<td>Modesto Homeless Community mtg</td>
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<td>Contract with C4CW</td>
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Additional next steps
Where to from here

Sector development
Leadership development • Facilitator training
Connecting for Good conference
Other
Dates for this year
Through June 2016

Wednesday, March 23: 1:30 - 5:00 PM
CHS Meeting room

Wednesday, April 6: 8:30 - 12:00 Noon
TBD

Thursday, May 19: 8:30 - 12:00 Noon
TBD

Thursday, June 23: 8:30 - 12:00 Noon
TBD
Closing session

Bringing the day to a close

Feedback to today

Final reflections
### STANISLAUS COUNTY FOCUS ON PREVENTION INITIATIVE
### EMERGING PRIORITY INDICATORS

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<td><strong>Wellbeing:</strong> All Stanislaus County residents enjoy mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual health and wellbeing.</td>
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<td>1 % of residents ever diagnosed with: diabetes • heart disease • any kind of cancer • obesity • asthma</td>
<td>All groups</td>
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<td>2 % of students who report using illegal drugs (in their lifetime • in the last month)</td>
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<td>3 % of residents who have access to the services and supports they need to support their mental health and wellbeing</td>
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<td><strong>Education:</strong> Stanislaus County supports excellence in education for all children and youth from cradle to career.</td>
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<td>1 % of children reading at grade level by 3rd grade</td>
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<td>2 % of children assessed as ready for kindergarten</td>
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<td>3 % of 9th graders who graduate from high school in four years</td>
<td>2 groups</td>
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<td><strong>Neighborhoods • Communities:</strong> Stanislaus County's diverse and engaged communities strengthen each other so that we have safe and vibrant neighborhoods.</td>
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<td>1 # of Neighborhood Watch groups in the county</td>
<td>All groups</td>
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<td>2 # and % of neighbors who know each other (concern about data)</td>
<td>2 groups</td>
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<td>3 Neighborhood crime statistics</td>
<td>2 groups</td>
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<td><strong>Economy:</strong> Stanislaus County has a healthy and growing economy.</td>
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<td>1 Unemployment rate</td>
<td>All groups</td>
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<td>2 Median household income level</td>
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<td>3 Gap between county and CA median household income levels and employment rates (livable wage jobs)</td>
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<td>4 New business or business formation in the county</td>
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<td>% of people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness experiencing improved wellbeing: physical wellbeing • mental wellbeing • social connectedness • economic wellbeing • spiritual wellbeing</td>
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### Potential Indicators for Data Development Agenda (More work needed)

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<td>1 % of youth who have important adults in their lives who love them unconditionally and hold them to high expectations</td>
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<td>2 % of residents who connect regularly with people of like beliefs and faith (Potential data source: Resident survey)</td>
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<td>3 % of residents who feel they have a sense of meaning and purpose in life</td>
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<td><strong>Education</strong></td>
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<td>1 % of high school graduates who enter post-secondary education and/or vocational training within one year of graduation</td>
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<td>1 % of county residents who are part of a Neighborhood Watch group</td>
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<td>2 # and % of neighborhoods that are organized through asset mapping</td>
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<td>3 % of residents who use the park</td>
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<td>4 % of children involved in positive activities</td>
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<td>5 % of residents (including parents and others without children in the schools) who participate/volunteer in neighborhood schools</td>
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<td>6 #/% of faith communities and businesses that have members who are personally engaged with their schools</td>
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<td>1 Some measure of underemployment • Full employment</td>
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<td>2 Employers’ closure rate on filling tough-to-hire positions</td>
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