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List of Acronyms	
AOD	Alcohol and Other Drug
CoC	Continuum of Care
CSA	Countywide Services Agency
CSH	Corporation for Supportive Housing
CSPC	Community Services Planning Council
DHA	County Department of Human Assistance
DHHS	County Department of Health and Human Services
DSP	Downtown Sacramento Partnership
ECHI	Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
GA	General Assistance
HMIS	Homeless Management Information Systems
HSCC	Health Services Coordinating Council
HUD	US Department of Housing and Urban Development.
ICEH	Sacramento Interagency Council to End Homelessness
MHSA	Mental Health Services Act
NAEH	National Alliance to End Homelessness
PBEH	Sacramento Policy Board to End Homelessness
PSH	Permanent Supportive Housing
SAEHC	Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center
SETA	Sacramento Employment and Training Agency
SHA	Sacramento Housing Alliance
SHOC	Sacramento Homeless Organizing Coalition
SHRA	Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency
SHRC	Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Commission
SRO	Single Room Occupancy Hotel
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TLCS	Transitional Living and Community Support
TPCP	Turning Point Community Programs
WEAVE	Women Escaping A Violent Environment

Terms and Definitions

AB 34/AB 2034	California Assembly Bills (Steinberg) that provide funding for demonstration projects to house and serve individuals with severe mental health disorders.
Chronically Homeless Person (HUD)	"An unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more OR has had at least four (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three (3) years." Individuals who are in transitional housing or permanent supportive housing programs are not considered chronically homeless.
Co-Occurring Disorders (Dual Diagnosis)	Generally applies to individuals who are diagnosed as having both mental disability and a substance abuse disorder.
Continuum of Care (HUD)	A community plan to organize and deliver housing and services to meet the specific needs of people who are homeless as they move to stable housing and maximum self sufficiency. It includes action steps to end homelessness and prevent returns to homelessness.
Detox	Sacramento Comprehensive Alcoholism treatment Center`s 72-hour program providing detoxification from alcohol.
DSP	Downtown Sacramento Partnership
Dual Diagnosis (Co-Occurring Disorders)	Generally Applies to individuals who are diagnosed as having both mentally disability and a substance abuse disorder.
Emergency Shelter	Any facility the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary or transitional shelter for the homeless in general or for specific populations of the homeless. Shelter is usually provided on a first-come, first-served basis where clients must leave in the morning and have no guaranteed bed for the next night. Facilities that provide temporary shelter during extremely cold weather or host homes for victims of domestic violence and runaway or neglected children and youth are also included.
Extremely Low-income (HUD)	Household at or below 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI) income.
General Assistance (GA)/General Relief (GR)	County-funded short term financial and social services assistance for indigent persons to allow them time to secure other income resources (e.g., employment, disability income, etc.). In Sacramento County, the payment is usually \$271 per month for a single individual.

Homeless Person (HUD)	(1) an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and (2) an individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is - (A) a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill); (B) an institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or (C) a public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
Housing First	A strategy for providing permanent supportive housing to homelessness individuals and families. A "housing first" approach rests on two central premises: 1) Re-housing should be the central goal of our work with people experiencing homelessness; and 2) Providing housing assistance and follow-up case management services after a family or individual is housed can significantly reduce the time people spend in homelessness. Case management ensures individuals and families have a source of income through employment and/or public benefits; identifies service needs to help solve problems that may arise that threaten tenancy, including difficulties sustaining housing or interacting with the landlord, and to connect families with community-based services to meet long term support/service needs. <i>(Source: National Alliance to End Homelessness).</i>
Housing Plus	Refers to housing where residents are encouraged to accept support services necessary to help them maintain their housing. The term is another way of referring to "permanent supportive housing," but puts the emphasis on "housing plus incentive service" for people with serious disabilities.
HUD	Department of Housing and Urban Development.
Low-income	Is defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as at or below the 80% of the Area Median Income.
Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) (CA/Proposition 63)	Voter-approved ballot measure that followed successful implementation of AB 34/AB2034 measures. Establishes a one percent (1%) tax surcharge on incomes in excess of \$ 1 million in order to expand health services for mentally ill children, adults and seniors.

Permanent Supportive Housing (HUD definition)	It is long-term, community -based housing that has supportive services for homeless persons with disabilities. This type of supportive housing enables special needs populations to live as independently as possible in a permanent setting. The supportive services may be provided by the organization managing the housing or coordinated by the applicant and provided by other public or private service agencies at one site or in multiple structures at scattered sites.
Proposition 46 Funds	Voter-approved ballot measure that created a trust fund to provide shelters for battered women; clean and safe housing for low-income senior citizens; emergency shelters for homeless families with children; housing with social services for homeless and mentally ill; provide for repairs/accessibility improvement to apartments for families and handicapped citizens; provide military veteran homeownership assistance; and provide security improvements/repairs to existing emergency shelters.
Proposition 63	(California Mental Health Services Act, November 2004) Voter-approved ballot measure that followed successful implementation of AB 43/AB 2034 measures. Established a one percent (1%) tax surcharge on incomes in excess of \$ 1 million in order to expand mental health services for mentally ill children, adults and seniors.
SRO (Single Room Occupancy)	A residential property that includes multiple single room dwelling units. Each unit is for occupancy by a single eligible individual. The unit need not, but may, contain food preparation or sanitary facilities, or both.
SSI/SSD	Social Security income paid to disabled persons under either Title II or Title XVI of the U.S. Code Disability is variously defined and may include mental, physical, or developmental disorders.
Supportive Services	Services that assist homeless participants in the transition from the streets or shelters into permanent supportive housing, and that assists persons with living successfully in housing.
Transitional Housing Programs (HUD)	A project that has its purpose facilitating the movement of homeless individuals and families to permanent housing within a reasonable amount of time (usually 24 months).
Very-low Income	At 50% of the Area Median Income.