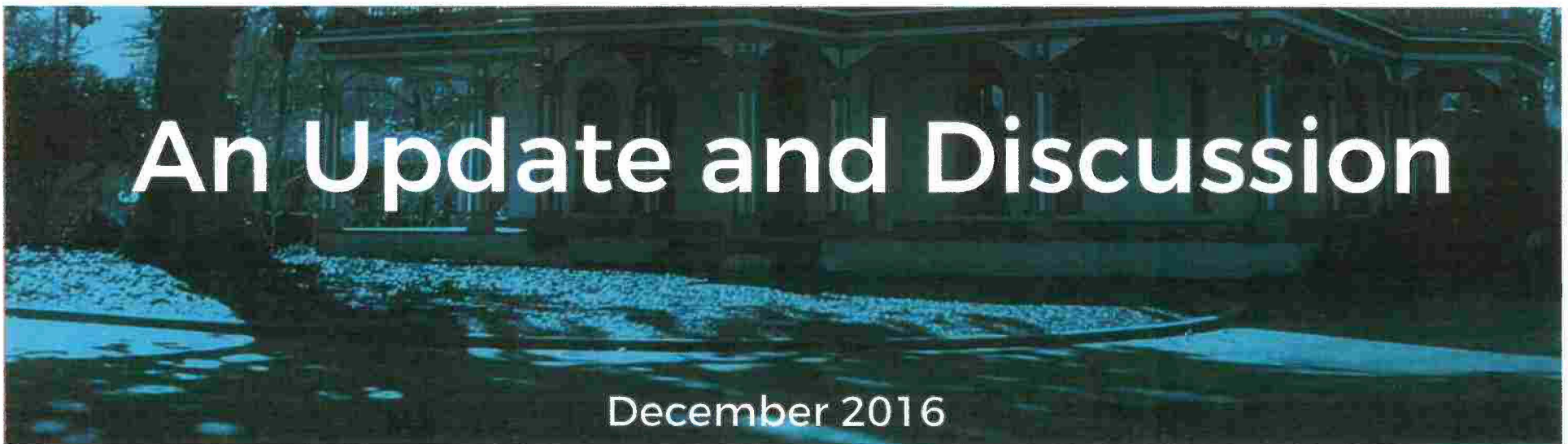




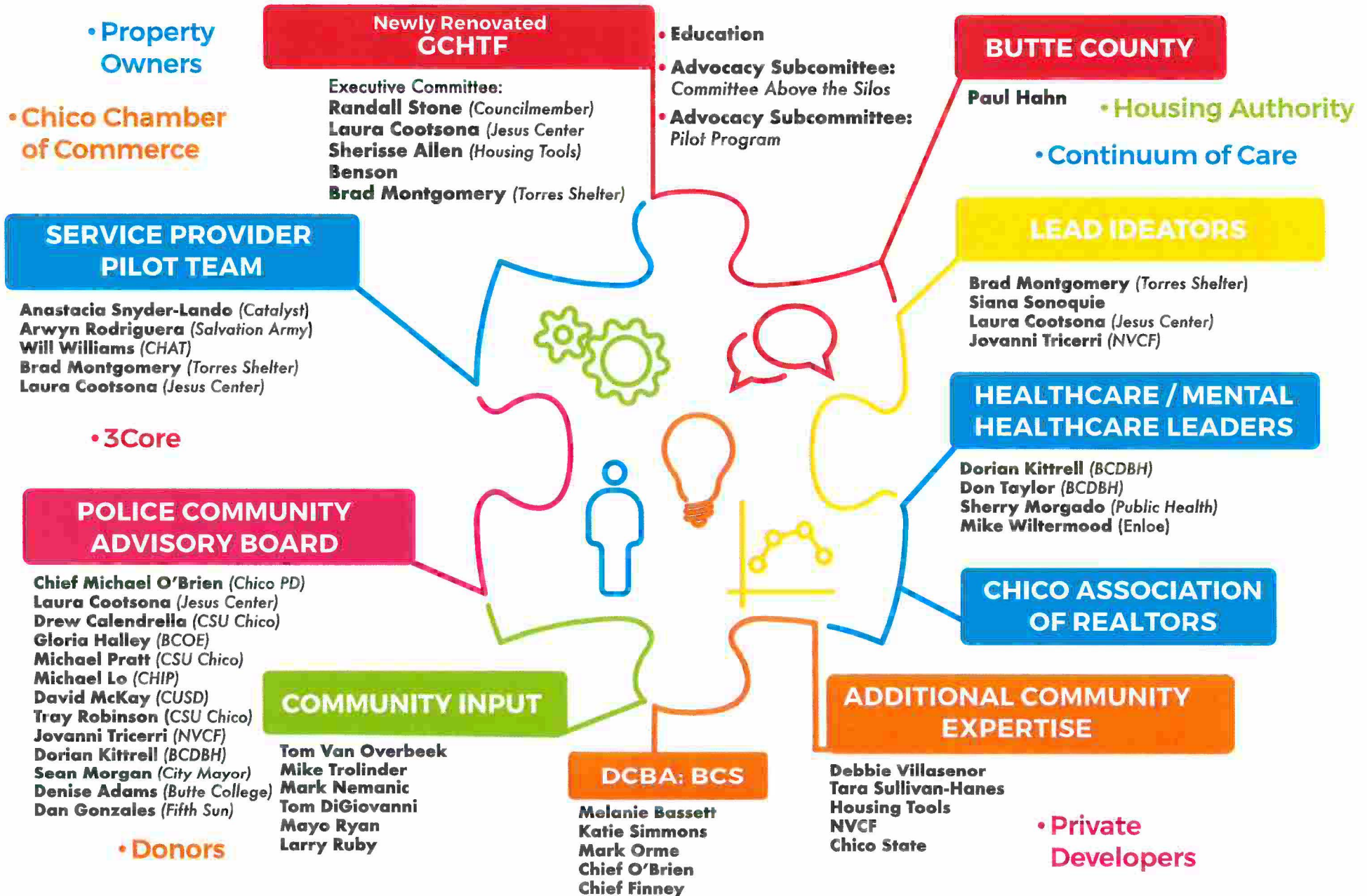
CHICO REDUCING HOMELESSNESS:



An Update and Discussion

December 2016

WHO IS IN THE CONVERSATION?



ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2016

- Spring Symposium hosted for Butte County
- September visit by Robert Marbut
- October visit by Lloyd Pendleton
- Community wide, ongoing conversation about reducing homelessness
- Reorganization of the Greater Chico Homeless Task Force
- Consensus around the critical role of data collection and analysis
- Conversations between Torres Shelter and Jesus Center for more extensive collaboration in service delivery
- Chico Holidays Together - Cross agency collaboration

NEXT STEPS TOWARD SOLUTIONS

Five Main Areas of Focus

01 QUALITY DATA COLLECTION

02 A COMPREHENSIVE ACTION PLAN

03 INCREASING HOUSING STOCK

04 PRIORITIZING DOWNTOWN VITALITY

05 FILLING IN GAPS IN HEALTH CARE
AND MENTAL HEALTH

01 QUALITY DATA COLLECTION

Over the next 3 months three primary initiatives are planned to gather a comprehensive picture of the population who are experiencing homelessness.

- January 25: Point In Time Survey (Sherisse Allen-Consultant/Continuum of Care)
- Feb/March: Supplemental Data Dive and PIT Analysis by Robert Marbut (Jesus Center/Torres Shelter Lead)
- Jan-April: Installation of Intake and Card Reader System at Jesus Center (Jesus Center/Siana Sonoquie-Consultant)
- Second Point In Time Survey Planned for Summer 2017

POTENTIAL ROLES FOR CITY OF CHICO:

1. Partnership to fund consulting
2. Data analysis for use by Chico Police Department
3. Funding for Summer Point in Time Survey

02 COMPREHENSIVE ACTION PLAN

Good data will help us analyze and understand how we need to realign current services, fill in gaps and build a city-wide plan.

- The current approach is to bring Robert Marbut back to analyze our current data and perform a functional study. A local consultant/facilitator will work with our core team to build a **comprehensive action plan**, incorporating roles for key stakeholders including the city and police department. This action plan will feature a lean start-up approach, utilizing multiple pilot projects and validated learning.

POTENTIAL ROLES FOR CITY OF CHICO:

1. Partnership to fund consultant
2. Partnership to fund for local core team lead/facilitator
3. Loan City staff to assist process

03 INCREASE HOUSING STOCK

Key to our long term success in moving people from crisis to restoration is a continuum of housing offerings ranging from emergency “come-as-you-are” sheltering year round to permanent housing.

COME-AS-YOU-ARE
SHELTER

TRADITIONAL
SHELTER

LOW-COST
INNOVATIVE
HOUSING

TRANSITIONAL
HOUSING

PERMANENT
SUPPORTIVE
HOUSING

PERMANENT
HOUSING

POTENTIAL ROLES FOR CITY OF CHICO:

1. Study model cities like San Jose, CA for best practices
2. Address zoning needs as applicable
3. Reduce fees where community benefit is shown to reduce homelessness
4. Entertain creative business plans for alternative housing options and launch pilots
5. Deploy City staff

04 PRIORITIZING DOWNTOWN VITALITY

The City Council, DCBA, Chamber, and citizens of Chico recognize the critical role of the downtown in the overall vitality of Chico. To this end, there are many initiatives currently working:

- Beautiful, Clean & Safe - Plan for safety cameras in plaza
- Downtown Ambassadors
- Clean Up Brigade
- Red Top Meters
- Private Security
- Introduction of PBID for increased security and beautification

POTENTIAL ROLES FOR CITY OF CHICO:

1. Implement parking fees (Saturdays, for example) to pay for more police
2. Co-sponsorship of a mobile crisis unit for case management with individuals who are homeless (in conjunction with a paid clinician doing outreach)
3. 24-hour bathrooms
4. Safety cameras in the plaza
5. Collaboration with Beautiful Clean & Safe, CSUC on a campaign to reduce panhandling

05 FILLING IN GAPS IN HEALTHCARE AND MENTAL HEALTH

Chico Police Department bears a significant part of the burden coming from gaps in mental health and health care services. Progress includes:

- The collaborative effort between Chico PD, Behavioral Health, Enloe Hospital and Service Providers focusing on 5150's and Detox.
- Healthcare roundtable at Lloyd Pendleton event

POTENTIAL ROLES FOR CITY OF CHICO:

1. Join in the collaborative discussions on 5150s, detox, and short term medical respite
2. Incentivize public/private financial collaboration
3. Increase access to conservatorships

CONCLUSION

For Chico to reduce the effect of homelessness on the community, increase the positive outcomes of those seeking restoration, and consequently bring about a healthy Chico for all, all of us need to work together. Of course this includes Butte County leadership.

The service providers will continue to lead the planning and recommend ways for various groups to leverage their assets, their talents, their time, and their attention. The next steps are to focus on good data and understand what it tells us so we can be sure we are offering the right services that will yield the greatest impact.

We need to be realistic. The number of homeless grows each day because of many factors out of our control. We in Chico are not an island. We will work hand in hand with County officials. We are seeing incredible success across our services and we know we can do more. We welcome the City's involvement but also release the City from the burden of bringing about the solution. This is one for us all to do our part. **Thank you in advance for your contribution and will.**