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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: January 9th, 2018
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Michael Heggarty, Health and Human Services Agency Director**
SUBJECT: Presentation on progress toward the Board objective related to Homelessness and proposed short and long term plans to address the issue.

RECOMMENDATION: No action required

FUNDING: Not Applicable. Funding detail of programs and services will be included in future Board items.

BACKGROUND:

Resolution 17-085, adopted Feb 14th of 2017, lays out priorities for the Board over the coming year. Among other priorities, the resolution stated: "Explore strategies and funding options to improve and expand emergency shelters, particularly to move toward 24/7 program operations, while researching opportunities to facilitate development of the Housing Element rezone sites throughout the County by partnering with other jurisdictions, potential developers and the Housing Authority."

HHSA staff have made progress related to the Board Priority including:

- Hired a Housing Resource Manager
- Funded additional case managers at Hospitality House Shelter
- Implemented HUD-mandated Coordinated Entry System (CES) (Attachment B)
- Renewed Permanent Supportive Housing Program grants
- Formed project development team to implement No Place Like Home
- Submitted grants totaling \$1,626,783
- Completed renovation of the BOST House, a 19-bed residential treatment facility
- Engagement with RHA, Homeless Resource Council of the Sierra (joint CoC), NCCC, Faith-based groups, Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital, Law Enforcement, State and regional housing partners (HCD, RHA), and staff and elected officials in local jurisdictions.
- Addressed 22 of the 39 process and services gaps identified by the Homeless Process Improvement group (Attachment C).

Building off of these accomplishments, HHSA staff will present a multi-year plan (Attachment A) to address homelessness in Nevada County. The plan will include key goals for year one, an outline of goals for subsequent years, budget needs and anticipated funding sources.

Year one Goals (3-12 months)

- Homeless services integration and coordination – Joint housing and outreach case management and full implementation of Coordinated Entry
- The development of a day services center (Attachment E)
- Bridge housing – Housing First pilot project, including a medical respite component
- HHSA training initiative – Assertive Engagement
- Continue to submit grants and seek funding from other sources for homeless initiative
- Nomadic shelter for families supported by faith-based partners
- Full utilization of Bost House residential treatment program

Long term goals (12-24 months)

- Expanded Housing First options; life-saving and cost-saving medical respite program
- Fully integrated 24/7 multidisciplinary homeless services center
- Secure funding for development of permanent housing
- Identify and apply for additional funding for plan sustainability
- Realign HHSA services to prioritize homelessness
- Community Development Block Grant – Technical Assistance (Attachment D)

Summary

Implementation of YEAR ONE goals will build momentum towards accomplishing the overall BOS objective: the funding and development of permanent housing. Multi-disciplinary housing and outreach teams will close identified gaps in services and bring Nevada County in-line with best practices for providing services to people experiencing homelessness. Implementation of the CES and the Housing First approach will position the county to be competitive for future state and federal grants and funding opportunities. Roll out of a homeless day services center will provide basic services and a place for coordinated services and outreach, building capacity towards 24/7 program operations. Over the next year HHSA will realign programs to reflect the Boards priority and leverage additional funding streams to support and sustain Nevada County's commitment to address homelessness.

Item Initiated by: Brendan Phillips MSW, Housing Resource Manager, Health and Human Services Agency
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