

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: KELLI KUYKENDALL, ACTING HOMELESS SERVICES
MANAGER
SUBJECT: HOUSING FIRST PRESENTATION
AGENDA ACTION: STUDY SESSION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department that the Council hold a study session to receive a presentation on Housing First. This item is for information only and no action will be taken.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On March 14, 2017, Council agreed to request a future agenda item to consider having a Housing First specialist, determined by staff, to come and speak to the Council. Staff and Erin Wixsten, Associate with OrgCode, and Elaine de Coligny, Executive Director with EveryOne Home, will present an informational session on the subject of Housing First.

BACKGROUND

At the March 7, 2017 Council meeting, Vice Mayor Tibbetts requested a future agenda item to consider having a Housing First specialist, determined by staff, to come and speak to the Council. Council Member Rogers concurred.

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PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On January 10, 2017, Council, by Resolution No. RES-2017-003, adopted a Housing First Strategy and Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Work Plan to address homelessness in Santa Rosa.

ANALYSIS

Housing First is an evidence-based approach that emphasizes stable, permanent housing as a primary strategy for ending homelessness. Two common program models include permanent supportive housing, which provides long-term rental assistance and supportive services, and rapid re-housing, which provides short-term rental assistance and services. The City's Housing First Strategy aligns with the Federal and State Housing First model.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Study Session is for information only and no action is being taken, therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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