

# **YUBA COUNTY**

### TULARE COUNTY HOMELESS SUMMIT



# WHERE DO YOU START?

- What are the real numbers?
- How many are on the street?
- Who are they?
- How many encampments and where are they? City limits, unincorporated, private property or public property?
- Who has had initial contact with this population?
- What non-profit or faith based groups are involved?
- How many County staff are involved in working with the homeless population and who are they?



# ORGANIZED FOCUSED BUY IN BUSY

# **BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T...**



# BY WORKING <u>TOGETHER</u>, WE LEARNED

- Initial numbers and information were inconsistent
  - Over 150 homeless in encampments
  - Additional 1,600 total homeless and precariously housed
- Camps were located in city limits, county areas, private property, public property
- Public Health and Environmental Hazards
- Not enough affordable housing
- Not enough shelter beds
- Resources for families existed, but resources for singles and couples were limited
- Non-Profits and Faith Based organizations not working in concert
- What we wanted to do and could / couldn't do
- No dedicated/consistent line of communication with those that were homeless, businesses, county residents
- .....and much more

# BY WORKING <u>TOGETHER</u>, WE GOT.....

### ORGANIZED

- Designated representatives across all areas of expertise
- Identified immediate tasks
- Hired a Consultant and Homeless Project Manager
- Identified homeless needs and community needs
- Identified gaps in services
- Established a homeless hotline

### FOCUSED

- Solution based
- Established ongoing communications with all parties
- Created a plan to target areas with highest health and safety risk
- Involved the right people from the right organizations
- Identified specific outcomes and timelines
- Created the Homeless and Integrated Services division
   in Health and Human Services

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### BUY IN

- Held lunch meetings with homeless
- Stakeholder engagement
- Town Hall meetings
- Door to door residential and business outreach
- CoC participation and involvement

### BUSY

- Identified a place to provide "Emergency Temporary Shelter"
- Designed and allocated funding (developed a schedule)
- Concurrent work on long-term planning
- Held animal care events
- Conducted outreach at the encampments
- Held a "move" day
- Coordinated clean-up
- And much, much more.....

# WHILE YOU ARE BUSY GETTING BUSY DON'T FORGET ABOUT.....

- LONG TERM PLANNING
- SUSTAINABILITY
- FOSTERING RELATIONSHIPS
- CONTINUING TO MEET
- THINK CREATIVE, BE CREATIVE
- OUTSIDE OF THE BUREAUCRATIC FISHBOWL

AND NEVER FORGET ABOUT THOSE WE ARE SERVING ....

# **A FEW OF OUR PARTNERS**

- Yuba County
  - County Administrator's Office
  - Health and Human Services
  - Code Enforcement
  - Community Development
  - Public Works
  - Victim Services
  - Probation
  - Sheriff's Office
  - Juvenile Hall

- Marysville Police
   Department
- Habitat for Humanity
- The Twin Cities Rescue Mission
- The Salvation Army
- Economic
   Development
   Corporation

# A FEW (MORE) OF OUR PARTNERS....

- Homeless
   Stakeholders
- Sutter Yuba Behavioral Health
- Harmony Health
- Yuba Sutter Food Bank
- California Rural Legal Assistance

- The Regional Housing Authority
- The Veteran's Services Office
- Veteran's Affairs and VASH
- Bridges to Housing
- Hands of Hope

# **14Forward**









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- County-Owned Property
  - \* Adjacent to an established Rescue Mission
- 20 Tuff Sheds
- Portable Restrooms & Wash Station
- Office
- Shade Structure
- Fenced Dog Run & Animal Kennels
- Storage Container
- Trailer for "Site Host"
- Newly added modular unit
- Shower facilities
- Meals
- Transportation
- Case Management



# OUTCOMES FROM OUR FIRST YEAR

- 141 Persons served
- 44 Obtained permanent housing
- 27 Employed
- 1,066 Service referrals for clients
  - Behavioral Health
  - Substance Use Treatment
  - Veteran's Services
  - Social Security
  - DMV
  - Social Services
  - Health Services
  - Employment Training
  - Non-profits & Faith Based
  - Animal Care Services



# A FEW (MORE) FIRST YEAR RESULTS.....

- Over \$200,000 cash & In-Kind donations
- Over 1.4 million pounds of debris removed from river bottoms
- Regional Homeless JPA formed with four cities and two counties

- Partnered, planned and built county's first coordinated entry site.
- Developed a "next steps" plan
- Conducted over 25 tours of 14Forward for local govmts and non-profits





















## One Year Later...