

**Community Coalition on Homelessness  
Interagency Council: Meeting 1  
May 6, 2009**

For our first Interagency Council meeting we had Tim Brown, the Director of Sacramento's Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative (ECHI) come and speak to the group about how ECHI became established. The following are notes from Tim's presentation.

- ECHI has a two-pronged supportive housing plan. The first prong is leased housing, which is fast and easy to do at the beginning of a ten year plan. The other prong is developed housing, which is the longer-term solution. Developed housing affords more ownership for the Continuum of Care and represent 2/3 – 3/4 of the supportive housing in Sacramento's Ten Year Plan. The fastest housing can be developed=3 years.
- A good model for leased supportive housing: rehab 4-5 bedroom homes for transitional or permanent housing, place a graduate of a rehab program there for on-site management, scatter these types of housing through out city to avoid concentration in one neighborhood and avoid complaints from residents.
- All supportive housing must come with a service match; this is the most challenging aspect of establishing permanent supportive housing. Service match can come from various sources; the largest match usually comes from MHSA monies. Other match sources are: local hospitals; tax increment revenue. The new Martin Luther King 80-unit complex in Sacramento is an example of mixed-match funding.
- Strong relationships with non-profit housing developers is a must.
- Housing first focus: this is a shift from the traditional "sober first" requirements, but such housing programs have shown an 84% success rate in Sacramento. In Sacramento and other cities employing this model, people use less and even become sober due to availability of permanent housing. Housing first is not "housing no matter what," although tenants are not required to stop using drugs & alcohol, they must adhere to a code of conduct in order to remain housed.
  - Serial Inebriate program: found chronic homeless who cost city/county most money annually and offered choice of either 3 months in detox, followed by permanent supportive housing or jail time. None chose jail time.
  - It costs \$35,000-\$100,000 per year to keep a homeless person on the street, but only about \$34,000 to house them.
- Single room occupancy hotels were a great source of supportive housing in Sacramento; they were rehabbed and paired with service match.
- It is important to establish close working relationships with local hospitals. Hospitals spend a lot of money on emergency services for the homeless, and have been willing to work with the Continuum of Care in Sacramento

- towards better discharge planning. They have even paid for emergency and transitional housing beds, in order to prevent rapid re-entry of homeless into emergency care system.
- Need to have federally qualified health centers (San Joaquin County has CareLink!); they can get a higher reimbursement rate from Medical.
  - Funding for ECHI comes from: HUD; city general fund; county; earmark won by congress person; public and private donations and grants.
  - Preventative work is sorely lacking, even in cities that have implemented a 10 year plan. In Sacramento, they will revisit their 10 year plan soon, taking out the “chronic” focus, taking on more controversial issues such as tent cities & camping, and families & children.
  - Central Intake is a necessary component of the Continuum of Care, but failed in Sacramento. Central Intake is a “one-stop-shop” for the homeless to receive services & referrals.
  - Faith & Homeless Families Initiative: provides temporary housing assistance, financial planning and education provided by mentor teams, and other supportive services to families through a partnership between faith congregations and service providers. Current pilot project in Sacramento has 6 churches mentoring 7 families, with goal of housing 24 families in first year.
  - Permanent staff needed for ECHI; funding provided by CDBG, city, and county. The other staff at ECHI are Vista volunteers, paid by AmeriCorp.
  - Leadership & Structure of ECHI: Interagency Council meets once a month. Policy Board meets every other month for the purpose of receiving updates, education, and policy recommendations from Interagency Council. Subcommittees meet once a month.

After Tim’s presentation, Susan asked the group what our next steps should be and proposed that the group move forward with creating a 10 Year Plan. The group agreed that creating a 10 Year Plan was the logical next step.

At our next Interagency meeting we will discuss creating a 10 Year Plan.

\*\*The following page is a current roster of the Community Coalition on Homelessness’s Interagency Council.

**Community Coalition on Homelessness  
Interagency Council to End Homelessness (ICEH)**

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Name of Member(s)</b>	<b>Agency</b>
City of Stockton	Susan Eggman Florence Low Bob Bressani & Lori Islas	City Council City Manager's Office HRD
County Elected Officials	Carlos Villapudua	SJ Board of Supervisors
Legislators	Jose Morales Chanel Murray OPEN	Sen. Lois Wolk Assemblymember Huber Congressman McNerney
San Joaquin County - Housing	Kristi Rhea & Rosa Vasquez	SJ Housing Authority
San Joaquin County Dept. of Public Health	Geneva Bell-Sanford	SJ Public Health
San Joaquin County Dept. of Mental Health	Dennis Buettner	SJ Mental Health
San Joaquin County Dept. of Alcohol & Drug Services	Curt Willems Becky Gould	SJ Behavioral Health
San Joaquin County Community Development Agency	Chris Becerra or John Moore	SJ Community Development
Foundations	OPEN	
Health/Medical Providers (NGO)	Randy Pinelli	CareLink
Housing Developers	OPEN	
Homeless Housing Providers	John Reynolds Bill Mendelson	Stockton Shelter for the Homeless Central Valley Housing
Criminal Justice Representatives	Troy Brodderick Mike Howard	Stockton PD
Disability Community Reps	OPEN	
Veterans Services Reps	Harold Butts	Dignity's Alcove
Foster Youth & Homeless Youth Services Providers	Jennifer Jones	Center for Positive Alternatives Homeless Youth Shelter
Employment Services Providers	OPEN	CALWorks
Educational Services Providers	Easter Calvit	Head Start

Substance Abuse Services Providers (NGO)	Allan Grim	Melmath Treatment Center
Mental Health Providers(NGO)	OPEN	
Faith Community Reps	Michael Gotschall Other	
Homeless Advocates	OPEN	
Homeless Services Providers	David Brewer Ben Saffold	St. Mary's Interfaith Gospel Center Rescue Mission
Business Associations	Dennis Smallie  Dick McClure	Downtown Stockton Alliance Stockton Chamber of Commerce
Housing/Property Management Reps	OPEN	
Domestic Violence	OPEN	San Joaquin Women's Center