



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Minh Tran - County Executive Officer
Housing and Homeless Services
REPORT BY: Molly Rattigan, Deputy County Executive Officer - 253-4112
SUBJECT: 2020 Point In Time Count

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Housing and Homeless Services to present the results of the 2020 Point In Time (Homeless System) Count.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Director of Housing and Homeless Services will present the results and data points of the Point In Time Count prior to submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

No Action Required.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed: Effective and Open Government

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Continuum of Care (CoC) is a regional or local planning body that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless families and individuals under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Program. The CoC is a collaboration of local non-profit and government providers with 13 sitting board members. According to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, a CoC oversees “a community plan to organize and deliver housing and services to meet the specific needs of people who are homeless as they move to stable housing and maximize self-sufficiency. It includes action steps to end homelessness and prevent a return to homelessness.

Napa County’s Housing and Homeless Services Division serves as the Administrative and Fiscal Entity for the Napa County CoC. System wide guidance and direction is taken from the CoC Board. One of the primary roles of the CoC is to submit federal and state funding applications and make decisions about what programs will be provided on the local level. The eligibility for funds is dependent on the submission of an annual or biannual Point In Time Count (PIT).

The PIT is the only source of nationwide data on sheltered and unsheltered homelessness and is required by HUD of all CoCs receiving federal funding. While this information ultimately helps the federal government better understand the nature and extent of homelessness nationwide, it can also help inform local decisions. The PIT occurs one night in the last 10 days of January and is a count of those that can be visually identified as sheltered or unsheltered homeless during that counting period.

The PIT report is normally due to HUD on June 30, 2020. However, due to COVID-19, the report will be submitted by or before July 31, 2020.

The PIT is not the only data source of homelessness in Napa County. Napa County, on behalf of the CoC, oversees a very comprehensive Homeless Management Information System that provides much more in depth and real data on the number of clients opting to receive services. HMIS data is included in this memo for context. This data was also used in designing the PIT count in 2020, to better align the count with the actual clients served throughout the year.

The Director of Housing and Homeless Services will present the data points that will be submitted to HUD.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi