

# Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency

## Pathway Home: Responding to Homelessness in Tulare County

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# Overview

- Background
- Core Plan Components
- Current/Planned County Implementation
- Potential Next Steps



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# Background

- Broader Homeless Context
  - Crisis-levels across country
- Locally
  - Sharp rise in recent years
  - Notable unsheltered rate





# Background

- Task Force on Homelessness
  - Align resources
  - Increase collaboration
  - Create shared vision through homeless plan



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# Core Plan Components

- Overall purpose
  - Unified vision for addressing local homelessness
- Overarching features
  - Broad
  - Flexible
  - Tailored





# Core Plan Components

- Five Primary Goals



Increase Access to Permanent Housing



Increase Access to Services to Support Exits from Homelessness



Expand Services for Subpopulations with Special Needs



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# Core Plan Components

- Five Primary Goals



Prevent Homelessness for Those at Risk



Strengthen Public Engagement and Community Partnerships

- Implementation via numerous evidence-based strategies



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# Current/Planned County Implementation

- County role
  - Can partner across all goals
  - Not responsible for plan implementation
  - Examples of plan implementation:
- Goal #1: Increased Access to Permanent Housing
  - No Place Like Home (Strategy 1.1)
  - Contribution to Landlord Mitigation Fund (Strategy 1.4)







# Current/Planned County Implementation

- Goal #2: Increase Access to Services to Support Exits from Homelessness
  - Co-financing Eden House & Porterville Welcome Center (Strategy 2.1)
  - Future implementation of Whole Person Care multidisciplinary teams (Strategy 2.2)



# Current/Planned County Implementation

- Goal #3: Expand Services for Subpopulations with Special Needs
  - Design and provide a required racial equity training for local homeless grantees (Strategy 3.3)
  - Complete racial equity analysis of local homeless system (Strategy 3.3)





# Current/Planned County Implementation

- Goal #4: Prevent Homelessness for Those at Risk
  - Index homeless prevention programs on 2-1-1 network (Strategy 4.1)
  - Utilize coordinated entry system in select HHSA programs (Strategy 4.2)





# Current/Planned County Implementation

- Goal #5: Strengthen Public Engagement and Community Partnerships
  - Develop anti-stigma marketing campaign utilizing NPLH Technical Assistance (Strategy 5.1)
  - Commit to countywide homeless plan endorsement through Task Force on Homelessness (Strategy 5.1)





# Potential Next Steps

- Countywide Adoption of Plan
- Establish Task Force Implementation Structure
- Monitor Progress



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# Request

1. Consider the adoption of Pathway Home: Responding to Homelessness in Tulare County as the homeless strategic plan in the County of Tulare.



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# Questions?



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