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### ***MEDIA ADVISORY***

## **County Supervisors to Consider Recommendations for New Organization Focused on Ending Homelessness**

**Goal is to create private, non-profit structure by spring 2011**

- Who:** The Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance in partnership with Sacramento Steps Forward, City of Sacramento, stakeholders, other jurisdictions, and private sector
- What:** Presentation of recommendations for new organizational structure to administer Sacramento County's Homeless Continuum of Care
- When:** Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 11:30 a.m.
- Where:** Board of Supervisors Chambers  
700 H Street, Sacramento

The Department of Human Assistance (DHA) has been the primary administrator of the County's Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) since 1993 and acts as the grantee agency for \$19 million in federal funding. Due to County budget reductions, DHA can no longer afford to perform this function.

DHA has been working with its community partners, including Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF), Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, the City of Sacramento, and the Sacramento Interagency Council to Homelessness, to create a new private, non-profit structure to oversee the CoC and administer federal, state and local homeless programs and funding. The implementation target for this new structure is spring 2011.

On Tuesday, DHA director Paul Lake will present recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for this new sustainable organization. Recommendations include a new private, non-profit organization to administer homeless programs and a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to set policies and procedure. The nonprofit/JPA structure offers a two-pronged approach that will enable access to public and private funding streams as well as a regional approach to ending homelessness. For more details, see DHA staff report online:

[www.agendanet.saccounty.net/sirepub/mtgviewer.aspx?meetid=10706&doctype=AGENDA](http://www.agendanet.saccounty.net/sirepub/mtgviewer.aspx?meetid=10706&doctype=AGENDA)

A presentation to the Sacramento City Council is also scheduled for Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

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