Summary/Action Minutes

I. Alameda County Homelessness Council Update

Amy Costa, Deputy County Administrator, County Administrator’s Office and Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation to update the Joint Health/Social Services Committee on the Homelessness Council’s activities.

The Board formalized the County Homelessness Council in February 2018 as a single County leadership body to address homelessness.
- Includes Agency/Department heads and staff from key County departments
- Responsible for follow-up on Urban Institute recommendations
- Increase coordination and collaboration internally and externally
- Provides regular reports to the Board on progress

Major Milestones

- 3-Year Homelessness Action Plan to invest approximately $340 million (includes $90 million in new one-time funding and $83 million annually)
- 3-Year Unincorporated Area Homelessness Action Plan
- Shelter Crisis Declaration and adoption of Emergency Housing Ordinance
- Secured one-time State funding:
  - Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) - $16.2M
  - California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (CESH) - $1.6M
  - Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Program - $2.2M
  - Home Safe (for victims of elder and dependent abuse) - $955K

2019 Council Priorities

Continue to implement Homelessness Action Plans
- Clarify roles and responsibilities with Continuum of Care and city partners
- Use 2019 Point-in-Time Count to better target County services
- Maintain accountability and track outcomes
- Maximize current resources
- Obtain additional funding (State, private, etc.)

Updates and Proposals

Coliseum Homeless encampment
- Cleaning occurred 2/15/19
- 11 truckloads
- 2,449 pounds (100 cubic yards)
- Equipment: 2 Excavators, 1 water truck, 5 ten wheel trucks
- HCSA contractor onsite to provide outreach
• Closure date of 4/16/19
• Outreach occurring 2-3 times/week
• Three multi-service “pop-up” events planned: 2/28, 3/19, & 4/8, providing:
  • Immunizations/health check-ups
  • Public benefits assistance
  • SPCA services
  • LavaMae (on 4/8/19)
• Main goal is housing assessments

**Emergency Shelters**

The Homelessness Council is exploring options to utilize County properties for the following emergency shelter projects:

- Unincorporated Area - Navigation Center (50 beds)
  - Men’s Shelter (25 beds)
  - Safe Parking Site
- South County - Youth Shelter (TBD based on site)
- Utilize authority under the Shelter Crisis Resolution, if needed, for projects.
- RFP for County Emergency Shelter Sites
- Developing RFP to solicit bids and options for various County properties that could be utilized for emergency shelter.
- Establish a pool of interested and qualified vendors to provide services to people who are currently or formerly experiencing homelessness and/or living unstably.

**Purpose:**

☑️ **Report progress**
☐ Advocacy or Education
☐ Request Health Committee Recommendation or Position
☐ Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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