

The County of Yuba

Health and Human Services Department



TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution Endorsing the California Association of Counties (CSAC) AT HOME Comprehensive Plan to address homelessness.

DATE: May 9, 2023

NUMBER: 215/2023

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt the Resolution of the Board in support of the California Association of Counties (CSAC) Accountability, Transparency, Housing, Outreach, Mitigation and Economic Opportunity “AT HOME” Comprehensive Plan to address homelessness.

Background

On March 16, 2023, CSAC unveiled its AT HOME Plan with the goal of defining the roles of California local and state agencies to effectively address the homelessness crisis. CSAC utilized county surveys, homelessness inventories, workgroup meetings and county input to develop the AT HOME Plan which aims for cities, counties and the state to focus on the issue of homelessness in a collaborative, coordinated, accountable and sustainable manner.

Discussion

AT HOME was developed after nearly a year of engagement with counties to analyze barriers to addressing homelessness and developing solutions, tailored to the unique needs of communities. To make meaningful progress in helping those who are unhoused, CSAC offers six pillars of the AT HOME Plan:

1. Accountability – Clearly defined responsibilities which align authority, resources, and flexibility for all levels of government that promotes consistency and forward progress to support those who are unhoused or at risk of becoming unhoused.
2. Transparency – Integrate and expand data collection methods to improve program effectiveness, enhance transparency and allow for data-driven decision making.

3. Housing – Increase resources and flexibility needed to acquire, build, and operate housing solutions across the full housing continuum, especially permanent supportive housing for individuals with complex needs.
4. Outreach – Develop sustainable services and program outreach systems and increase workforce, training, and quality improvement to support these systems.
5. Mitigation – Strengthen County safety net programs, expanding the reach of behavioral health and substance use disorder services for the unsheltered population and ensure eligible individuals can receive the services they need timely.
6. Economic Opportunity – Create specialized employment and education pathways that support the economic opportunity and long-term self-sufficiency of those who are formerly homeless or at risk of experiencing homelessness, including justice-involved individuals, veterans, aged and/or disabled adults, and former foster youth.

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt the Resolution to support the CSAC AT HOME Plan and join a growing coalition of local government, public safety, social justice, health, labor, housing and other community organizations throughout the state in support of AT HOME.

Committee Action:

The Human Services Committee was bypassed as there is no impact to General Funds.

Fiscal Impact:

No funding commitment, administrative only, staff time only

Attachments

215/2023 Resolution - CSAC AT HOME Plan

215/2023 AT HOME Plan - fact sheet