

ENCAMPMENT RESPONSE

PROPOSED POLICIES & PROCEDURES



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Martin v. Boise (2018)

- Prohibited the criminalization of sitting, sleeping, or lying on public property, specifically for people experiencing homelessness
- Enforcement of ordinances was ruled unconstitutional when shelter beds are unavailable
- Based on the U.S. Constitution's Eighth Amendment prohibiting cruel and unusual punishment



City of Grants Pass v. Johnson (2024)

- Overturned *Martin v. Boise*
- Gives local governments ability to enact and enforce criminal penalties for acts like public camping or sleeping



Governor's Order N-1-24 (2024)

- Ordered state agencies to address dangerous encampments immediately
- Urged cities and counties to do the same



THE PURPOSE OF THE ENCAMPMENT RESPONSE POLICY AND PROCEDURES IS TO ESTABLISH:

- a comprehensive, deliberate, and compassionate approach to address encampments on public lands within unincorporated areas of the County
- principles and procedures the County will adhere to when considering and implementing decisions about an appropriate level of intervention
- priority assessment of health, welfare, and safety concerns for those within and outside of encampments



The County is committed to addressing homelessness with compassion, dignity, and respect.

No one-size-fits-all approach to encampments; response will be based on systematic assessment of needs, costs, benefits, and experience.

The County will collaborate with partners to support making a range of services available to assist individuals who are displaced from encampments.

Encampments that pose immediate risks to health or safety will require a course of action up to and including encampment clearing.



Public Health
and Safety

Human Rights
and Dignity

Community
Relations

Resource
Allocation and
Efficiency

Long-term
Solutions to
Homelessness

GUIDING PRINCIPLES



Identification and Assessment

- Alert via web-based, GIS-enabled form
- Local outreach team dispatched
- Encampment Resolution Team (ERT) established
- Information gathering to assess needs, document impact on environment and community

Interventions

- Outreach & Service Linkages
- Voluntary Cleanup & Decontamination Services
- Encampment Closure

Storage

- Reasonable efforts to provide storage – up to 90 days - for personal property residents cannot remove themselves
- Outreach workers will facilitate retrieval as much as possible
- Some items do not qualify for storage services

Notice

In non-critical situations:

- 72 hours prior to action
- In Spanish & English
- Including “vacate by” date, property storage information, property removal start and end dates

In critical situations:
prior notice may not be possible

Record Keeping

- CAO-HSI responsible for record-keeping in non-emergency situations

ADDITIONALLY, CAO-HSI RECOMMENDS THE BOARD CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION THAT COMMITS THE COUNTY TO:

- comprehensive evidence-based, deliberate, compassionate, and respectful homelessness response initiatives
- collaboration with local partners and individuals with lived experience to ensure responsive, adequately resourced, effective strategies and initiatives

...the County of Monterey's Board of Supervisors hereby:

- a. Supports and endorses the implementation of evidence-based homelessness response policies and practices, including Housing First Principles, Trauma-Informed Care, meeting people where they are at, and Harm Reduction Strategies; and
- b. Pledges to continue collaboration with local organizations, service providers, and individuals with lived experience to improve and, when necessary, generate new homelessness response policies and practices; and
- c. Commits to ensuring that all homelessness response strategies and practices, including encampment clearing practices, are designed and executed with compassion and respect centered on persons experiencing homelessness; and
- d. Pledges to advocate for and allocate necessary resources to support comprehensive evidence-based, deliberate, compassionate, and respectful homelessness response initiatives; and
- e. Encourages ongoing evaluation, review and adjustment of policies and practices to ensure effectiveness and responsiveness to the needs of our community, regardless of housing status.



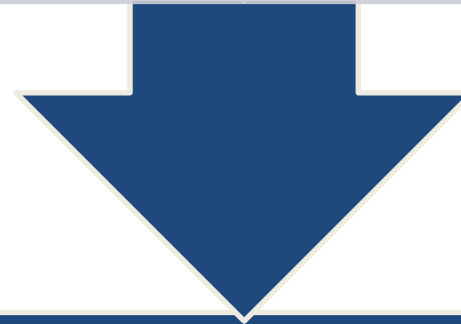
•Strengthen Infrastructure

•Finalize Public Complaint System

Develop a geo-located complaint dashboard for the Encampment Response Team

Establish MOU with Street Medicine Agency

Explore opportunities to prioritize displaced individuals in programs



Increase System Performance

Develop anti-medicine loss strategy

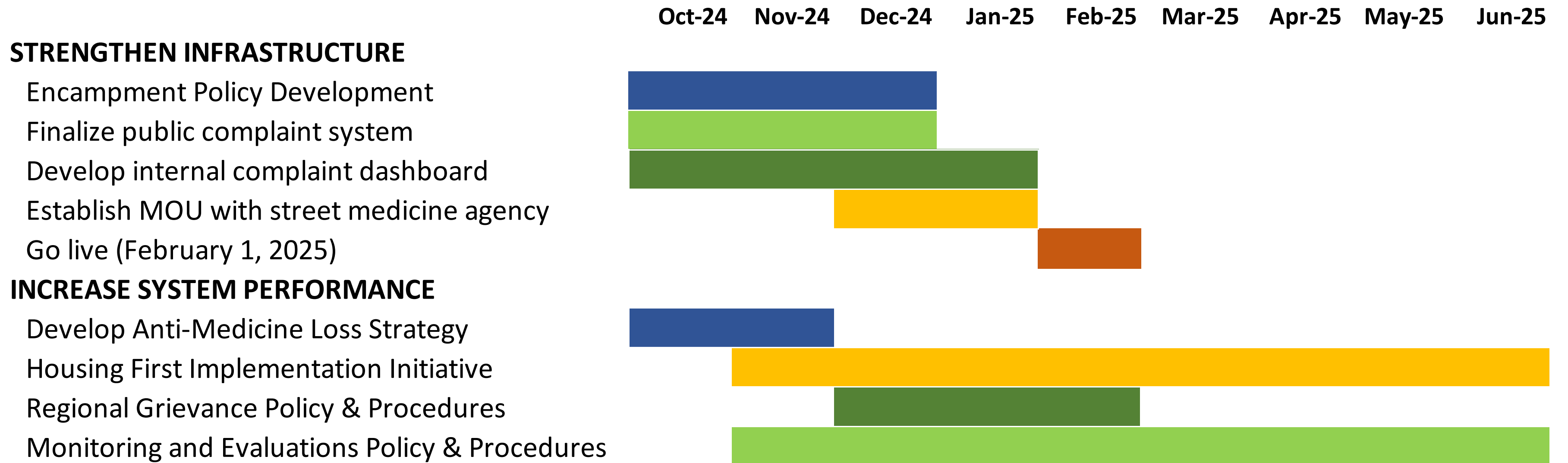
Housing First Implementation Initiative

Regional Grievance Policy and Procedures

Monitoring and Evaluations Policy and Procedures



TIMELINE



That concludes our presentation.
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THANK YOU

