



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
- 2016 Point in Time Count results to be released in May



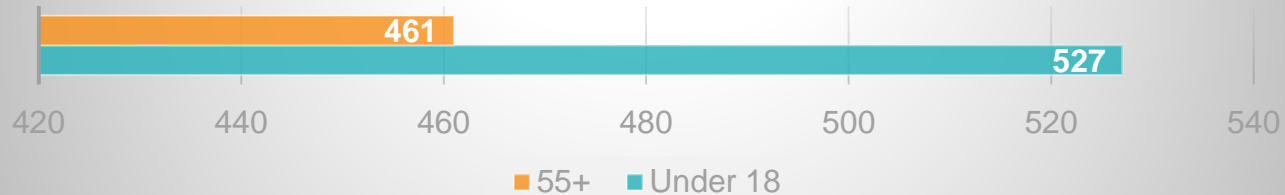
OUR CURRENT EXPERIENCE



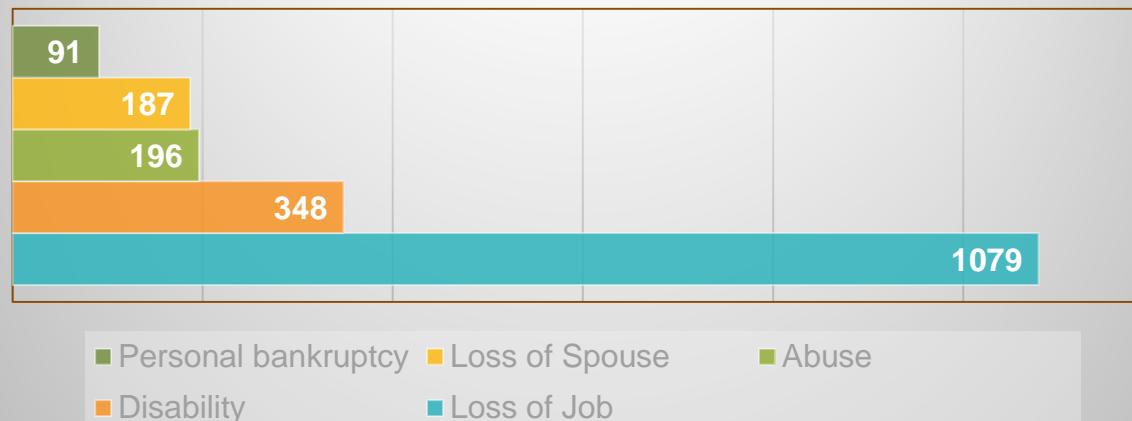
	2014	2015	CHANGE
Total Homelessness	8,506	8,742	+2.8%
Unsheltered	3,985	4,156	+4.3%
Sheltered	4,521	4,586	+1.4%



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:

- 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 diverse sectors: business, faith community, public safety, education, healthcare, developers, private philanthropy, government, providers, and people who have experienced homelessness, among others



REGIONAL STRATEGIES





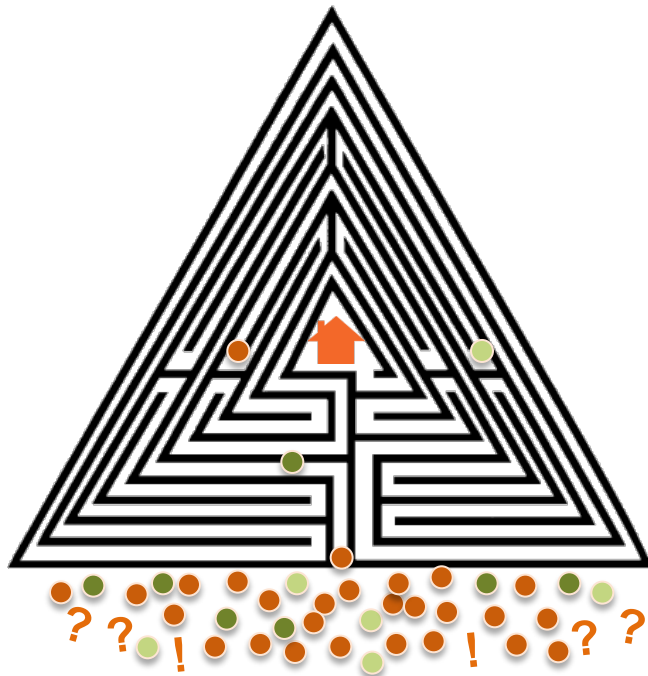
Coordinated Entry System – to ensure people are matched to appropriate services and housing and prioritized based on need



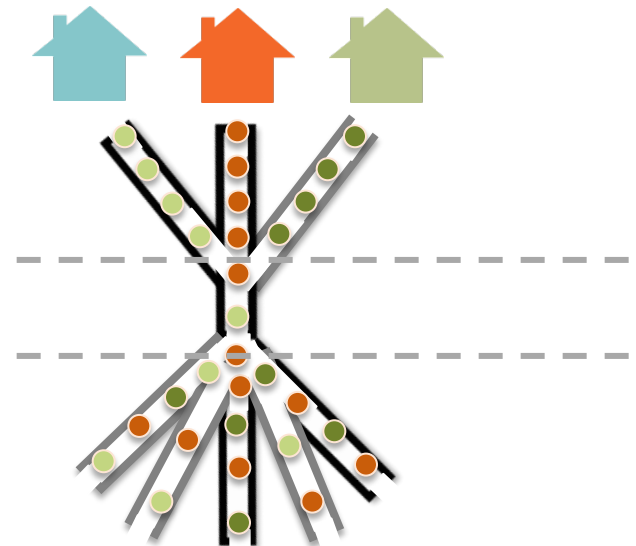
COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM



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



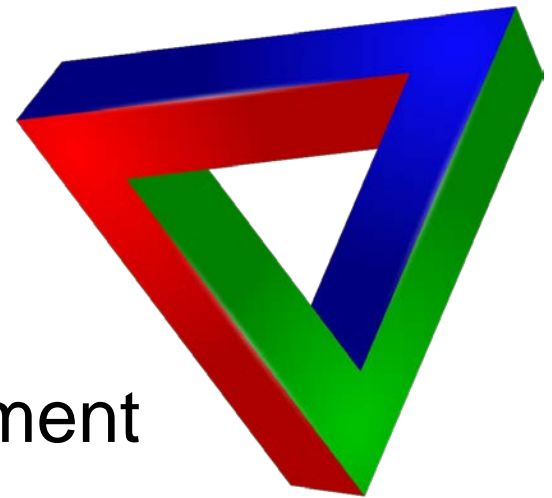
COUNTY SOLUTIONS





THE COUNTY'S STRATEGY: THREE COMPONENTS

- Outreach
- Housing Interventions
- Supportive Services and Treatment





- Homeless Outreach Teams
- Psychiatric Emergency Response Teams



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





- 13 BHS Community Engagement Forums in October and November 2015
- “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



PROJECT ONE FOR ALL

- Adopted by Board of Supervisors on February 2, 2016
- County commitment to ensure **ALL** individuals who are experiencing homelessness and are seriously mentally ill will be provided with appropriate services
- Services will be matched with housing vouchers



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



LIVE WELL
SAN DIEGO

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