

CA-523 Continuum of Care Strategic Plan 2018-2020

Vision for Success

The Continuum of Care (CoC) envisions communities where every person is appropriately and safely housed and provided access to an array of supportive services that will alleviate homelessness through prevention and assistance toward improved health outcomes.

Values

Our values, based on a unified and community-wide solution, will align efforts to address homelessness and mitigate the impacts it has on our communities. Together, we create an assertive, effective and strategic approach that will serve as the homeless response system.

- Healthy Communities-with a coordinated, regional response, we can support our most vulnerable populations in identifying housing opportunities and achieving greater dignity and self-sufficiency;
- Coordinated System of Care-a community-wide response to homelessness prioritizes the quality of life for all persons, understanding that each person has unique needs, strengths and experiences; and
- Long-term Sustainability-investments in the right solutions will result in effective use of resources and significantly reduce the number of persons experiencing homelessness.

CoC Organizational Cornerstones

The path towards ending homelessness includes a focus on the Dos Rios CoC's Organizational Cornerstones. The CoC's Organizational Cornerstones reflect the organization's values in action. These reflective qualities help develop the platform of how the CoC advances its mission and pursuit of strategic directions. The CoC's culture is driven by our dedication to excellence that continually strengthens our cornerstones. The cornerstones include: High Quality Programs, Engaging and Respectful Relationships, Partnership and Coordinated Action, Financial Stewardship, Innovation and Staff Excellence.

Priority One: Build the Housing System

Goal 1-A: Increase the Housing and Supportive Services available across the CoC

- Evaluate the need and feasibility for new development or conversions to Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Establish a Governance Structures that complies with HEARTH Act
- Establish sub-committee to identify resources and implement a long-term strategy to increase PSH housing stock
- Engage landlords as partners, to increasing housing units available for subsidized programs
- Create More Affordable Housing

Goal 1-B: Invest in Outreach and Engagement

- Expand the number of entities with staffing and capacity to administer housing programs
- Ensure housing stability through case management and supportive services
- Discuss potential for housing navigators across the region

Goal 1-C: Implement the Coordinated Entry Process as a means of prioritizing PSH for chronically homeless persons with the highest need

- Implement the CEP and address the needs of persons not prioritized for housing placement

Goal 1-D: Address the need for varied funding streams that will fill a gap

- Engage our partners to leverage funding for collective impact
- Engage community partners, board members, civic leaders, public officials, public agencies, the business community and other stakeholders in the need for community engagement and coordination of resources

Priority Two: Promote Healthy Communities

Goal 2-A: Strengthen and Build the Capacity of our local Communities to improve quality of life by enhancing health, supportive services, skills development and other services to improve long-term outcomes.

Community Leadership around Homelessness

- Invest in partnerships that create and support access to services
- Facilitate effective relationships that foster positive community interactions
- Create and promote Quality Housing, primarily Affordable Housing

Goal 2-B: Implement a CoC-wide Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) system for data collection and system performance measurement

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage local stakeholders in each county and inform them of the benefits of data collection as a means to support the need for housing and funding • Provide informational updates to the full CoC on data measures and data integrity <p>Goal 2-C: Implement a CoC-wide Coordinated Entry Process (CEP) for prioritizing and accessing available housing and supportive services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage use of the CEP by all housing providers • Identify access points and train assessors on HMIS and use of the prioritization tool • Reconvene access points to discuss improvements needed to the CEP and to identify gaps
<p>Priority Three: Expand Funding Sources and Partnerships</p>	<p>Goal 3-A: Engage in actions that increase the CoC's ability to obtain funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop threshold documentation and implement mandated systems that create the portal into funding opportunities • Strengthen and expand partnerships to address the homeless and mentally ill • Encourage and support implementation of the housing plan and housing element for each county <p>Goal 3-B: Strengthen and Build the Capacity of Community Leadership around Homelessness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage community partners, board members, civil leaders, public officials, public agencies, the business community and other stakeholders in the need for community engagement and coordination of resources