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SAFETY NET MEETING MINUTES

December 4, 2014

11:30 to 1:00

Second Harvest Food Bank

750 Curtner Ave, San Jose



<p>CalWORKs Housing Support Program</p>	<p><u>Jason Blair, Abode Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To participate in the program, must be CalWORKs client (including timed-out/safety net) and homeless State recently changed definition of homeless to include "couch surfers," meaning those who have a temporary, indoor place to stay, but not permanent Goal is gradual transition, with heavy subsidy in beginning and slowly decreasing over time. By end of program, client is paying 100% of housing costs Depth of subsidies determined at individual assessment and based on circumstances; on-going reassessments take place every 3 months Goal is to move clients from homelessness to housing as quickly as possible, increasing income with a focus on maintaining housing Expenses that may be covered: deposits, rental subsidies, furniture, household items, moving costs, food, utilities, motel/shelter costs Housing search is a collaborative effort between housing team and families, who must be actively involved in the process Clients are guided toward realistic housing choices; Abode assists with mediation and outreach to landlords, helping clients understand leases and how to be a responsible tenant Abode employs seven case managers, who collaborate with CalWORKs staff, the housing team and clients, coordinating services as needed, including financial literacy, understanding rights, and budgeting Challenges: lack of income of target population, housing market inventory (very low); short term subsidies due to allocation limit (currently allocated through June 2015, with future allocations uncertain) Referrals can come from community partners as well as internal CalWORKs staff
<p>Santa Clara County/Cal MediConnect Outreach to Homeless</p>	<p><u>Shelly Grimaldi, Harage Consulting</u></p> <p>The Coordinated Care Initiative: rules changed for low-income seniors or disabled individuals with SSA who are eligible for both Medi-Cal and Medicare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health risk assessments are given to all applicants and a case coordinator helps patient to get into a program with services, such as IHSS benefits or other health needs Current challenge is clients without a permanent address, who are not receiving notices and enrollment materials "Passive enrollment" system in which clients receive three notices: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Client is notified of eligibility for MediConnect Client is notified that s/he needs to make a decision on provider or s/he will be automatically enrolled; includes choice form and guidebook to help client make a decision and his/her rights (i.e. can change care every 30 days) Client is notified of confirmation of enrollment
<p>County</p>	<p><u>Rafaela Perez</u></p>

SAFETY NET MEETINGS INFORMATION

The Safety Net Committee is co-chaired by Santa Clara County Social Services Agency and the Second Harvest Food Bank. It is comprised of Community Based Organizations (CBO's) that come together in partnership to educate, access, strategize, develop and implement service recommendations to Strengthen food and other services provided to those in need throughout Santa Clara County. Safety Net meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each Month at the Second Harvest Food Bank from 11:30 – 1:00 PM. For more information or to schedule agenda items, please contact Norma Bejarano Norma.Bejarano@ssa.sccgov.org at 408. 755.7736 Or michelle.campos@ssa.sccgov.org