

# Committee on Homelessness

## Ten Point Plan



## Mission Statement

**A coordinated regional approach to assist individuals and families achieve stable and sustainable lives.**

## Priorities and Strategies

### **Enhance coordination between non-profit organizations and government**

- Promote diversification of funding sources
- Promote enhanced collaborations
- Develop higher performance standards for funded entities
- Create intergovernmental partnerships
- Improve communication among governmental and non-profit entities
- Increase education regarding homeless issues
- Ensure vendor accountability for funded services

### **Prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless**

- Raise education and awareness of early warning signs that lead to homelessness
- Coordinate access to a network of available services for at-risk subpopulations
- Provide flexible payment and funding standards to assist at-risk households

### **Provide seamless client services through effective partnerships**

- Support implementation of shared technology
- Develop system for seamless delivery of programs and services

### **Foster self-sufficiency through access to education, training, and employment opportunities**

- Support adult and alternative education/employment services that coordinate with local entities and providers
- Foster skill-building services to ensure client job retention/advancement

### **Increase the availability of stable and sustainable housing**

- Support and increase housing options for homeless from emergency shelter to permanent housing
- Promote valley-wide acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of permanent affordable housing
- Create regional strategy for low-income housing

### **Facilitate the transition from homelessness through intensive case management**

- Improve coordination of case management
- Implement coordinated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Promote case management outside of traditional settings and service hours
- Improve quality and accuracy of Information & Referral services

### **Ensure the availability of basic needs services**

- Support programs that enable basic hygiene, adequate diet and activities of daily living
- Support housing and services with preference to homeless special needs subpopulations
- Create self-sufficiency monitoring plans for clients entering/exiting shelter programs
- Identify additional transitional supportive housing units
- Enhance partnerships with law enforcement
- Develop drop-in centers throughout the region that include access to services

### **Increase access to medical, dental and vision care services**

- Provide support services sensitive to the needs of medically frail homeless individuals
- Pursue partnerships and funding for dental and vision services
- Support coordination of discharge planning and follow-up care between hospitals and homeless services
- Fully utilize funding opportunities to provide services for HIV/AIDS homeless individuals

### **Improve the availability of mental health services**

- Support efforts to increase funding for mental health services for the homeless
- Support additional funding for housing for individuals served by the mental health system
- Ensure financial support for a mental health triage center
- Develop processes to facilitate coordination between the mental health triage center and homeless services

### **Improve the availability of substance abuse treatment programs**

- Support seamless services between treatment programs and housing
- Support efforts to increase funding for substance abuse services for the homeless