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SUBJECT: POLICY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL DISCHARGE COORDINATION REQUIREMENTS

The County receives funds for residents under custodial services from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Emergency Shelter Grant Program, Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program, Home Investment Partnership Program, Community Development Block Grant Program, and McKinney-Vento Homeless Programs.

The implementing regulations at US Code 42 Section 11362 (Discharge Coordination Code) require that any governmental entities applying for or receiving these HUD funds...

...must agree to develop and implement to the maximum extent practical and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent such discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for such persons.

The Board of Supervisors recognizes that effective discharge planning is critical to preparing an individual for re-entry to the community, and for preventing costly episodes of homelessness in Kern County. All County departments and contractors that discharge homeless or at risk individuals must be in compliance with US Code 42 Section 11362 to the maximum extent practicable and as appropriate, and shall develop discharge policies and/or protocols to ensure that persons under their care are not routinely discharged into homelessness.

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