State of California
BUSINESS, CONSUMER SERVICES AND HOUSING AGENCY

CAL ICH | **California Interagency Council on Homelessness**

Advisory Committee Meeting

August 14, 2023

Agenda

I.   Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Consent Calendar

III. Advisory Committee Funding and Programs Draft Recommendations

IV. Advisory Committee Performance Measurement Draft Recommendations

V.   General Public Comments

VI. Final Remarks and Adjournment

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I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Consent Calendar

- Adoption of the Meeting Summary from the May 8, 2023, Advisory Committee Meeting

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Public Comment on Agenda Item II
Consent Calendar

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III. Advisory Committee Funding and Program Draft Recommendations

- Discussion of recommendations from members of the Committee for Funding and Program Implementation

- Committee volunteer(s) for Council Meeting

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Question: Implementation of Funding & Programs

How could the State better align funding and/or coordinate across programs to improve their collective impact?

- Examples: aligning guidance or messaging

- How could the State streamline or improve access to funding?

- Other ways the State could strengthen impact of funding and programs?

Recommendations for Funding and Programs

Reduce administrative burden on grantees by:

- Creating a unified homeless funding application, especially in cases where eligible applicants and uses are duplicative (such as the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention, Encampment Resolution Funding, and Behavioral Health Bridge Housing programs).

- Consolidating audit requirements across multiple programs.

- Aligning timelines and reporting with similar federal funding sources and consolidating reporting where possible.

- Creating multi-year funding applications, as the federal government is considering for the CoC program.

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Recommendations for Funding and Programs

Strengthen capacity among funded entities and their service providers, with a focus on advancing equity by:

- Providing guidance on minimum administrative support for service providers that contract with state grantees, including direction to ensure admin dollars reach marginalized communities and culturally-sensitive providers to allow for these entities to invest in needed back-office functions.

- Reducing instances for awardees and their funded service to float costs of programs due to factors like A) lengthy gaps between awards and execution of contracts or B) the cost-reimbursement basis of funding. Cal ICH should lower the barriers to obtaining cash advances.

- Providing direction to ensure resources are available in smaller communities, including direction to grantees to align procurement and contracting processes with best practices that increase access to state dollars for marginalized communities.

- Fostering greater roles for people with lived experience of homelessness in decision-making among grantees, including allowing/incentivizing stipends for people with lived experience and greater support for peer support programs.

- Centering marginalized communities: providing TA for rural communities, inviting tribal entities to the planning process, and ensuring program data is disaggregated by race.

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Recommendations for Funding and Programs

Advocate to the Administration and Legislature to prioritize changes to how state funding is structured by:

- Providing ongoing funding or multi-year funding for programs like HHAP, including multiyear application cycles to reduce administrative burden and allow for longer-range planning and investments in uses such as PSH.

- Consider baseline funding, coupled with increased funding beyond baseline, for uses such as capital and innovation.

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Discussion Questions

- What additions or clarifications would you like to make to these recommendations?

- What questions would you have for the Council Members regarding these recommendations?

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Council Meeting Representatives

Request: One Committee member volunteer to present recommendations to Council.

- Other members may join to participate in the discussion or answer questions from the Council.

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IV. Advisory Committee Performance Measurement Draft Recommendations

- Discussion of recommendations from members of the Committee for Statewide Performance Measures

- Committee volunteers for Council Meeting

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Question: Performance Measurement

How can the State best assess its progress on the commitments it has made in the Action Plan?

- What other measures should we look to in order to assess progress in each of the five action Areas?

- Are there measures the State should be using to assess overall progress?

- Other ideas for strengthening State-level performance measurement?

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Recommendations for Performance Measurement (Action Area 1 and 2)

Action Area 1: Strengthening Systems

- Assessment of how people with lived experience are included in the decision-making process
- Assessment of partnerships across systems

Action Area 2: Unsheltered Homelessness

- Analysis of the adverse health impacts of COVID, opioids and substance use, and other factors for those experiencing unsheltered homelessness
- Assessment of whether communities have standard protocols or responses to encampments that mitigate sweeps or arrests of people using substances
- Analysis of the number of unsheltered people moving into managed encampments and sheltered settings or placed into permanent housing
- Expanding the count of people experiencing homelessness to include people in hospitals, jails, and other institutions

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Recommendations for Performance Measurement (Action Area 3 and 4)

Action Area 3: Sheltering and Interim Housing

- Assessment of the length of time people spend in shelters and interim housing
- Analysis of the rate of successful exits from shelters and interim housing compared to a determined baseline measure
- Expand data from clients to include Coordinated Entry master lists

Action Area 4: Permanent Housing

- Analysis of racial disparities in access to permanent housing
- Analysis of how many permanent housing units need to be created, including unit production and rental subsidies, compared to the current creation of units each year

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Recommendations for Performance Measurement (Action Area 5)

Action Area 5: Prevention

- Analysis of outcomes from specific programs, including the number of people returning to homelessness after exiting to permanent housing
- Assessment of the costs and investments received by clients through services and time spent with clients
- Assessment of housing retention over several time periods (6 months, 1 year, etc.)

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Discussion Questions

- What additions or clarifications would you like to make to these recommendations?

- Do you have any ideas for additional measures to assess performance of Action Plan as a whole?

- What questions do you have for the Council Members regarding these recommendations?

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VI. Final Remarks and Adjournment

- Next Advisory Committee meeting: November 6, 2023 at 1:00pm

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