

**MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Administration**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services
Graham Knaus, Assistant Director of Health and Human Services
DATE: January 6, 2015
SUBJECT: Homeless Needs Assessment Update

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Receive an update on the status of the homeless needs assessment.

BACKGROUND:

On September 23, 2014, the Board approved a contract for a comprehensive homeless needs assessment and action plan. The effort will provide a detailed assessment of existing and projected future needs and capacity of services provided through the County, community providers, and other local agencies. The assessment will include the Auburn, Tahoe, and the South County regions of the County.

Once completed, the consultant will then identify potential gaps in services and housing and develop recommendations to better align services and housing for people who are homeless and to minimize the impact of homelessness on our communities.

To date, the consultant has received substantial feedback from dozens of stakeholders in the community including the Board, community service and housing providers, law enforcement, cities, the business community, and many other interested stakeholders. The consultant has also administered multiple surveys to gather information to assist in the assessment and ultimately inform recommendations.

Staff will provide an update on the status of the effort and outline next steps, including an upcoming public forum to present and discuss the initial assessment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

