



## Homelessness in Fresno County: Then, Now, and Going Forward





## What is FMCoC?

- Member organization made up of community agencies and individuals who serve the homeless
- Members include approximately 30 organizations and individuals
- Responsible for local funding decisions (HUD and ESG)
- Body responsible for decisions made regarding Coordinated Entry (MAP)

# Point in Time Count Numbers

## 2009

- 2092 unsheltered homeless
- 901 of those were Chronically Homeless-more than a year

## 2016

- 1265 unsheltered homeless
- 438 of those were Chronically Homeless





# Seven Year Snapshot

PIT Year	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total	Chronic
2009**	1045	2092	3137	901
2010**	882	*	2974	879
2011	930	3271	4201	663
2012	534	*	3805	651
2013	504	2295	2799	332
2014	603	1662	2265	497
2015	471	987	1458	258
2016	357	1265	1622	438
% change 2009-2016			-48.3%	-51%

\* No unsheltered count was conducted, so the previous year's unsheltered numbers are used for the total homeless and chronic homeless data.

\*\* In the 2009 and 2011 PIT count report, the unsheltered subpopulation numbers were not distinguished between Fresno and Madera, so the number of veterans and chronically homeless persons reported in the table above represent those counted in both the Fresno and Madera region.

# What Practices Caused the Reduction?

- In 2013 Housing First was fully implemented across the FMCoC
- In 2014, Coordinated Entry was piloted, using the VI-SPDAT
- In 2014, a multiagency outreach team was established
- In 2015, Multiagency Access Point (MAP), a Coordinated Entry hub opened, increasing very intentional and collaborative housing practices
- These new practices in place resulted in 440 homeless Veteran households being permanently housed

# How Do We End Chronic Homelessness?

- Increase permanent supportive housing (PSH) and rapid rehousing resources
  - Landlord engagement
  - Increase the number of PSH units dedicated to chronic homelessness from 231 to 269, making 38 additional units available through Federal grant resources provided in the 2016 HUD Notice of Funding Availability;
  - Increase the percentage of remaining non-dedicated PSH units prioritizing chronically homeless individuals from 85% to 100% through Federal grant resources provided in the 2016 HUD Notice of Funding Availability; and
  - Create 50 new PSH beds in 2017 with funding from Federal permanent housing “bonus” funds expected to be provided to the FMCoC

# How Do We End Chronic Homelessness?

- ◉ Housing First
  - ◉ Rapidly house those in greatest need
  - ◉ Low barrier to housing
  - ◉ Eliminate pre-conditions, such as sobriety and med compliance to housing
  - ◉ Focus on retention of those housed

# Current Funding

- Department of Housing and Urban Development, under the CoC Program Funding, currently provides \$8,509,810 in funding in Fresno to nine agencies for Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing, as well as Supportive Housing for Veterans
- This supports 1,232 permanent beds and 30 shelter beds



# How Can I Help?

- Donate to Fresno First Steps Home — Our goal at Fresno First Steps Home is to raise \$750,000 a year to augment funding for outreach workers, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing. Instead of giving money at the street corner, which doesn't help get someone off the streets, donate to Fresno First Steps Home. If 20% of Fresnoans donated \$10 a year, we would raise \$1 million per year.
- Join Fresno Madera Continuum of Care: [www.fresnomaderahomeless.org](http://www.fresnomaderahomeless.org)
- Report incidents of homeless individuals by calling or emailing the Home Outreach Team: (559)512-6777 or [connect@fresnomap.org](mailto:connect@fresnomap.org)
- Volunteer during the annual Point in Time count: Gabriela McNiel [gabriela.mcniel@westcare.com](mailto:gabriela.mcniel@westcare.com)
- Other volunteer opportunities: WINGS Fresno [info@wingsfresno.org](mailto:info@wingsfresno.org).
- Fresno Madera Continuum of Care- Jody Ketcheside, Board Chair [jketcheside@tpocc.org](mailto:jketcheside@tpocc.org)