



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

Strategies to End Homelessness

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LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO

Building
Better
Health

Living
Safely

Thriving



SAN DIEGO COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

- Total Population: 3.2 Million
- 4,261 square miles
- 5th most populous county in the nation
- 4th highest homeless population in the nation



THE PROBLEM



POINT IN TIME COUNT



- Conducted annually in the 4th week of January throughout the nation
- January 2015 Point in Time Count: 8,752
 - Of those, 4,156 unsheltered
 - About 1/3 have a physical disability
 - 2/3 have health insurance of some type
 - 2/3 have spent time incarcerated; 1/7 report being on probation or parole
 - 1/5 self-identify as Seriously Mentally Ill
 - Nearly 1/5 self-report having Substance Use Disorders
- January 29, 2016: Point in Time Count
 - rtfhdsd.org



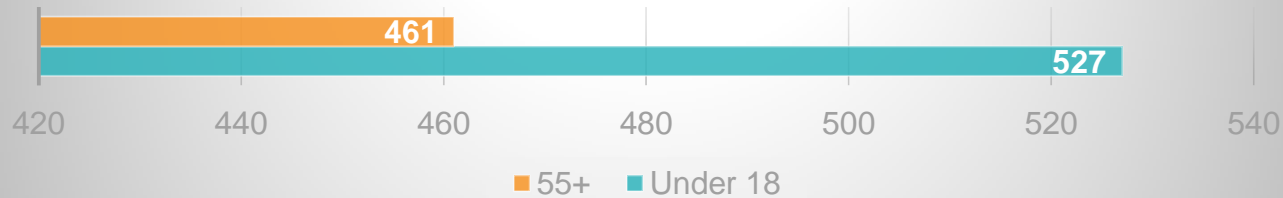
OUR CURRENT EXPERIENCE



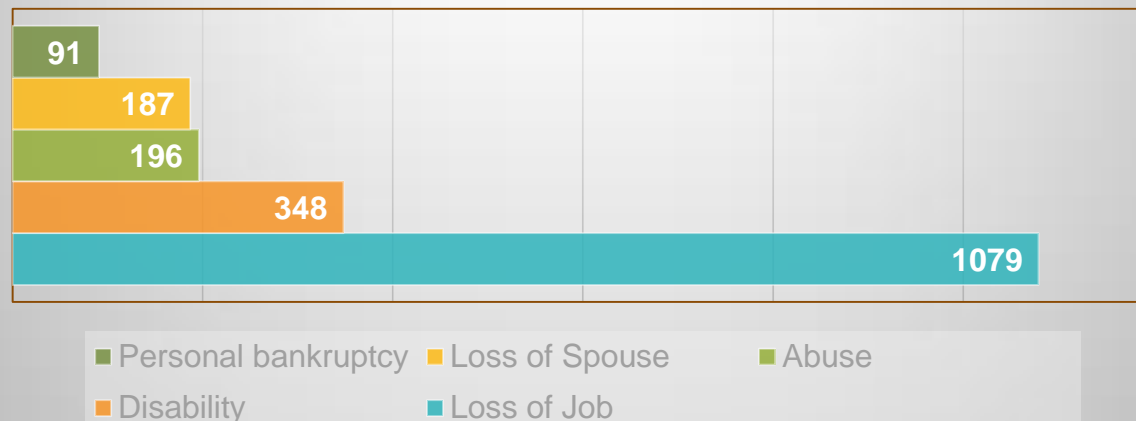
	2014	2015	CHANGE
Total Homelessness	8,506	8,742	+2.8%
Unsheltered	3,985	4,156	+4.3%
Sheltered	4,521	4,586	+1.4%



Age at first episode of homelessness



Event That Triggered Homelessness



DEFINITION OF HOMELESSNESS



Homelessness occurs when people or households are unable to acquire and/or maintain housing they can afford. Nationally, about 15% of the homeless population are chronically homeless, defined as:

- An individual or family experiencing homelessness for at least 12 months in a row

OR

- An individual or family who has experienced homelessness at least four times over the last three years and has a disability



REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE





A Continuum of Care (CoC) is a regional or local planning body that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless families and individuals.

HUD requires communities to submit a single application for federal homeless assistance grants in order to:

- Streamline the process
- Encourage coordination of housing and service providers on a local level
- Promote the development of CoCs



- In San Diego, the Continuum of Care is governed by the Regional Continuum of Care Council (RCCC)
- The RCCC uses a collective impact approach to implement strategies and policies throughout the region to end homelessness

Regional Continuum
of Care Council
RCCC





Engage stakeholders in a community-based process that works to:

- End homelessness for all individuals and families throughout the region
- Address the underlying causes of homelessness
- Lessen the negative impact of homelessness on individuals, families and communities

PARTNERSHIP ACROSS SECTORS

The Executive Officers reflect the region's commitment to partnership across public and private entities:

- Chair: City Councilman
- Vice-Chair:
Director of the County's HHSA
- Secretary:
Private Business Representative
- Treasurer:
Faith Community and Service
Provider





PARTNERSHIP ACROSS SECTORS

- Members of the Board represent business, faith community, public safety, education, healthcare, developers, private philanthropy, government, providers, and people who have experienced homelessness, among others.



REGIONAL STRATEGIES





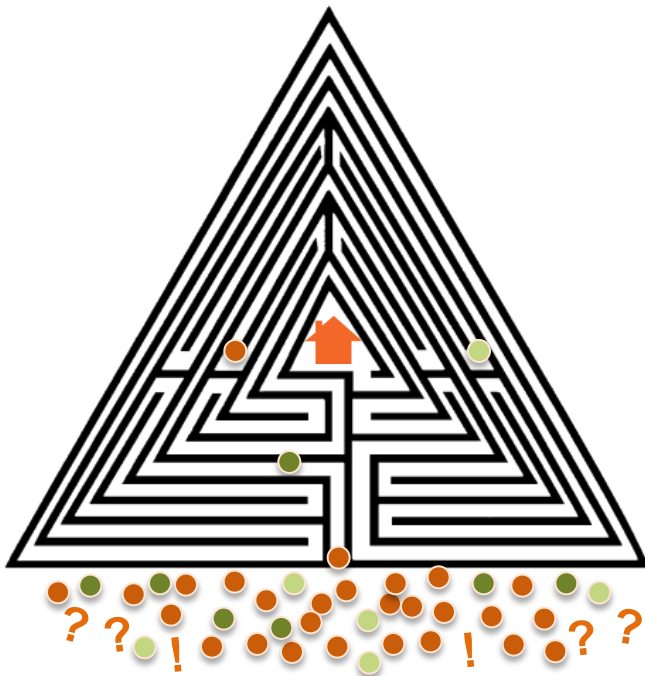
Coordinated Entry System – to ensure people are matched to appropriate services and housing and prioritized based on need



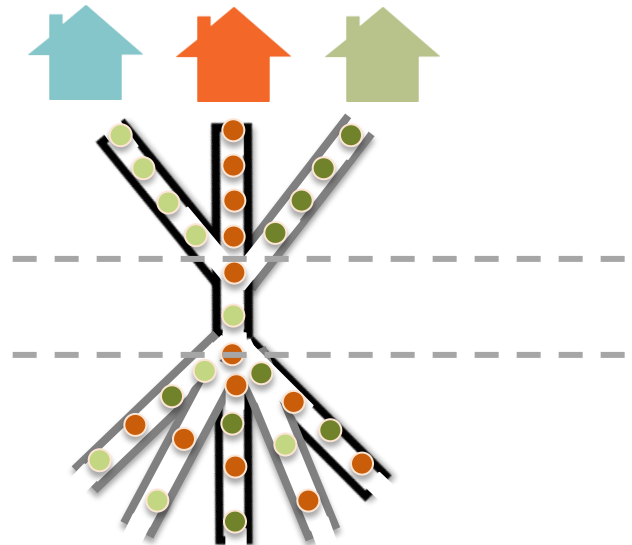
COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM



Without a “System” the most vulnerable
are left out



With a “System”
everyone finds
permanent housing
quickly



HOME FOR GOOD

Courtesy of Chris Ko



Permanent Supportive Housing – targeted to people with the most significant challenges

Rapid Re-housing – targeted to people with fewer barriers to housing stability

Housing First – orientation of entire system toward removing barriers and assisting people to access appropriate permanent housing, with right level of services, as quickly as possible



COUNTY SOLUTIONS





THE COUNTY'S STRATEGY: THREE COMPONENTS

- Outreach
- Housing Interventions
- Supportive Services and Treatment



- Homeless Outreach Teams
- Psychiatric Emergency Response Teams
- Inclement Weather



HOUSING INTERVENTIONS



- Permanent Supportive Housing
 - 249 Permanent Supportive Housing Units through MHSA
- Rapid Rehousing
 - CalWORKs recipients
- Transitional Housing
 - People with HIV and/or AIDS
 - Transitional Aged Youth transitioning from Foster Care
 - Seniors
 - Pregnant and Parenting females between 18-24
- Emergency Housing
 - Hotel/motel vouchers



Cedar Gateway



- Benefits
- Case Management and Treatment
 - Homeless with HIV and Substance Use Disorders
 - Seriously Mentally Ill
 - Chronic Inebriates downtown
 - Long term care beds for people who are Seriously Mentally Ill
 - Clubhouses
 - Drop-in center for women with substance use disorders downtown



- 25 Cities
- Project 25
- Serial Inebriate Project
- Full Service Partnerships
- Homeless Outreach Team
- Psychiatric Emergency Response Team

SERVICES TO HOMELESS WHO ARE SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL



- Homeless and housing initiative since 2006
- Collaboration and partnerships with local housing authorities to provide housing for people who are mentally ill or have substance use disorders
- 6 Full Service Partnerships / Assertive Community Treatment Programs for homeless clients
- Serve over 1,200 previously homeless clients in an array of housing options

CURRENT ENHANCEMENTS



- Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 contract procurement for 100 homeless program with 100 housing subsidies for people who are seriously mentally ill
- FY 2015-16 contract procurement for “Home Finder” program for homeless or at-risk homeless with Serious Mental Illness enrolled in BHS outpatient programs



- 13 BHS Community Engagement Forums in October and November 2015 (over 880 attendees in total)
- “Increase Housing Supports” listed as a top priority
- Recent BHS Efforts
 - *100 Homeless Program* with San Diego Housing Commission
 - Request to Augment BHS Programs - bolster homeless outreach efforts, increase housing funds and add service slots

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



County of San Diego Network of Care

sandiego.networkofcare.org

Housing Matters

housingmattersSD.org

San Diego Regional Continuum of Care Council

sandiegococ.org

Regional Task Force on the Homeless

rtfhdsd.org