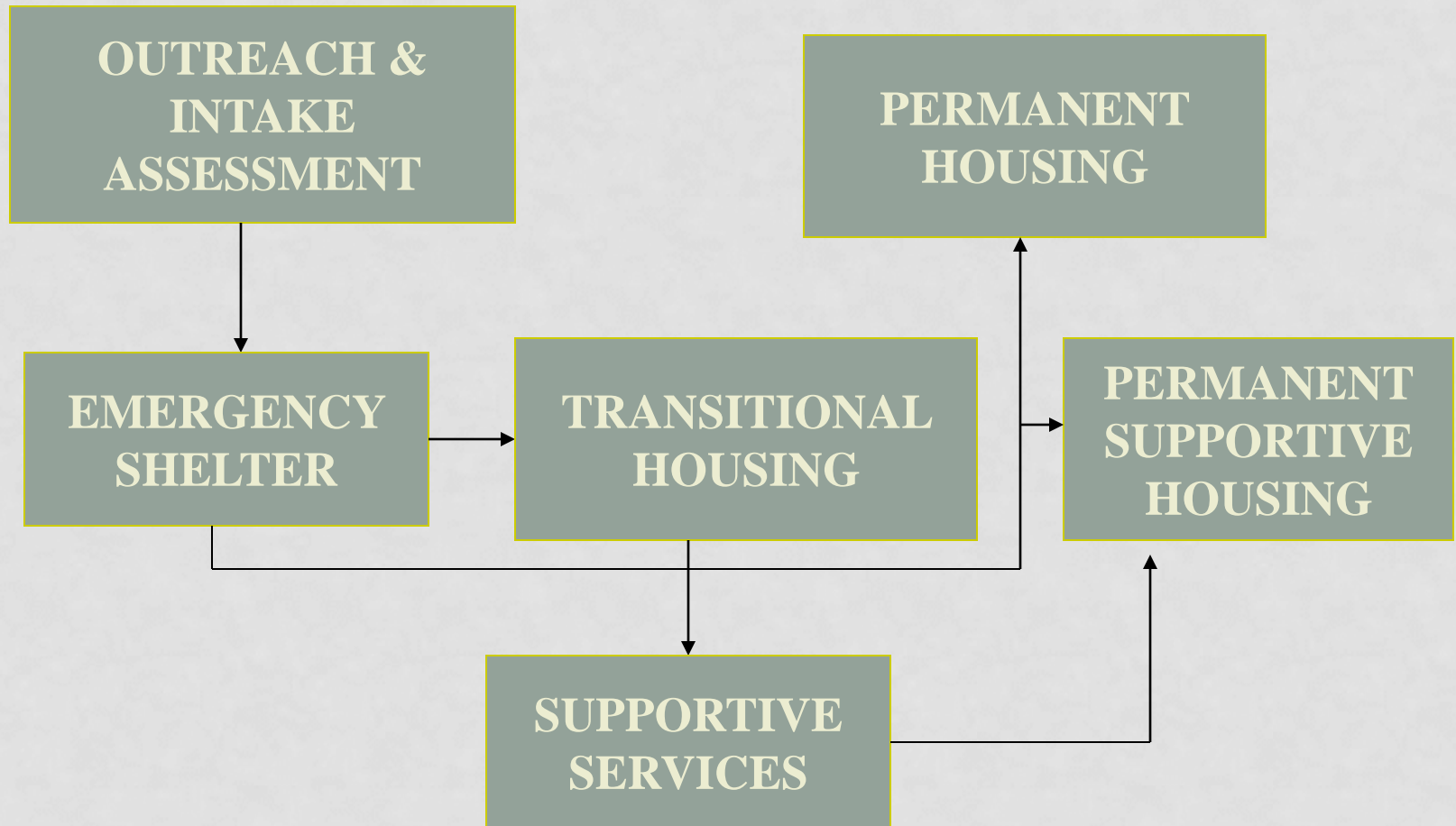


# WHAT IS A CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC)?

1. A Local collaborative effort to end homelessness; and
2. A Pathway of assisting homeless persons toward obtaining permanent housing.

# COMPONENTS OF A CONTINUUM OF CARE SYSTEM



# **WHY DO WE HAVE A COC?**

**HUD – Support localities in their need to coordinate efforts and provide funding opportunities for participating communities.**

**Local Government – Support efforts of local homeless service providers by complying with HUD CoC eligibility requirements.**

# ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

## **Executive Council (CoC Board)**

Provide administrative oversight for the General Collaborative. Identify local goals, track progress and monitor grantee compliance with HUD.

Currently nine members - comprised of three government, two nonprofit, two faith-based, one business and one concerned citizen. Usually meets on a monthly basis.

# ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

## General Collaborative

Supportive partnership to design and deliver effective programs that assist homeless persons and to prevent homelessness. Adopts local priorities. Ensures non-duplication of services. Most recently, assisted with development of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness and accepted oversight of Merced Homeless Connect.

Any person who agrees with the mission of the CoC can be considered a member. If member has attended any CoC meeting within prior six months, they are eligible to vote.

# ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

## **Prioritization Panel**

Reviews application proposals for CoC funding and recommends ranking priority for inclusion in the CoC annual application submitted to HUD.

Comprised of five members - two government, one nonprofit, one faith-based and one concerned citizen. Panel can serve for one or two years. Members are selected via application review by approval of Executive Council.

# VISION & MISSION

## Vision

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To eliminate homelessness in Merced County.

## Mission

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To prevent homelessness, restore homeless persons to stable living environments, preserve and create affordable housing and promote community awareness of homelessness issues through education, legislative advocacy, mutual support and the sharing of ideas and resources.

# OBJECTIVES

1) Provide a network which shares ideas, concerns and resources applicable to homeless issues and foster collaboration in addressing needs;

2) Increase community awareness of the causes of homelessness, and advocate for the needs of homeless people;

3) Pursue funding sources to provide housing and stable living environments for the homeless; and

4) Establish and maintain a county-wide data collection system.

# PERFORMANCE MEASURES/GOALS

- 1) Increase number of permanent housing beds for chronically homeless population;
- 2) Increase number of Individuals moving to and maintaining permanent housing; and
- 3) Increase number of Individuals successfully employed and able to access mainstream resources.

# COC ONGOING ACTIVITIES

- Monthly Meetings
- Annual Priorities
- HMIS participation
- Street Count & Survey
- Merced Homeless Connect
- 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness

# HUD COC HOMELESS ASSISTANCE AWARDED PROGRAMS



Homeless Management  
Information System (HMIS)

Project Home Start

Turning Point Community  
Programs

Community Social Model  
Advocates (CSMA)

Project Hope Westside\*

Sierra Saving Grace Homeless  
Project\*

**\*Awarded, not yet in operation**

# 2011 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



## **Supportive Housing**

Housing with wrap-around services; Supportive Services match - 80:20; Leasing match – Not required; Operating Match - 75:25

## **Shelter Plus Care**

Rental assistance in connection with supportive services (Public Housing Authorities); Grantees match rental assistance with an equal amount of supportive services from other sources

# POTENTIAL BARRIERS FOR NEW APPLICANTS

- **Match Requirement**
- **Agency Capacity - accounting system, voluntary board, non-profit status**
- **Reporting Requirements - project milestones, financial reporting, case management, audit of files**

**REMEMBER.....**

**The CoC is your  
Communication Forum!**