



# Monterey County

**Item No.**

## Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
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Receive a presentation on outreach services in Monterey County.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Homelessness Committee receive a presentation on outreach services in Monterey County.

### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

In addition to the State of California's unprecedented investments, the COVID-19 pandemic event has substantially increased resources in our community to assist with addressing the homeless crisis. As such, new and innovative outreach services have been initiated to provide direct and pertinent services to people living unsheltered across Monterey County.

While there are many programs that provide these services, the following are highlighted due to the significant positive impacts they have on the lives of the unsheltered residents in Monterey County.

Dorothy's Place launched a street medicine program to serve people living in the City of Salinas utilizing a combination of funding allocated through the Continuum of Care, City of Salinas and Central Coast Alliance on Health. This outreach program pairs doctors, nurses and social workers into the field to provide a variety of services, including, but not limited to: wound care, subscription management, and medical appointment coordination.

California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) Community Health Engagement team, more commonly known as CHE, has been a strong partner of the County and has served as our "go-to" team to assist with county resident referrals and encampment clean-ups. CHE is jointly-funded by the Continuum of Care and the County of Monterey to provide mobile case management to people living unsheltered, which includes offering vouchers to retrieve vital documents such as birth certificates and state-issued identification, referrals to the Coordinated Assessment and Referral System, applications to housing vouchers, and housing navigation.

Finally, Community Human Services (CHS) hosts two (2) outreach teams that are dedicated to identifying youth experiencing homelessness known as the Salinas Valley Street Outreach Program (SVSOP) and the Monterey Peninsula Street Outreach Program (MPSOP). These programs were originally funded under a Federal Program, however, were expanded under the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) and sustained by various other funding resources like the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). Earlier this year, CHS was awarded another federal funding stream, the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP), which is administered by the Continuum of Care to create a third arm of their Street Outreach Programs to hyper-focus on identifying youth in South County to get them connected to other

services funded by YHDP.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

FINANCING:

There is no effect to the County General Fund resulting from the receipt of this report.

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