Enhanced Data Sharing and Tracking

POPULATION IMPACT

☑️ ALL  FAMILIES  TAY  SINGLE ADULT  VETERAN  CHRONICALLY HOMELESS ADULT

RECOMMENDATION

Direct the Chief Executive Office and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to develop and implement a plan to enhance data sharing and tracking, as described herein.

DESCRIPTION

Data sharing and the development of homeless performance targets are central to the development and effective functioning of a coordinated system to combat homelessness.

The following actions are recommended:

1. Implement common categories for tracking homelessness across key County departments that touch or serve a large proportion of homeless residents, that differentiates between:
   - Those who are literally homeless using the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) definition;
   - Those who are at imminent risk of homelessness using HUD's definition; and
   - Those who are homeless under the individual department's definition, but do not fall within the HUD definition.

2. Identify the costs for implementing homeless data collection on a monthly basis in the Departments of Public Social Services, Children and Family Services, Health Services, Mental Health, Public Health, Probation, Sheriff and the Community Development Commission. If there are no data elements to "flag" homelessness in departmental data systems, develop and implement a plan to add and utilize such departmental data markers.

LEAD AGENCY

Chief Executive Office
Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles

COLLABORATING DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES

Children and Family Services
Community Development Commission
Community and Senior Services
Health Services
Hospital Association of Southern California
Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles
Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles County Office of Education
Mental Health
Probation
Public Health
Public Housing Authorities
Public Social Services
Sheriff
United Way
3. Develop a plan to make LAHSA a full partner in the Enterprise Linkages Project (ELP) data warehouse, which will include the uploading of Homeless Management Information System records to the ELP data warehouse on the same basis as the County departments participating in ELP, and access for LAHSA to County department data in ELP, to the extent permitted by law.

4. Work with County Counsel to explore the use of passive consent, to the extent permitted by law (including Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)), for ELP participating departments working with vulnerable homeless populations. This consent only relates to use of ELP data at an individual level, not at an aggregate level, as no consent is required for the use of deidentified ELP data for program planning and evaluation.

5. Develop Countywide targets to reduce chronic, veteran, family, single adult and TAY homelessness.

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**POPULATION(S) TARGETED & OTHER CATEGORIZATION**

All homeless populations

**POTENTIAL PERFORMANCE METRICS**

To be determined

**FUNDING**

$1 million in one-time HPI funding

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**DESCRIPTION continued**

Cities with Public Housing Authorities could adopt the common method of data tracking described in number 1 above.