

# Program Priorities



**PRESENTATION TO  
AHFE COORDINATING BOARD  
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# Process



- Workgroups reviewed data, current investments and 16-17 service delivery goals
- Coordinating Board reviewed workgroup priorities
- Coordinating Board members ranked among highest workgroup priorities
- Workgroups revisited priorities based upon available Coordinating Board guidance
- Coordinating Board adopts priority recommendations
- JOHS prepares recommended budget based upon Coordinating Board recommendations, presents to PBAC, and Executive Committee

# Coordinating Board and Workgroup Priorities



- **Priority 1: Stay the course with FY16-17 priorities, continue in FY17-18**
  - ✦ **Sustain capacity to prevent at least 9,000 people from becoming homeless, to place at least 4,350 into permanent housing, and to maintain at least 650 additional year-round emergency shelter beds.**
  - ✦ **Continue to prioritize increased housing and shelter capacity to women, in all household types, to people with severe and persistent mental illness, and to the elimination of racial and ethnic disparities in the homeless population.**

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- **Priority 1: Budget Implications**

- ✦ Retain current overall balance between prevention/diversion, placement/retention, and emergency shelter investments.
- ✦ Achieving and maintaining target service levels will likely require additional resources given increased and unanticipated costs.
- ✦ Existing capacity and allocation priorities depend on sustainability of providers, and continued state and federal funding; changes in these may require budget adjustments.
- ✦ Reallocation of some CoC projects will require budget adjustments.
- ✦ 2017 Point in Time Count may reveal disparities or other trends that require adjustment of population priorities within existing resources.

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- **Priority 2: Increase flexible rental assistance for prevention and shelter diversion.**
  - ✦ Ranked most important by Coordinating Board and by multiple workgroups, emphasis on meeting needs of doubled up population
  - ✦ Community Advisory Forum participants reiterated importance of true flexibility in use of resources.
  - ✦ Housing Workgroup's highest priority is to create a local long-term rental subsidy, similar to a Section 8 voucher.
  - ✦ Prior modeling called for increased prevention effort.

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- **Priority 3: Increase investment in permanently affordable housing (new construction or preservation) for the most vulnerable people experiencing homelessness**
  - ✦ **Highly ranked across workgroups**
  - ✦ **Requires deep affordability, and removal of access barriers, like income-to-rent ratios and other eligibility criteria**
  - ✦ **CAF and Healthcare Workgroup highlighted the frequent need for ongoing support services/PSH for this strategy to be effective**

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- **Priority 4: Increase investment in rapid re-housing, including rent assistance and employment supports**
  - ✦ Placement and retention assistance coupled with employment supports, especially for people of color coming out of incarceration, highly ranked by Coordinating Board and Workforce Workgroup.
  - ✦ Placement and retention supports, especially for people of color using shelter, among the highest priorities of the Safety Off the Streets workgroup.

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- **Priority 5: Increase investment in support services for formerly chronically homeless people in affordable housing**
  - ✦ **PSH highly ranked by Coordinating Board and Healthcare Workgroup**
  - ✦ **CAF indentified need for in-home mental health support services to ensure housing retention**
  - ✦ **Coordinating Board and Healthcare Workgroup identified expanded ACT model and opportunities for Medicaid leverage**

# System Support Priorities



- **The JOHS has identified certain priorities to better support the overall system of services in the community, including:**
  - ✦ **Data management and evaluation**
  - ✦ **Coordinated access and system coordination**
  - ✦ **Emergency services, including emergency shelter development and coordination**

# Policy and System Improvements



In addition to budget priorities, the following policy and system improvement recommendations emerged from the process:

- ✦ **Housing Access:**
  - Improve information on affordable housing inventory/units
  - Establish fair deposit and screening standards
  - Expand shared housing models
  - Increase tenant protections from eviction, retaliation, and unlimited rent increases; increase legal services and tenant education.
- ✦ **Service System Access:**
  - Improve access to information for those seeking services
  - Improve information sharing/coordination among providers, including health care and social service providers
  - Improve equitable access and culturally responsive services
- ✦ **Emergency Services:**
  - Improve police/social service coordination & cooperation
  - Support the creation of shelter alternatives, like self-governed villages
  - Improve access to basic health and sanitation services