

CoC Annual Meeting

Reflections & Key Takeaways

2025



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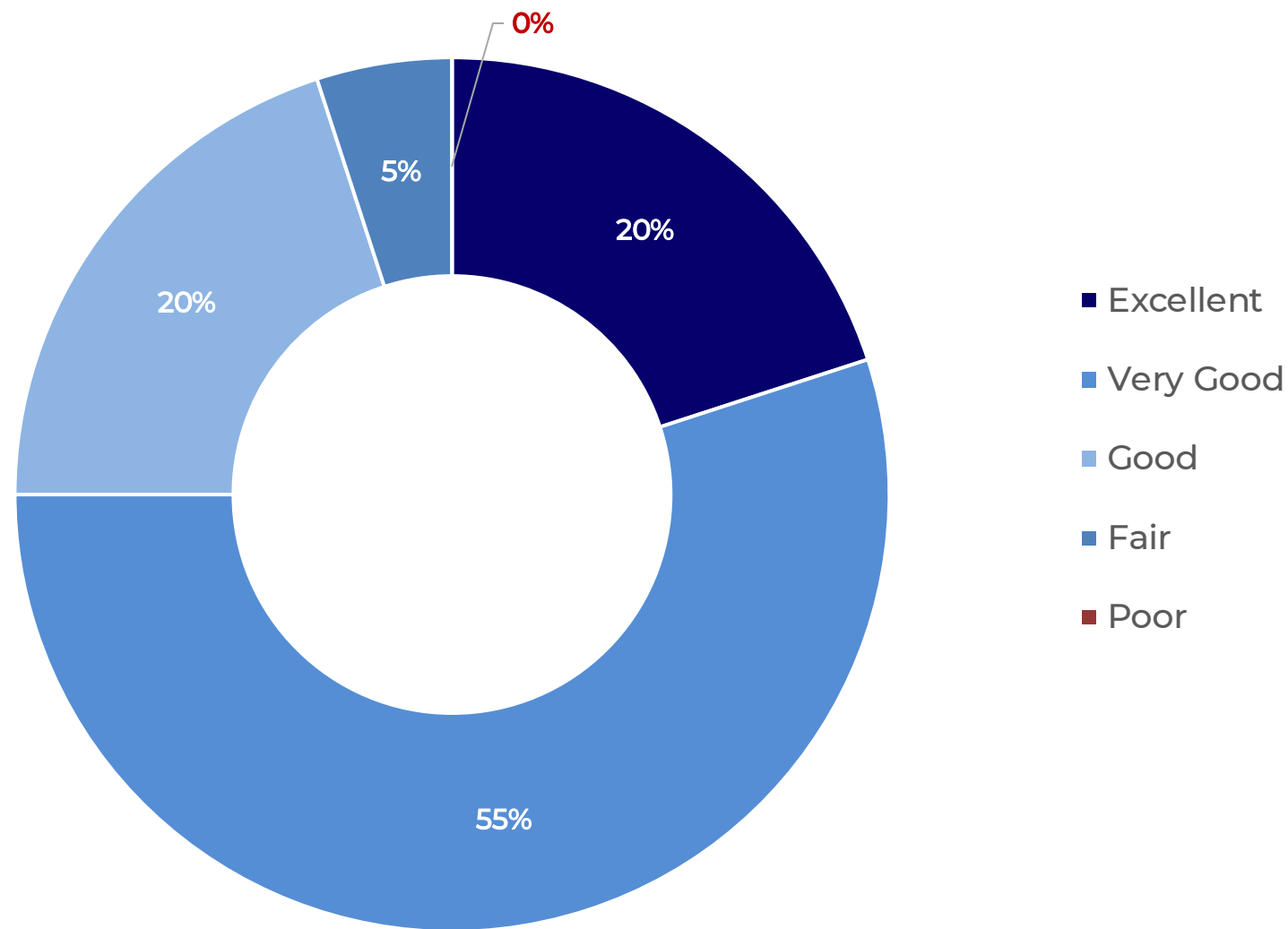
Overview

- **2024 CoC Annual Meeting Feedback**
 - Overview of Survey Results
- **Meeting Insights**
 - Key Themes by Regionally Coordinated Homelessness All In Action Plan Strategies

The CoC Annual Meeting is designed to gather feedback and provide insights on Sacramento's homeless response efforts and bring together key community representatives to shape future strategies.

Survey Results

Overall Experience



Answered: 20

How engaging was this meeting?

4.0 ★ average rating



How informative was this meeting?

4.1 ★ average rating



What was the single most valuable thing learned?

“Hearing how CBOs can provide community to the unhoused to support them with the backlash after Grants Pass v. Johnson.”

“Where we stand in 2024 with the rates of homelessness. What the CoC is working on to improve the systems providers and the community are using.”

“There needs to be more discussions and collaboration if we are going to make significant movement. The power of the collective can be more effective advocating.”

“We need to capture the narratives to support the data so we can share the success of our efforts with our funders.”

Common Themes from Meeting Conversations

- Collaboration across the homeless response system and other systems of care
- Deeper, more transparent data insights about how people move through the system
- More effective service and referral coordination
- PLE expertise in peer navigation and program development
- Stronger advocacy for person-centered and trauma-informed homeless response solutions
- Comprehensive education and training for a more culturally responsive workforce

Key Themes from Afternoon Discussions

Coordinated Access System

- Deeper data insights (e.g., shelter waitlists, access points, client flow)
- Process improvements that encourage better flow and linkages through 211, CAS, and programs
- Connections to case management and support services outside of HRS
- Client autonomy and self-advocacy in navigating system

Prevention

- Integrate education system to improve identification and linkages for families and youth
- More transparency and awareness of eligibility for financial assistance programs

Key Themes continued

Outreach & Engagement

- Centralized coordination hub and outreach module to improve coordination and resourcing across outreach teams
- Education about safe camping zones, low barrier programs, and shelter resources

Emergency Shelter & Interim Housing

- Lack of low-barrier shelters, particularly for TAY youth and those with disabilities
- Loss of transitional housing programs and the need for life skills and job-readiness support
- Integrating safe camping spaces, improving data sharing, and offering resources at encampments before enforcement could help address immediate needs
- Better shelter staff training, livable wages, and support for families and those with support animals

Key Themes continued

Rehousing Assistance

- Strong resources and case management for helping clients build self-sufficiency and housing sustainability skills
- Braiding funding with different sources for better service integration (e.g. CalAIM)
- Greater transparency and understanding about income requirements, placements, and referral timelines
- PLE supporting clients with case management, planning, and accountability

Permanent Housing

- Lack of ADA-compliant units to meet community needs
- Education on CalAIM Community Support, Home Modifications, to help clients with accessibility needs
- Financing challenges for increasing capacity, lengthy timelines for building PSH, and many complications with vouchers
- Greater transparency about expectations and eligibility requirements
- Gaps in bridge from RRH to PSH, and “move-on” from PSH

Key Themes continued

Integrated Services

- Better integration with justice system and focus on justice-involved population
- Embedding PLE and advocates across systems with compensation
- Medical respite and other resources for people with complex medical needs
- Being accountable to the Housing-First model

Capacity Building

- Language access resources (e.g., interpreters, translators) and cultural brokers
- Easily searchable and accessible local resources to help service provision
- Sharing narratives about the experience of homelessness and navigating homeless services with data to create better community awareness
- Engaging PLE in across systems to support advocacy and education efforts

Next Steps

- Integrate session feedback into the 2025 work plans for the CoC Board and Committees
- Review opportunities for investing in identified solutions through HHAP-6 California state funding and other streams
- Develop recommendations for the second year of the Regional Action Plan

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