

“Multi-City Comprehensive Approach”

Multidisciplinary Approaches to End Homelessness

A Continuum of Care Division Webinar Series

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About the Webinar Series

Purpose

These webinars provide an opportunity to engage with local and regional experts on best practices, advocacy tools and resources available to prevent and end homelessness in Riverside County.

Recorded Webinars

After the live webinar has taken place, the recording will be added to our website.

Upcoming Webinars

We are working on securing speakers for future webinars and would love to feature you or your agency.

Email CoC@rivco.org if interested.

Agenda for Today

10:00 – 10:05 AM	Welcome	HHPWS – Continuum of Care Staff: Tanya Torno, CoC Manager
10:05 – 10:30 AM	Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)	Greg Rodriguez, Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Supervisor Perez’s Office
10:30 – 10:55 AM	Social Work Action Group (SWAG)	Monica Sapien, Executive Director, SWAG Aaron Petroff, Vice President, SWAG
10:55 – 11:00 AM	Q&A: Please type your questions in the chat box. We will answer as many questions as possible at the end of the webinar.	

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Coachella Valley
Homelessness Collaborative
CoC Presentation January 21, 2021

*Greg Rodriguez, Relations and Public Policy Advisor,
Supervisor Perez's Office*

How We Got Here

- CVAG History in Homelessness/Roy's
- Desert Healthcare District/Barbara Poppe Report
- Collaborative number one recommendation
- CVAG Homeless Committee tasked me to develop collaborative

What needed to be done:

- Additional Gaps Analysis
- Provider and Service Mapping
- Collaborative Options

Homelessness Network



- RUHS
- Service Providers
- Shelters
- Faith Community
- Desert Healthcare District
- Clinics-Health Plans
- Hospitals-Street Medicine
- Education System
- Law Enforcement
- Executive Office
- County Departments
- COC-BOG
- CVAG Homeless Committee
- Cities
- Tribes
- CVHC-Lift to Rise-Developers
- Housing Authority
- Workforce Development

Riverside County



- RUHS Behavioral Health
- RI International
- RUHS Public Health
- RUHS Community Health Centers
- RUHS Population Health-WPC
- Executive Office
- Board of Supervisors Offices
- County Counsel
- DPSS
- Continuum of Care-Committees
- Board of Governance
- HMIS-CES
- EDA-Housing Authority
- Office on Aging
- Code Enforcement
- Sheriff
- Probation
- District Attorney
- Flood Control
- Parks

Coachella Valley Service Providers



- Martha's
- CVRM
- Shelter From the Storm
- Well in the Desert
- Path of Life
- Jewish Family Services
- Galilee Center
- Step Up on Second
- Street Life Project
- The Narrow Door
- Desert AIDS Project
- LGBT Center
- Operation Safe House
- Mama's House
- Olive Crest
- Churches
- Food Banks
- Recovery Centers
- Transgender Health & Wellness
- Catholic Charities
- Salvation Army

Methodology

Government Public Service Agencies

Governor Newsom's Homeless Task Force
Office Coachella Valley Association of Governments
COC Board of Governance
COC Housing and Sustainability Committee
Community Action Partnership (CAP)
Department of Public and Social Services
Riverside County Animal Services
Riverside Emergency Management Dept.
Code Enforcement
City of Blythe
City of Coachella
City of Indian Wells
City of La Quinta
City of Palm Springs
Riverside County Housing Review Committee

Riverside County Executive
Continuum of Care (COC)
COC Planning Committee
Encampment Protocol Committee
Housing Authority of Riverside
Riverside County Office on Aging
Riverside County Parks
Riverside Flood Control
Workforce Development
City of Cathedral City
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indio
City of Palm Desert
City of Rancho Mirage

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Law Enforcement

Riverside County Sheriff
Cathedral City Police Dept.
Indio Police Dept.

Riverside County Probation
Desert Hot Springs Police Dept.
Palm Springs Police Dept.

Housing

Coachella Valley Housing Coalition
Riverside County Housing Authority
Renaissance National CORE

Habitat for Humanity
Lift to Rise
Palm Communities

Foundations and Advocacy Groups

Regional Access Project Foundation
California Partners

Leadership Council

Education

Palm Springs Unified School District
Coachella Valley Unified School District
Desert Sands Unified School District
PS Unified School District

College of the Desert
One Future Coachella Valley
CSUSB

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Healthcare

Borrego Health
Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine
Desert Healthcare District and Foundation
Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP)
Riverside University Health System (RUHS)
RUHS Population Health
RUHS Community Health Centers

Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo
Desert AIDS Project
Flying Doctors
RI International Urgent Care
RUHS Behavioral Health
RUHS Public Health
UCR School of Medicine and clinics

Service Providers

ABC Recovery Center
Catholic Charities
Desert ARC
Family Services of the Desert
Galilee Center
Jewish Family Services San Diego
LGBT Community Center of the Desert
Martha's Village and Kitchen
Mission Outreach Project
Path of Life
Safe House of the Desert/Harrison House
Shelter From the Storm
Street Life Project
The Narrow Door
The Well in the Desert

Coachella Valley Rescue Mission
Desert AIDS Project
DHS Family Resource Center
FIND Food Bank
Hidden Harvest
Jewish Family Services-Desert
Mama's House
Michael's House
Olive Crest
Riverside Latino Commission
Salvation Army
Soroptimist House of Hope
Transitional Age Youth Center
Ranch Recovery Centers
Transgender Community Coalition

- ▶ Coachella Valley Homeless Engagement & Action Response Team (CVHEART) Comprehensive Report
- ▶ CVAG Homeless Committee ad-hoc committee on structure
- ▶ Recommendations
 - ▶ Housed within the Desert Healthcare District
 - ▶ Separate Non-Profit
 - ▶ Sub-Continuum of Care (CoC)

Sub CoC Challenges

- ▶ Buy-In Fiscal Challenges
- ▶ Duplication of Systems
- ▶ Change in Poppe Landscape
- ▶ County System Changes

Results

- ▶ Support and Expand County Collaborative & Regional Approaches.
- ▶ Summer Overnight Cooling Centers
- ▶ Funding Collaboration
- ▶ COVID 19 Response

SOCIAL WORK ACTION GROUP

HOMELESS SERVICES



OUR VISION:

*Restoring humanity,
one person at a time.*

OUR MISSION:

*Social Work Action Group's
(SWAG) mission is to advocate,
educate and inspire marginalized
individuals and families in the
Inland Empire to achieve
sustainable independence through
community support.*

SERVING THE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS:

- Homeless for more than 1 year or 4 or more episodes in 3 years.
- Has a disabling mental, physical or substance abuse condition.

Social Work Action Group (SWAG)

Our Philosophy



Meeting people where they are, inspiring hope, and connecting them to the applicable services to exit life on the streets.



Working with cities in Mid and Southwest County, law enforcement and the community to identify the chronically homeless individuals that are most in need.



Homelessness in Mid & Southwest County

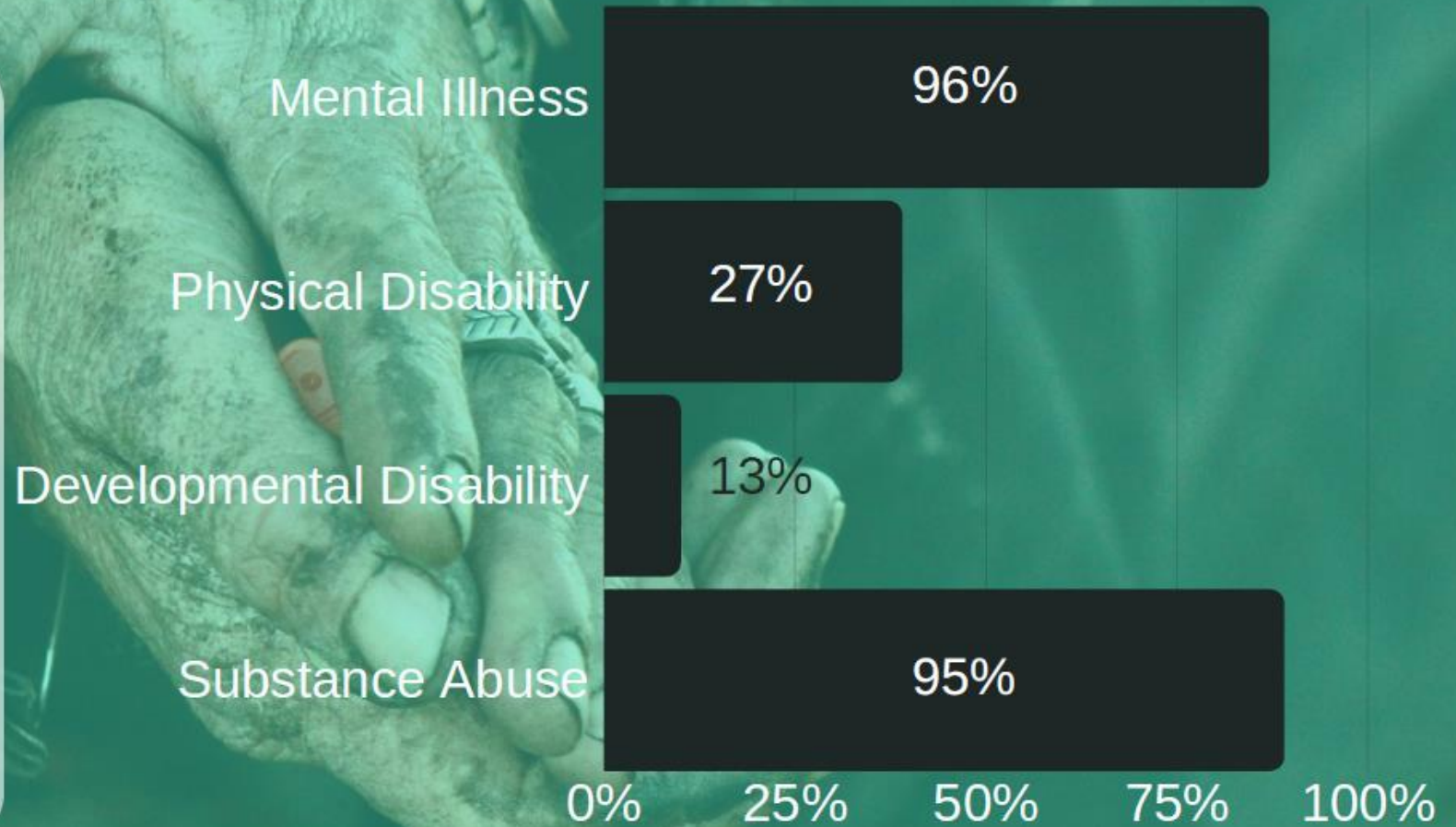
Substance Abuse

- Methamphetamine
- Heroin, Alcohol

Mental Health

- Bi-polar, Schizophrenia (often expected)
- Depression, Anxiety (less expected/ more misunderstood)

Disabling Conditions



Homeless Services Collaboration

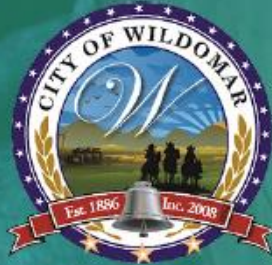
- Social Work Action Group (SWAG)
- City & County Partners
- Board of Supervisors Office
- Riverside County Sheriff's Department/ Police Departments
- Faith-Based & Non-Profit Organizations
- Local Businesses



Regional/ Multi-city Approach



Perris, Wildomar, Lake Elsinore, Temecula, Murrieta, Menifee,
surrounding unincorporated areas.



- Resulted in better coordination of efforts with partners.
- Creating a streamlined delivery of services
- Assisted the region in creating 46+ beds to serve the chronically homeless.
- Previously there was zero.

Homeless Encampment Action Team

HEAT



- Collaborating Medical Doctor
- Nurse Practitioner
- Certified Substance Abuse Counselor
- Homeless Outreach Worker/Case Manager
- Medical Mobile Unit



Services Provided



433

PEOPLE EXITED THE STREETS

71

RETURNED TO STREETS



1190

MENTAL HEALTH CONNECTIONS

69

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PLACEMENTS



1588

MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED

742

MAINSTREAM BENEFITS

Questions and Comments

