

OC CLERGY

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Association of California Cities
Orange County

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Mission



The Association of California Cities – Orange County (**ACC-OC**) represents the interests of Orange County cities on regional public policy issues. The Association believes in education that empowers, policy development that is collaborative, and advocacy that is service orientated.


A Regional Perspective



2017 Point and Time Count

- **68%** of our homeless are from OC
- **4792** Total Unsheltered and Sheltered Homeless
 - South SPA: **674** Unsheltered & Sheltered Homeless
 - North SPA: **1848** Unsheltered and Unsheltered Homeless
 - Central SPA: **2099** Unsheltered and Sheltered Homeless
- **\$125** MIL Spent by Cities in 2015

UCI/United Way Cost Study

- **\$299** MIL FY 15 – 16
 - Unsheltered Homelessness has Increased **53%** since 2013
 - Investing in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) can save OC Cities **\$42** MIL per year
 - ACC-OC'S 2700 PSH Unit Plan Shelters the Region's Chronically Homeless
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Cost Study

Recommendations PSH

- **PSH (Permanent Supportive Housing)** is a national recognized, proven and cost effective solution to the needs of vulnerable people with disabilities who are homeless, institutionalized, or at greatest risk of these conditions.
- PSH integrates permanent, affordable rental housing with the best practice community-based supportive services geared toward helping those who are homeless and/or have serious long term disabilities:
 - Mental illnesses and / or Physical disabilities
 - Developmental disabilities
 - Substance use disorders
 - Chronic health conditions

Cost Study

Recommendations **PSH**

- Taking a regional approach to **PSH** development places our county in a better position for leveraging internal and external resources and funding
- Utilizing the Department of Finance numbers, ACCOC staff calculated what percentage of the Orange County population each city had.
- With that, the staff populated out the 2700 PSH units based on individual city population.

PSH Needed

- Total Unsheltered in OC: **2584**
- Total Sheltered in OC: **2208**
 - Some of these individuals and families are being housed in Emergency Shelters or Transitional Housing, and can only be temporarily housed due to residency requirements. Without PSH, residents often find themselves back on the streets.
- Doubles the overstock of PSH currently in OC



Why Are They Needed?



2700 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNIT PLAN

ABOUT

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is designed to help people who are homeless and/or have serious, long term disabilities such as mental illnesses, developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, substance use disorders, and other chronic health conditions.



1. REGIONALIZATION

The foundation of ACC-OC's 2700 unit plan is the acknowledgment that homelessness is a regional problem that requires a regional solution.

ACC-OC has regionalized Permanent Supportive Housing through an equation that gives each city a "share" of the overall units.



2. FINANCE AND FUNDING

Gap funding is critical to the construction of these units. There are often small financial gaps that keep projects in the conceptual phase instead of the construction phase.

While there are some local and federal dollars readily available, many of the necessary state dollars are tied up in lengthy grant processes or force cities to compete with one another for funds. The 2700 Unit Plan seeks to regionalize dollars in an effort to streamline funding to projects.



3. WRAP AROUND SERVICES

What makes Permanent Supportive Housing a model for ending chronic homelessness, are the exceptional, on-going, wrap-around services that are provided to residents.

ACC-OC's 2700 unit plan emphasizes the need for a comprehensive service provider plan to be in place prior to construction. This insures that the residents of these facilities, and the larger community, will both experience the success Permanent Supportive Housing can provide.



CONTACT ACCOC FOR MORE INFORMATION

Regional Coalition



How do we get there?



1. Agree on the need & solution
2. Regional Coalition Building
3. Development of Business Plan
4. Finance & Funding Projects

Challenges:

Gap
Funding
Public
Perception
Lack of Political
Will

Opportunities:

State
Funding
Public Private
Partnership
Public
Education
Build Out Of System

Housing Trust



1. JPA Foundation via Legislation
2. Funding / Financing Vehicle
3. County / City Governance Structures
4. Creates Regional & Subregional Plan Opportunities
5. Provides Accountability & Transparency over Funding



THANK YOU!

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