

HOMELESS SERVICES PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Sacramento County and the City of Sacramento

6 Month Update | May 2023

On December 6th, 2022, the City of Sacramento and Sacramento County entered into the Homeless Services Partnership Agreement, an agreement to provide services and programs to the unhoused population within the City of Sacramento. City and County leadership finalized collaboration protocols in March, and several interagency workgroups have been meeting regularly.

Encampment Outreach

Partnership Multi-disciplinary Teams conduct longer-term outreach and engagement with the goal of connecting as many individuals as possible to supportive services, shelter, and housing, when available. The teams are comprised of County Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Mental Health Counselors and Peer Specialists, City Department of Community Response (DCR) Neighborhood Resource Coordinators and will soon include Sacramento Covered Outreach Workers who will all co-deploy together over multiple visits to priority encampments.

Summary of Outreach Activities

Activities occurred: January 1 - April 30, 2023

- Total number of contacts*: 1,328
- Total number of engagements*: 815
- Total encampments served: 10
- Total people placed in shelter & safe camping: 44
- Total individuals contacted by BHS staff: 407
- Total individuals engaged with BHS staff: 252
- Total individuals admitted to outpatient program: 243
 - Connected to CORE, outpatient clinic: 193
 - Connected to a Full Service Partnership (FSP): 50

*Contact is defined as an initial connection, where services may be declined. Engagement includes service provision and typically includes on-going coordination.

Data Workgroup

City and County staff, along with Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF) and Sacramento Covered met and developed a shared Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data collection system which went live on May 10th.

Behavioral Health Services

Nine CORE Behavioral Health Centers are open throughout Sacramento County, with two more CORE Centers to open this spring and summer, one downtown per the agreement.

Current Outreach Staffing

City of Sacramento:

- 16 City DCR employees
- 9 contracted staff through Hope Cooperative's Homeless Outreach Program (HOP)

County of Sacramento:

- 8 out of 10 obligated Behavioral Health Services (BHS) employees currently deployed
 - 2 vacancies with active recruitment now

Managed Care Plan Partners:

- 15 staff will be funded by Managed Care Plans (MCPs) through California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Enhanced Care Management/ Community Supports providers. The MOU between the County and the MCPs has been signed, and the MCPs are finalizing their contract with Sacramento Covered. Sacramento Covered will begin hiring and training in the next few months.

Once fully staffed, there will be an equivalent of 10 or more multi-disciplinary teams.



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Affordable Housing Plan

Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) is leading the effort on developing an affordable housing plan (AHP), and has engaged ESA Associates, a consulting group who does work in affordable housing planning and community development. The plan will be inclusive of both new development of permanent supportive housing units as well as policy and programmatic initiatives that can spur new housing placements through traditional housing subsidy programs and on the open market. The team has a draft AHP under review and will be presenting to the Board of Supervisors and City Council by early fall.

Shelters

The County is working to open several Safe Stay non-congregate community shelters, which will be funded and operated by the County and available to people who are unhoused within the City.

- The Safe Stay at Florin and Power Inn Road will serve up to 125 adults. Estimated completion date is October 2023.
- The Safe Stay at East Parkway will serve up to 56 adults. Estimated completion date is October 2023.
- The Safe Stay at Watt Ave will serve over 200 people. The programming phase has begun.
- With the Governor's announcement to provide Sacramento with 350 tiny homes, City and County leadership have been working alongside the State to identify opportunities that align with the Partnership Agreement to site these units in new Safe Stay Communities.

New Funding Opportunities

The California Interagency Council on Homelessness is releasing grant funding for local jurisdictions to address encampments along Caltrans right-of-ways. City and County staff are working to develop a collaborative project proposal to submit for this grant funding opportunity and plan to submit an application by the June 30th deadline.

Coordinated Access System

Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF), is leading the effort to enhance our local Coordinated Access System (CAS), and has engaged the City, County, 2-1-1, and other community partners throughout the process.

The City of Sacramento has integrated its youth shelters which include The Grove, The Village, Common Ground, and STEP, as well as all adult shelters, which are North 5th Shelter, X Street Navigation Center and Meadowview Navigation Center into CAS.

The County has transitioned its two congregate shelters, Salvation Army and A Street, into CAS. The County's Landlord Engagement and Assistance Program is anticipated to receive referrals through CAS by August. The County will begin working with SSF on the integration of both the Scattered-Site Shelter and Mather Community Campus in Fall 2023.

Both City and County family shelters will be integrated by the end of July. Safe Stay shelters will be integrated into CAS as they become operational.

While the CAS is still being developed, access to these City and County shelter beds are still available through existing referral pathways.

