

COVID HOMELESS EMERGENCY RESPONSE

IVCCC ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY UPDATE



OVERVIEW

- COVID Crisis and Homelessness
- State Response Efforts
- Emergency Homeless Funding
- Imperial County Emergency Homeless Plan
- COVID Homeless Taskforce
- Expenditures

COVID CRISIS AND HOMELESS

- March 17, 2020 - California Governor Newsom issues a Executive Order N-29-20 decaling State of Emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19
- April 10, 2020 – The County of Imperial Health Officer issues the order to shut down Imperial County to protect the public's Health.

STATE RESPONSE

- March 18, 2020 – Governor Newsom authorizes 150 million in funding to protect homeless Californians from COVID-19 by signing Executive Order N-32-20
- The State authorized COVID-19 related activities – \$150 million for local emergency homelessness actions.
 - \$100 million to local governments, for shelter support and emergency housing to address COVID-19 among the homeless population, and
 - \$50 million to purchase travel trailers and lease rooms in hotels, motels, and other facilities in partnership with counties and cities to provide immediate isolation placements throughout the state for homeless individuals.

EMERGENCY HOMELESS FUNDING

- March 23, 2020, the California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council awarded Imperial County Continuum of Care (CoC-613) **\$528,713.63** COVID-19 Emergency Homelessness Funding
- On March 26, 2020, the AE deployed a survey to 250 homeless service providers and community stakeholders identify the priority needs of the homeless during this crisis.

IMPERIAL COUNTY EMERGENCY HOMELESS PLAN

The results of the survey indicate the top 2 needs for homeless during the COVID crisis:

- 1. Isolation capacity**, providing motel/hotel rooms for unsheltered homeless who test positive for COVID-19 ranked as the highest need.
- 2. Provide supplies and equipment** for emergency shelter operations and to individuals who conduct street outreach among our unsheltered homeless.

IMPERIAL COUNTY EMERGENCY HOMELESS PLAN

Other areas COVID emergency funding priorities included:

- Provide mobile handwashing stations and/or cleaning stations;
- Support additional staff who may work directly with unsheltered homeless;
- Provide support for transportation for unsheltered homeless to and from shelters and medical care; and
- Case management (for example, mental health services, referrals, wrap around services such as food vouchers, and hygiene kits).

PRIORITY 1: ISOLATION CAPACITY

- IVCCC Approved to launch two existing Rapid Rehousing Programs to begin housing homeless through hotel voucher system:
 - Workforce and Economic Development
 - Public Administrator
- The AE began:
 - Working with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to secure hotel/motel leases and travel trailers.
 - Developing the two housing programs under Project Roomkey
 - Project Safeguard: Hotel Lease for homeless who are high-risk
 - Homeless Housing: COVID+ homeless isolation trailers.

PRIORITY 2: PROVIDING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

- Since March 2020, AE has distributed the following items to service providers:
 - 3,130 Facemasks
 - 1980 Disposable
 - 840 N95
 - 310 Cloth
 - 160 Face Shields
 - 43 Boxes of 100 Gloves
 - 1,220 Hand Sanitizers
 - 20 Packages of 25 Individual disinfectant wipes
 - 4 packs of Kirkland Disinfectant Wipes

PRIORITY 2: PROVIDING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

Distribution to the following service providers:

House of Hope (Catholic Charities)

Our Lady of Guadalupe (Catholic Charities)

Spread the Love Charity

Brown Bag Coalition

New Creations Men's Shelter

New Creations Women's Shelter

WomanHaven

Calexico Neighborhood House

COVID HOMELESS TASKFORCE

Through the Emergency Operations Center, DSS launched the Homeless Taskforce

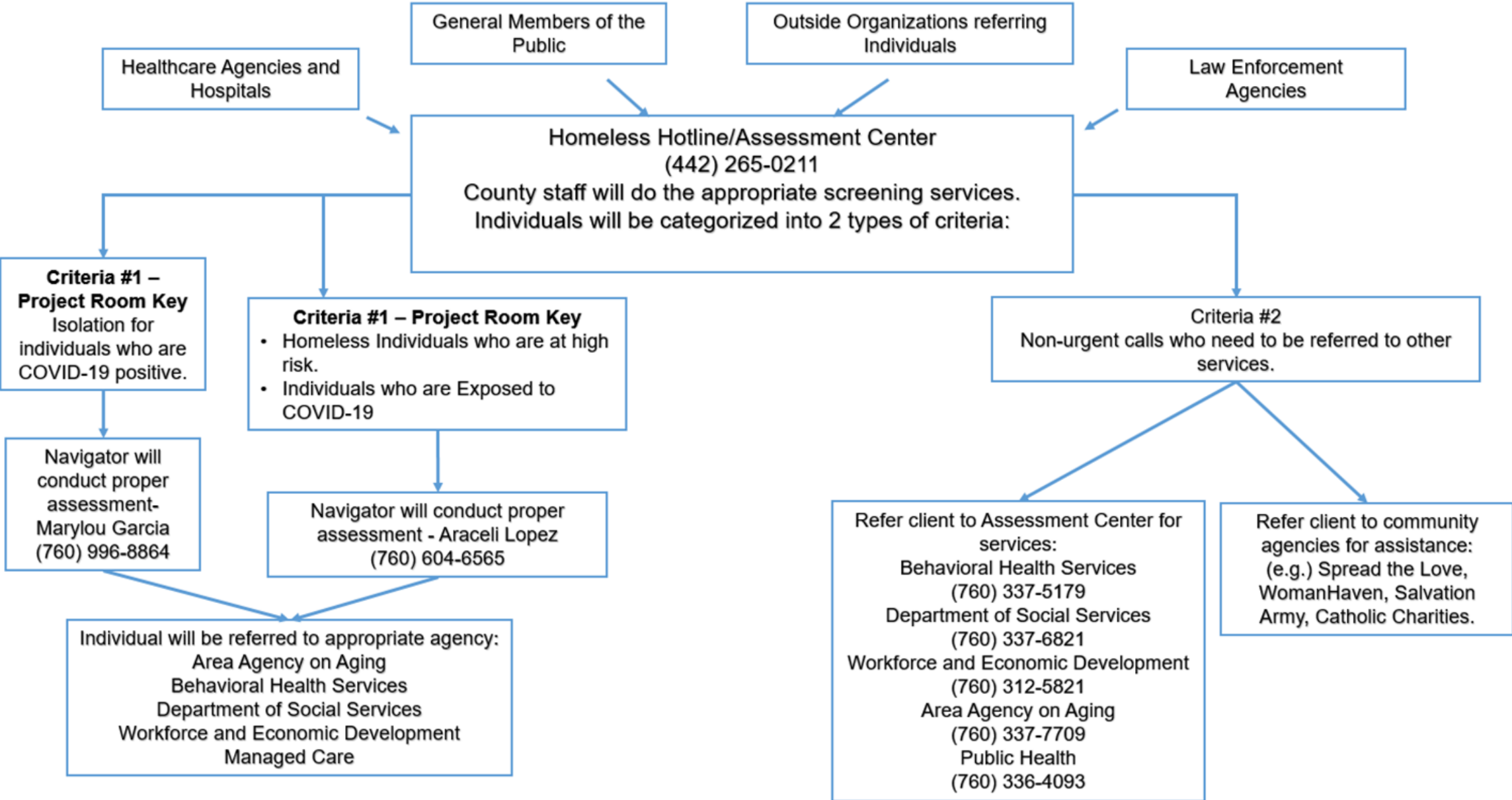
- 24 Hour Homeless Hotline
 - The Homeless Hotline purpose is to link people who are homeless and/or at risk of homelessness as well as, those who may also be at risk of infection during the current COVID-19 outbreak.
- Assessment Center
 - Members from different County agencies and/or necessary service providers will assist in providing services and/or referrals to their respective services and agencies.

COVID HOMELESS TASKFORCE

Homeless Taskforce Assessment center incorporates the following services:

- Screening and Referral
- Triage Services for program enrollment or linkages to other services and homeless service agencies.
- Program Enrollments:
 - Needs Assessment
 - Isolation Shelter/Housing
 - Transportation
 - Coordinated Services and Transition Planning
 - Safety and Security Planning

Homeless Task Force/Roadmap Flow Chart



Healthcare Agencies and Hospitals

General Members of the Public

Outside Organizations referring Individuals

Law Enforcement Agencies

Homeless Hotline/Assessment Center
(442) 265-0211
County staff will do the appropriate screening services.
Individuals will be categorized into 2 types of criteria:

Criteria #1 – Project Room Key
Isolation for individuals who are COVID-19 positive.

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- Homeless Individuals who are at high risk.
- Individuals who are Exposed to COVID-19

Criteria #2
Non-urgent calls who need to be referred to other services.

Navigator will conduct proper assessment-
Marylou Garcia
(760) 996-8864

Navigator will conduct proper assessment -
Araceli Lopez
(760) 604-6565

Individual will be referred to appropriate agency:
Area Agency on Aging
Behavioral Health Services
Department of Social Services
Workforce and Economic Development
Managed Care

Refer client to Assessment Center for services:
Behavioral Health Services (760) 337-5179
Department of Social Services (760) 337-6821
Workforce and Economic Development (760) 312-5821
Area Agency on Aging (760) 337-7709
Public Health (760) 336-4093

Refer client to community agencies for assistance:
(e.g.) Spread the Love, WomanHaven, Salvation Army, Catholic Charities.

HOMELESS TASKFORCE: HOUSING PROGRAMS

PROJECT SAFEGUARD

- Homeless who are high risk of COVID-19.
- Non-Congregate Housing
 - 36 Room Occupancy lease with Travelodge in El Centro
- Basic Case Management services
- Linkages to other services
- **Total Housed to date: 33**

HOMELESS HOUSING PROJECT

- COVID+ Homeless
- Isolation Housing
 - 10 Travel trailers in IV Fairgrounds
- Intensive Case management
- Meals
- Coordinated Services and Transition Planning
- **Total Housed to date: 11**

COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUNDING EXPENDITURES

Activity	Allocation
Hotel Motel Vouchers – PA	42,622.53
Hotel Motel Vouchers – WED	130,071.27
Project Safeguard – Hotel Lease	195,860.00
COVID + Homeless Housing Project - Trailers	40,050.00
Meals – Probation Kitchen	16,200.00
24 hr. Security	63,449.10
Insurance Deductible – Hotel	5,000.00
Isolation Supplies	2,000.00
Infection Control Services	7,000.00
Total	(502,252.63)
COVID 19 Emergency Homeless Funding	528,713.63
Balance as 05/20/2020	26,460.73

COVID-19, HOMELESSNESS, AND THE FUTURE

- The COVID crisis in imperial County has the State's attention
 - State inquiring on Homeless efforts during crisis
- 17 Homeless have tested COVID+
- COVID Homeless Outreach and Testing Needed
 - AE Resources Limited
 - Bring in Homeless Provider
- Tap into HHAP Funding to mitigate the COVID Homeless Crisis