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\$2.4 Million Grant Funds New Project to Assist People Experiencing Homelessness

(Woodland, CA) – The Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration has awarded the Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency a \$2,399,328 (\$799,776 annually over a three-year period) Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals grant to provide intensive care to people experiencing homelessness with mental health and substance use disorders through the Extended Hope project. Extended Hope is a collaborative effort between Fourth & Hope, Yolo County and Sacramento Steps Forward.

Fourth & Hope will act as the primary service provider for the three-year project and will work to advance client recovery through use of a two-year integrated treatment approach that involves three key components: (1) identification, assessment and triage; (2) intensive case management and treatment; and (3) housing navigation and permanent placement.

The Extended Hope project marks a significant expansion of services available to residents of Yolo County who are experiencing homelessness by creating a full intensive services team at Fourth & Hope, including 11 new full-time positions. The additional positions will include one clinical program manager, two outreach workers, two case managers, four peer support recovery specialists, one housing navigator and one employment specialist.

Extended Hope will also fund critical infrastructure development related to the local Homeless Management Information System, which is essential in local efforts to collect effective data on the scope of homelessness in Yolo County and the outcomes of service programs. Sacramento Steps Forward is the operator of the information system and will be able to provide additional infrastructure development and backend programming through funding from the Extended Hope grant.

Yolo County was one of only four agencies in California to receive a Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals grant in the current funding round. This grant is one of multiple efforts on the part of Yolo County's Health & Human Services Agency to grow local funding for homeless services. The county has seen a \$1.5 million increase in annual spending on homeless services since fiscal year 2014-15 with \$3 million expended in 2014-15, \$4.3 million in 2015-16 and a projected \$5.5 million in 2016-17.

For more information about Yolo County's Homeless Services, visit the Homeless Services webpage under the Health & Human Services menu at www.yolocounty.org.

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