



## SACRAMENTO STEPS FORWARD

Ending Homelessness. Starting Fresh.

### Sacramento CoC Board Orientation Fact Sheet

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#### *History and Purpose*, including Accomplishments and Challenges

Formed in 2012 to fulfill the Sacramento CoC's responsibility to oversee the HUD CoC Program annual NOFA competition.

#### **Additional Responsibilities from HUD**

- Operating the CoC
- CoC planning activities
- Designating the lead agency for administering the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Biennial Unsheltered Point-in-Time (PIT) Counts
- Monitoring the performance of projects and the system

#### **Local Responsibilities**

- Applicant for state homeless funding streams (HEAP, CESH, HHAP)
- Serving as content experts on homelessness
- Building awareness of the needs of all homeless populations
- Convening stakeholders around emerging issues
- Policy recommendations to the SSF Board of Directors

#### **Accomplishments**

- Increasingly competitive NOFA competitions in alignment with HUD's expectations, resulting in renewal of projects with the best outcomes (prior to 2012, all projects renewed year after year, which changed at the same time as the CoC Board was formed)
- Nine NOFA competitions completed, with an increase in funds year after year
- Strong board with consistent attendance and large number of guests
- Coordinated Entry System that prioritizes the chronically homeless with the most severe needs and longest homeless histories for HUD CoC PSH placements

#### **Challenges**

- Identity and role confusion due to unusual structure (CoC board, SSF board, SSF staff)
- Politically-charged nature of homelessness and related issues

*Member Role, Responsibilities, and Expectations*, including the future of the Advisory Board and SSF's role in supporting the Advisory Board

#### **Role, Responsibilities, and Expectations**

- Regular attendance and participation in board activities
- Sufficient connection to constituency group
- Work effectively on a team
- Consider benefit to the CoC as a whole in discussion and decision-making
- Disclosure of conflicts of interest
- Serve on a CoC committee

(further details on member roles and responsibilities can be found in the CoC Governance Charter)