

# CHIP PRIORITY WORKGROUP: ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

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Sutter County Public Health



HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES

# PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES

- Review homeless metrics and health outcomes in Sutter County
- Review strategies to address homelessness locally
- Determine **strengths, weakness, opportunities,** and **threats** to addressing homelessness
- Develop overarching vision statements and objectives
  - **Three overarching vision statements** and **objectives** for the homeless priority

# GOALS OF THE CHIP: SAMPLE WORK PLAN

<b>PRIORITY AREA:</b> Healthy Beginnings				
<b>OVERARCHING VISION:</b> Reduce the incidence of pediatric asthma attacks in Sutter County children and youth				
<b>STAKEHOLDERS:</b> Sutter County Public Health, Sutter County Superintendent of Schools and various Sutter County school districts, Adventist Health and Rideout (AHRO), Ampla Health, Harmony Health, Peach Tree Health, Sutter North				
<b>OBJECTIVES:</b> Reduce hospital emergency department visits for asthma attacks by 20% within three years. Reduce visits to the school nurse for asthma attacks by 30% within 2 years.				
<b>ACTION PLAN</b>				
Strategies	Actions	Target Date	Anticipated Product or Result	Lead Organization(s)
1. Ensure adequate data collection of asthma attacks coming to AHRO ED	Identify mechanism for AHRO to share asthma attacks data with key stakeholders	12/31/2024	Sharing of monthly asthma attacks data with public health. Then on a quarterly basis, public health shares via public facing dashboard on SCPH website	Sutter County Public Health; AHRO
2. Ensure adequate data collection of school nurse visits for asthma attacks	Identify mechanism for school districts to share school nurse visits related to asthma with public health	12/31/2024	Sharing of monthly school nurse visits for asthma data with public health. Then on a quarterly basis, public health shares via public facing dashboard on SCPH website	Sutter County Superintendent of Schools; Sutter County Public Health
3. Asthma action plan available to school nurses	Educate parents/caregivers to work with their child's medical provider on the asthma action plan  Parents/caregivers provide the asthma action plan to schools at the beginning of each school year	12/31/2025	Percentage of students with known asthma with an asthma treatment plan on file at their school	Sutter County School District, FQHCs
4. Educate parents on how to use the asthma action plan to monitor their child's asthma, ensuring appropriate treatment management and avoidance of triggers	Secure grant funding and partners to implement "asthma triggers" assessment and education in >= 80% of homes of children with asthma.	11/30/2026	Percentage of homes reached by "asthma triggers" assessment.	FQHCs, Sutter County Home-Visiting Program/Sutter County Public Health

# Definition of Homelessness

According to the **Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Point-in Time (PIT) Count Methodology** homelessness is defined as:

- Sheltered: “An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangement (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals)”
- Unsheltered: “An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground”

# BURDEN OF HOMELESSNESS IN SUTTER COUNTY

- Between 2019 and 2020 **homelessness has increased** in Sutter County, California and Nationwide
- The 2021 Point in Time (PIT) count identified **371** people experiencing homelessness
  - 59% of those experiencing homelessness were Non-Hispanic White Residents
  - Most residents experiencing homelessness were between the ages **25-35 (19%)** and ages **55-64 (19%)**
- People experiencing homelessness are **more** likely to have:
  - **Physical Disabilities** or **chronic medical conditions**
  - **Mental health** and **substance use conditions**



# SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND HOMELESSNESS

- According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the social determinants of health (SDOH) are the **nonmedical factors that influence health outcomes**. They are the conditions in which people are **born, grow, work, live, and age**, and the **wider set of forces and systems shaping the conditions of daily life**
  - Social factors including the lack of economic stability, housing instability, lack of access to health care and social supports and connections, among others, may increase the potential of experiencing homelessness



# LOCAL STRATEGIES AND FUNDING

- The Sutter-Yuba Homeless Consortium (SYHC) drafted their 2023 strategic plan focusing on the following priorities:

## 1. Homelessness Prevention

## 2. Support for Shelter & Housing

## 3. Homeless and Community Partnerships

## 4. Health Services

- SYHC is currently finalizing this plan after reviewing final public comment

### GOALS & STRATEGIES FOR ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS



#### Strategy A. Homelessness Prevention

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- Limit first-time homelessness
- Prevent returns to homelessness



#### Strategy B. Support for Shelter & Housing

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- Develop affordable housing options for extremely low-income households
- Further research potential housing models (tiny house, modular, conversions)
- Improve outreach to landlords, property management companies, and developers
- Broader systematic support for the Homeless Data Management Information System (HMIS) and Coordinated Entry (CE) Systems



#### Strategy C. Homeless and Community Partnerships

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- Support the business community's efforts to engage with individuals experiencing homelessness
- Create opportunities for homeless persons to get involved in the community
- Improve awareness and resources on social media for local community
- Work with partner agencies and businesses to employ individuals experiencing homelessness



#### Strategy D. Health Services

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- Provide additional support for the Street Medicine team
- Increase mobile service engagement
- Provide additional support for outreach teams
- Create safe respite location for sick/injured individuals with no other resources to recover

# LOCAL STRATEGIES AND FUNDING

- **Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP):**
  - **Round 1:** provided funding to support regional coordination and expand capacity to address immediate homeless challenges
    - Funding utilized for Better Way operations, a 40-bed emergency shelter program
  - **Rounds 2 & 3:** provided funding to build on regional collaboration and support the development of an affordable housing project
- **Homeless and Housing Instability (HHIP):** a voluntary Medi-Cal Managed Care Incentive Program that aims to improve health outcomes by addressing housing insecurity and instability. Priority areas include:
  - Partnership and capacity to support referrals for services
  - Infrastructure to coordinate and meet member housing needs
  - Delivery of services and member engagement



# SWOT ANALYSIS

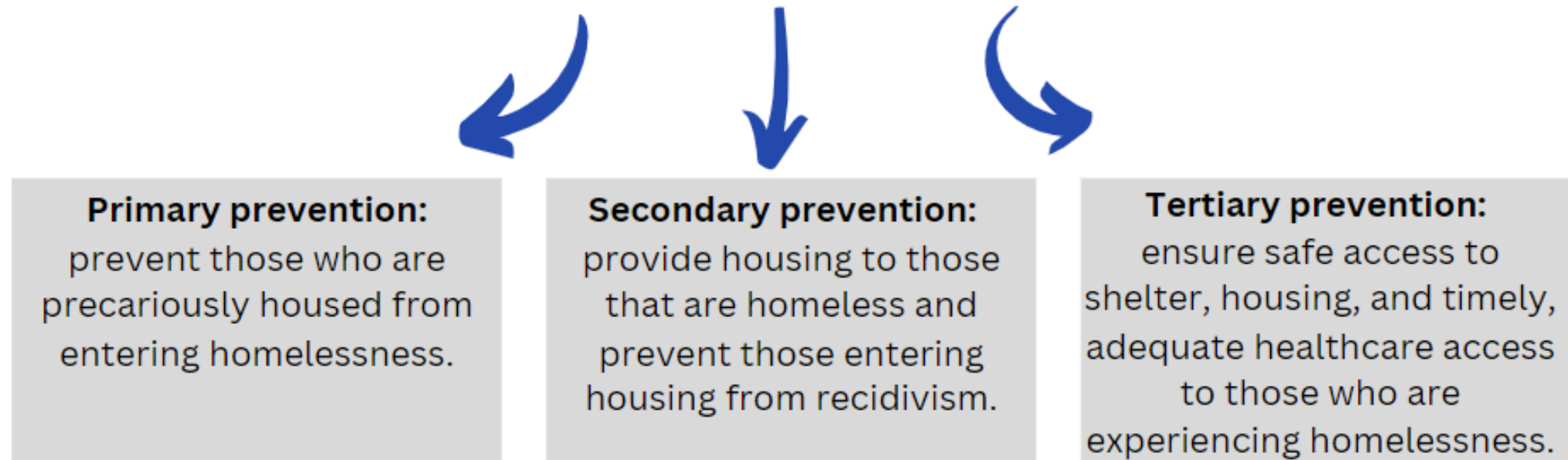
Considering the current activities and efforts surrounding homelessness, identify key **S**trengths, **W**eaknesses, **O**pportunities and **T**hreats that exist in our community to address homelessness

- Facilitator will guide each group through the SWOT analysis
  - Findings from the SWOT analysis will inform our work developing the goals and objectives to address homelessness



# HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION & MITIGATION FOCUS AREAS

Considering and encompassing the HUD definition of homelessness, this workgroup will aim to develop the goals, objectives and strategies to address homelessness by focusing on the following prevention categories:



# DETERMINING OVERARCHING VISION STATEMENTS

The National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) defines **goals/overarching vision** as:

- Broad or general statement of desired change or end state
  - Can refer to a population's (or sub-group's) health status
  - Can refer to a characteristic of the public health system
  - Should be measurable, but does not need to have a means to measure it embedded
- Example:
  - Reduce the incidence of pediatric asthma
  - Increase healthy eating in Sutter County

# DETERMINING OVERARCHING VISION STATEMENTS

- **Group Activity:**
  - Considering the **findings from the SWOT analysis** and the **work your organization and community partners are already doing:**
    - What is the **desired state** or **outcome** for this priority area?
    - What do we need to do in this priority area to **significantly change** the number of homeless in Sutter County?
    - Thinking about who is working on this now, **what approaches will make the largest impact** in this priority area?

# OBJECTIVES

- Objectives:
  - measurable statement of the specific desired change/end state
  - describe the steps that will take place in order to achieve the change(s) described in the overarching vision
  - are **SMART**:



Example: By January 31, 2024, increase adult physical activity in Sutter County by 10%

Example: Increase walking paths in Sutter County by 5 miles within 3 years

# DEVELOPING OBJECTIVES

- Objective Activity:
  - Develop **2-3 objectives for each finalized overarching vision** statement
    - What do we want to accomplish? How will the objective accomplish the vision statement?
    - Who is the focus population?
    - How will this group accomplish this objective?
    - How will we measure the impact of this solution?
    - What is the time-frame we will accomplish the goal?

# NEXT STEPS

- Workgroups will meet to tackle the next steps of the community health improvement process.
  - **Developing Strategies and Actions**- February 22, 2023, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
  - **Determining Lead Entities and CHIP Timeline**- March 22, 2023, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
- Questions? Please reach out to the Sutter County Public Health Accreditation team at [PHAccreditation@co.sutter.ca.us](mailto:PHAccreditation@co.sutter.ca.us).
- Help us improve, please provide your thoughts and feedback on this meeting by completing the CHIP feedback survey [here](#) or completing the survey through the follow-up email that will be sent after this meeting.



# THANK YOU

