
a.A. Receive a presentation on the proposed Policy for Addressing Encampments; and

a.B. Consider adopting an encampment resolution policy; and

a.C. Consider adopting a Resolution affirming the Board’s commitment to homelessness response policies and practices that are comprehensive, evidenced-based, deliberate, compassionate, and effective; and

a.D. Consider approving and authorizing the County Administrative Officer or designee, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a One Year Term with Access Support Network to provide medicine loss prevention services during encampment clean-ups; and

a.E. Provide further direction as appropriate.





B. CONSIDER ADOPTING AN ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION POLICY



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

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



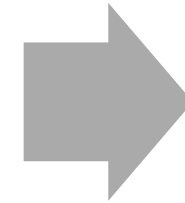
Martin v. Boise (2018)

- 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



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



County of Monterey was awarded \$20 million in Encampment Resolution Funding to address 3 of the 4 largest encampments in unincorporated areas of the county.

FY 2025-2026 State Budget

The governor proposed \$100 million in Encampment Resolution Funding for communities with approved encampment policies



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 offer services 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.



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GUIDING PRINCIPLES





- County Administrative Office
- Sheriff's Office
- Public Works, Facilities and Parks
- Department of Social Services
- Environmental Health Bureau

KEY COLLABORATORS



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
- 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



C. CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE POLICIES AND PRACTICES THAT ARE COMPREHENSIVE, EVIDENCED-BASED, DELIBERATE, COMPASSIONATE, AND EFFECTIVE

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

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

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

Pledges to advocate for and allocate necessary resources to support comprehensive evidence-based, deliberate, compassionate, and respectful homelessness response initiatives

Encourages ongoing evaluation, review and adjustment of policies and practices to ensure effectiveness and responsibility to the needs of our community, regardless of housing status

BOARD RESOLUTION





D. CONSIDER APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR A ONE YEAR TERM WITH ACCESS SUPPORT NETWORK TO PROVIDE MEDICINE LOSS PREVENTION SERVICES DURING ENCAMPMENT CLEAN-UPS;



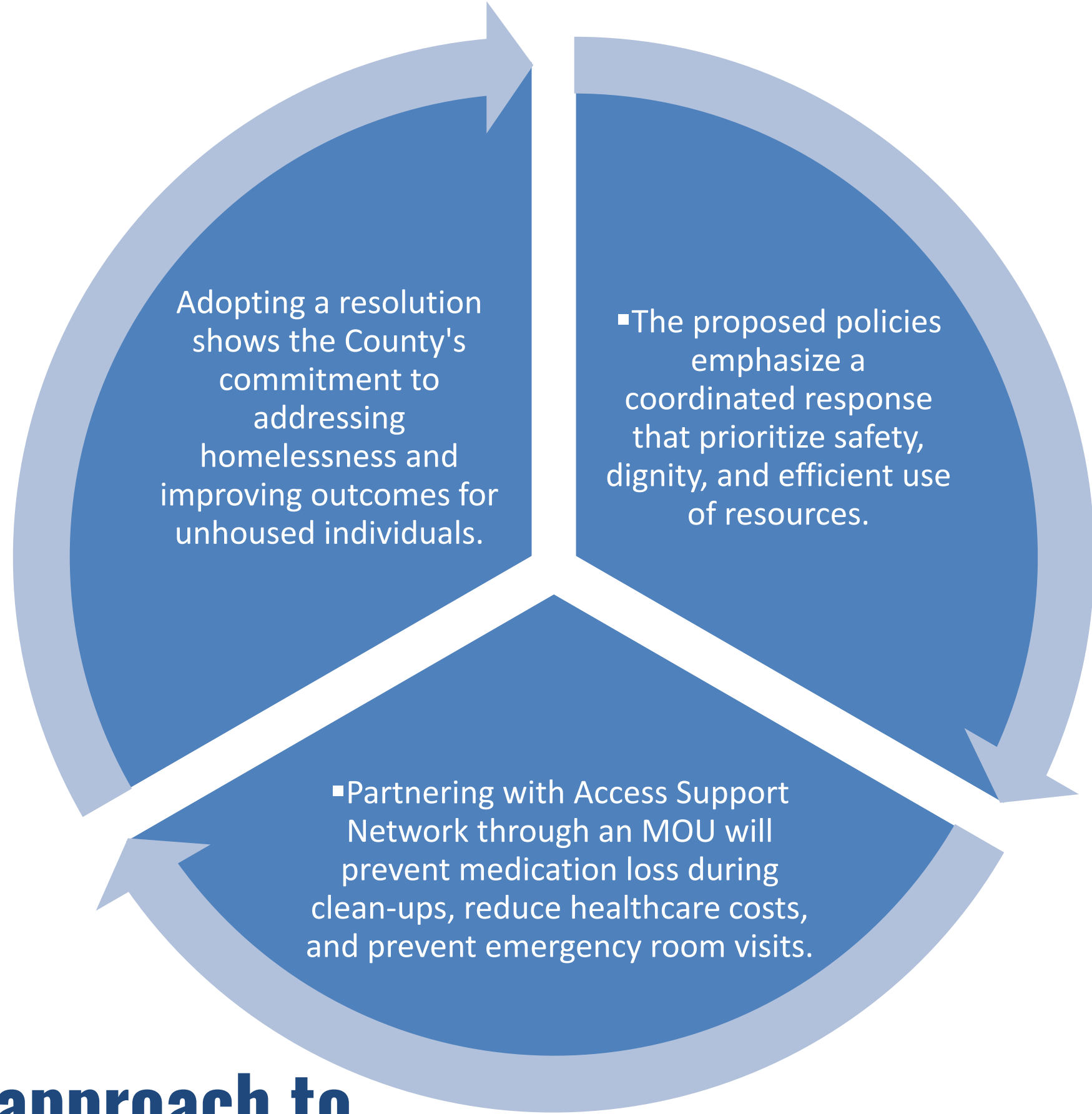
PROBLEM

- 2024 Homeless Point-in-Time Count revealed that on any given night 2,436 individuals are experiencing homelessness in Monterey County, of which 18% are living unsheltered in unincorporated areas of the county
- People experiencing homelessness generally receive publicly funded health care services through Medi-Cal, making it difficult to obtain replacement medications and ultimately leading to negative health outcomes; and
- According to *Impact of Encampment Sweeps on People Experiencing Homelessness* published by the National Health Care for the Homeless Council in 2022, “Conditions such as HIV, hepatitis C, diabetes, hypertension, substance use, schizophrenia, anxiety, and depression (among many other health conditions) are especially difficult to manage absent regular medication

SOLUTION

- Access Support Network (ASN) provides regional outreach through a contract with the Department of Social Services
- Per the proposed encampment resolution policies, outreach will be engaged
- ASN is a street medicine provider with volunteer doctors
- ASN is willing to become an Enhanced Care Management agency to financially support this effort





A comprehensive approach to addressing encampments