



Building the System of Care in the County of Orange requires City Collaboration

Initiative #1: Establish Crisis Stabilization Units (CSU) in each Service Planning Area

- Provides emergency psychiatric evaluation and crisis stabilization to adults experiencing a behavioral health crisis. All Cities in Orange County benefit from the siting of three or four regional centers that provide stabilization for acute mental health and addictions issues countywide. Specialized treatment and linkages to the broader system of care is a critical component of the System of Care response.
- Sited one CSU for the North Service Planning Area at 265 South Anita Drive, Orange, CA.
- Need to site two additional locations for Central and South Service Planning Area access points.

Initiative #2: Establish Regional Navigation Centers in each Service Planning Area

- Provides emergency shelter beds with co-located supportive services to link homeless people to public benefits, mental health, behavioral health and physical health services, employment and housing resources.
- North Service Planning Area → Bridges at Kraemer Place with 200 bed capacity.
- Central Service Planning Area → Courtyard Transitional Center with 400 bed capacity.
- Need to identify a Regional Navigation Center for South Service Planning Area.

Initiative #3: Relocate the Courtyard Transitional Center

- Currently located adjacent to the County Hall of Administration and Santa Ana Civic Center and serves as a Regional Navigation Center for the Central Service Planning Area.
- City of Santa Ana is actively seeking an appropriate site to relocate this Center, which opened on October 5, 2016.

Initiative #4: Coordinated Homeless Assessment & Response Team (CHART)

- CHART is a multi-disciplinary team consisting of OC Health Care Agency, Social Services Agency, OC Community Resources, OC Sheriff Department or City Law Enforcement homeless liaison officers, OC Probation and OC Public Works. These teams deploy/respond to Regional Navigation Centers for intake, assessment and housing linkages.
- The County will deploy CHART to bring specialized County resources to meet needs within Cities, including staff to conduct screenings/assessments for physical and mental health, substance use disorders and public benefits linkage.
- CHART was successfully activated to address the Flood Control Channel Engagement Initiative and within the Santa Ana Civic Center

Initiative #5: Use the Coordinated Entry System for Regional Prioritization and Targeting of Housing Resources

- Mechanism for allocating available housing units into a systematic resource targeting process designed to implement localized priorities for program participants via intake, assessment and linkages.
- County is the lead agency for the Coordinated Entry System, effective July 1, 2018. The County is working with the nonprofit homeless service providers to target available housing resources regionally within the Service Planning Areas and ensure system flow.

Initiative #6: Establish Employment Program for Homeless Populations

- Provides an opportunity for the homeless population to secure employment and begin earning an income to rebuild their lives and regain self-sufficiency. Public and Private partners contribute by registering employment contract opportunities with the employment program that provides appropriate placement opportunities.
- Chrysalis is a nonprofit organization that provides the assistance needed to find and retain employment. Chrysalis will be starting the program in Orange County in October 2018, initiated by support from the City of Anaheim.

Initiative #7: Build 2,700 Units of Permanent Supportive Housing and Establish Housing Trust Fund

- The County of Orange and ACC-OC have committed to build 2,700 units of regionally distributed permanent supportive housing throughout Orange County. All 34 Cities can support this effort, leveraging regional resources to impact a reduction in homelessness across the county wide jurisdiction.
- The Board of Supervisors approved the Housing Funding Strategy that provides a framework for meeting the 2,700 units of permanent supportive housing goal and approved the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) \$70.5 Million Spending Plan which identified 11 housing projects in the pipeline to create 451 units – 141 affordable housing units and 310 permanent supportive housing units, located within six OC Cities, in the next 12 months.
- On June 26, 2018, the Board of Supervisors voted to support the AB 448 Orange County Housing Trust legislation.