



# Hand Up, not hand out

**Mendocino County Board of Supervisors**

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**HHSA HOMe Team**



# Today --

- **Review the Information**

- Homelessness Needs Assessment and Action Steps
- Identify Actions To Date
- Clarify Next Steps

- **Recommended Board Action**

- To endorse the recommendations, in concept
- Provide further direction to staff on policy issues

# Needs Assessment

- **Undertaken due to increase in homelessness countywide**
  - To improve the community quality of life
  - To build the local economy
  - To alleviate human suffering
- **The Report:**
  - Major Observations and Findings
  - Recommended Strategic Action Plan (28)
  - Next Steps (4)

# Needs Assessment Report

- <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/health-and-human-services-agency>

# Report: Observations & Findings

## • The Positives

- Stakeholders get along!
- Already starting implementation
- High potential of consensus
- Numbers are not overwhelming
- Little movement, less mobile
- Willow Terrace project has broken ground

# Report: Observations & Findings

## • The Challenges

- Common Understanding
- Tactics vs. Strategies
- Agency vs. System
- Lack of good data
- Symptoms vs. Root Triggers
- Dearth of Sub Abuse and MH Treatment
- The adverse effect on children

# Report: Observations & Findings

- **Individuals experiencing street level homelessness**

- 60/40 Male/Female
- 44 years old average
- Time on the street
  - 20% less than one year
  - 50% one to five years
  - 30% five to ten years
  - 10% more than ten years

# Report: Observations & Findings

- **Individuals experiencing street level homelessness**
  - 50% have family in Mendocino County
  - Very local 40%
  - Somewhat local 20%
  - Not from Mendocino County 40%
  - Bubble of 1-3 years homeless
  - Very high unemployment

# Needs Assessment Report

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- Recommended Strategic Action Plan (28)
- Next Steps (4)

# Needs Assessment Report

- Next Steps:
  - Adopt/amend/reject recommendations
  - Assign ownership of each recommendation
  - Just start implementing
  - Establish a checkup plan

# Needs Assessment Report

- Next Steps:
  - Just start implementing
    - MC CoC
    - City of Ukiah
    - City of Fort Bragg
    - Individual Service Providers
    - HHSA Contract Language

# Needs Assessment Report

- Next Steps:
  - Assign ownership of each recommendation:
    - Facilitated process over next few months

# Needs Assessment Report

- Next Steps:
  - Establish a checkup plan
    - Built into contracts
    - Board of Supervisors – (direction)
      - Monthly written updates?
      - Presentation in Fall?

# Funding to implement

- No natural funding source
- Applying for grants, and have received some
- May return with a modest budget request

# Recommended Motion

- To endorse the recommendations, in concept
- To direct staff regarding type and timing of check in with the Board

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