

THE COALITION OF HOMELESS SERVICES PROVIDERS

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COALITION OF HOMELESS SERVICES PROVIDERS AND DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES YOUTH HOMELESSNESS DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM (YHDP)

1. Parties.

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MOU”) is made and entered into by and between the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers (hereinafter referred to “Coalition”) and the Monterey County Department of Social Services (hereinafter referred to as “County”).

2. Purpose.

The purpose of this Agreement is to formalize the Parties' commitment to collaborate on a Monterey/San Benito County Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP). The goal of the YHDP is to develop and implement a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness. The demonstration serves unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness, including pregnant or parenting youth, where no member of the household is older than 24 years of age. Collaborative partners, including the Parties hereto, will work together to address system barriers, conduct needs assessments, test promising strategies, and evaluate outcomes.

3. Term of MOU.

This MOU is effective April 20, 2021 and shall remain in full force and effect through June 30, 2023 or upon the completion of all activities under the Monterey/San Benito Continuum of Care (CoC) YHDP, whichever is sooner. This MOU may be terminated for any reason by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice, which notice shall be delivered by hand or by email to Nykole Sakihara at nsakihara@chsp.org for Coalition and Rene Kausin at KausinR@co.monterey.ca.us for County.

Program Understandings.

YHDP Applicant: The applicant to HUD for selection to be a YHDP community will be the Coalition as the CoC Collaborative Applicant. HUD’s YHDP Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) requires the YHDP applicant to be the Collaborative applicant.

Program Lead Agency: The program lead agency for Monterey and San Benito County YHDP is the Coalition. The Coalition has served as the Continuum of Care for 26 years and has a long history of planning and implementing collaborative programs, projects and systems of care.

Program Elements: The program includes up to six (6) months for developing the Coordinated Community Plan, with individual projects submitted for approval on a rolling basis. The Coordinated Community Plan must aim for the following core outcomes as outlined in the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) Youth Framework to End Youth Homelessness:

- Stable housing – a safe and reliable place to call home;
- Permanent connections – ongoing attachment to families, communities, schools and other positive social networks;

- Education/employment – high performance in and completion of educational and training activities, especially for younger youth, and starting and maintaining adequate and stable employment, particularly for older youth; and
- Social-emotional well-being – development of key competencies, attitudes, and behaviors that equip a young person to succeed across multiple domains of daily life, including school, work, relationship, and community.

Types of intervention may include street outreach, drop-in centers, emergency shelter or short-term crisis residential programs, host home programs, family engagement and reunification interventions, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, prevention services, permanent supportive housing or other permanent housing, employment training, educational training, health/mental health/substance use services, and food and basic needs support.

4. Commitments of Participating Parties.

Each undersigned Party hereby affirms the following:

- a. Agency is a long-standing, active member of the CoC or the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers;
- b. Agency agrees to engage and participate in the development of the application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for selection as a YHDP community;
- c. Agency agrees to engage and participate in the planning and preparation of a Coordinated Community Plan to prevent and end youth homelessness;
- d. Agency agrees to engage and participate in the implementation of the Coordinated Community Plan, projects funded under the YHDP, and community efforts to prevent and end youth homelessness;
- e. Agency agrees to align its existing programs and resources that serve youth with the goals and activities of YHDP to the maximum extent practicable; and
- f. Agency agrees to support and participate in the Monterey/San Benito CoC YHDP governance structure, formal decision process, and to participate in CoC and committee meetings needed to plan and implement the Monterey/San Benito CoC YHDP.

5. General Provisions.

- a. **Amendments:** Either party may request changes to this MOU. Any changes, modifications, revisions or amendments to this MOU, which are mutually agreed upon by and between the Parties, shall be incorporated by written instrument, and effective when executed and signed by all parties to this MOU.
- b. **Entirety of Agreement:** This MOU, consisting of three (3) pages, represents an integrated agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations and agreements, whether written or oral.
- c. **Liability:** Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County, its officers, agents, and employees from any claim, liability, loss, injury or damage arising out of, or in connection with performance of this Agreement by Contractor and/or its agents, employees or sub-contractors, excepting only loss, injury or damage caused by the negligence or misconduct of personnel employed by the County. It is the intent of the parties to this Agreement to provide the broadest possible coverage for the County. The Contractor shall reimburse the County for all costs,

attorney's fees, expenses and liabilities incurred with respect to any litigation in which the Contractor is obligated to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County under this Agreement.,

6. Signatures.

In witness whereof, the parties to this MOU through their duly authorized representatives have executed this MOU on the days and dates set out below, and certify that they have read, understood, and agreed to the terms and conditions of this MOU as set forth herein.

Coalition of Homeless Services Providers

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Roxanne V. Wilson
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Signature

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Name and Title Date

**Monterey County
Department of Social Services**

Signature

Lori A. Medina, Director

Name and Title Date

Approved as to form:

DocuSigned by:
Anne Brereton, County Counsel
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Deputy County Counsel
