

**BEFORE THE
FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION No. 2019-18**

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
HOMELESSNESS)
_____)

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
COUNTYWIDE HOMELESSNESS
PRIORITIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019

WHEREAS, the Fresno Council of Governments recognizes that homelessness is a countywide problem that must be addressed collaboratively;

WHEREAS, the County of Fresno and its fifteen incorporated cities make up the county area; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno Council of Governments' commitment to collaboration will assist in the preservation of public health and public safety in the county; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno Council of Governments supports efforts to address homelessness countywide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Fresno Council of Governments will work collaboratively in conjunction with the incorporated cities and the County of Fresno, utilizing the following list of priorities as the basis/plan to address homelessness countywide:

1. Address jurisdictional overlaps (local, State, Federal, and private) collaboratively.
2. Increase transportation to outpatient programs and regular prenatal/medical care for pregnant and parenting women and children who are homeless.
3. Roving formalized coordinated community outreach and in conjunction with law enforcement, through Fresno Madera Continuum of Care or otherwise, to ensure that efforts are aligned and data is tracked.
4. Assistance to build housing stock, increasing safe overnight housing (24-48 hours), and a centralized approach to single room occupancy units.
5. Priority access to emergency housing for pregnant and parenting women and their children also families with children with significant medical issues as it is difficult to manage the continuum of care when the family is homeless).
6. Real time accurate number of shelter beds available and increase the number of non-faith based shelters.
7. Additional "wet" shelters that do not require the person to participate in a program, person can be high or drunk to use the facility and not be turned away.
8. Education regarding available services and shareable system to track linkages
9. Improved data on the homeless such as length of homelessness (acute vs chronic), cause of the homelessness, is it a family, individual, minor without family support.
10. A formalized assessment of housing and shelter needs in rural communities.
11. Strong centralized structure for homeless funding and service decisions and expanded distribution of funding opportunities.
12. Comprehensive case management for homeless clients and improved access to primary healthcare and medication for chronic diseases; perhaps partnering with Federally Qualified Health Clinic or UC San Francisco).
13. Increased substance use disorder services and mental health services throughout county.
14. Enforce ordinances that address hazardous or unsanitary conditions, which constitute fire, health, and/or safety risks.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Fresno Council of Governments this 25th day of July, 2019.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Signed: _____
David Cardenas, Chair

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Fresno Council of Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting dated above.

Signed: _____
Tony Boren, Executive Director