

A few comments on the HEAP and CESH programs for Sacramento:

SSHH has found the scattered site sheltering system to work well and I would encourage you to consider expanding it.

SSHH has seen in Pathways and the County programs that having some money available to assist with move-ins has made a big difference towards getting people in off of the streets. In the case of Pathways the \$3,000 per person limit has been OK, though the prohibition on rent payment has been a bit of a handicap. I would like to see funds made available for move in assistance and to have rent payment an eligible expense.

While I have always been opposed to SSF doing direct service, I am very much in favor of them coordinating the many headed outreach/navigation work. I think funding them to maintain standards, develop best practices, train regularly and report out data would make a lot of sense.

Some of the formerly homeless people we have housed in the community have not stayed in the first house they moved into. It has been helpful in Pathways and in the county programs to maintain contact with both the landlord and the tenant so that we could assist in housing retention either through making adjustments in the housing situation or in helping to relocate. I think funding to spread this capacity throughout the system will be very beneficial.

As I said at the meeting, some of the people referred to us need a “higher level of care” than is currently available. I think funding to experiment and develop such housing would be important.

Thanks for your consideration of these brief comments,

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