## Point-in-Time Homeless Count in Placer County January 30, 2007

The Placer Consortium on Homelessness (PCOH) conducted a count of the homeless on January 30, 2007. The count included a survey component and was a collaborative effort of community volunteers, including homeless and formerly homeless individuals, and PCOH member agencies.

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that a point-in-time homeless count occur within specific guidelines in order to qualify for Continuum of Care/Supportive Housing Program (SHP) funding.

Although HUD requires that a point-in-time count be conducted, it is only a *snapshot* reflecting those persons identified as homeless on the day of the count during a limited time frame and is not an absolute number. Many individuals and families move in and out of homelessness over the course of a year. The Corporation for Supportive Housing estimates that 5 to 10 percent of low-income households in a community may experience homelessness at some point during a 12-month period.

There were 591 homeless persons in Placer County, 58 "count only" and the remaining adults were surveyed. The number of homeless is up 22% from 2005 when the last count was completed.

Point-In Time Homeless Count - January 30, 2007						
Number of homeless persons counted:		591	Ma	ale	41%	
Number of homeless adults without children:		380	Female		31%	
Number of homeless adults with children:		75	Children		23%	
Number of children under 18 years of age:		136	Unknown		3%	
		Count		0/0		
Number continuously homeless for more than one year:		220		37%		
Number homeless 4 or more times in the last 3 years:		242		40%		
		Count		0/0		
Chronically Homeless:	43		100%			
Chronically homeless self identifying as having mental illness:			24		55%	
Chronically homeless self identifying as having a substance abuse problem:		22		51%		
Chronically homeless U.S. military veteran:		2		4%		
		Count		%		
Transitional Housing (Sheltered):		339		57%		
Emergency Housing (Sheltered):		62		10%		
Unsheltered:		190		32%		
Subpopulations	Total	Sheltered		Unsheltered		
	Count	Count	%	Cou	nt	%
Chronically Homeless:	7%	21	3%	22		4%
Mentally Ill:	23%	98	16%	40		7%
Substance Abuse:	30%	126	21%	53		9%
Veterans:	2%	16	3%	Only asked of sheltered		
Persons with HIV/AIDS:	>1%	Not asked	n/a	5		>1%
Victims of Domestic Violence:	8%	52	8%	Only asked of sheltered		
Physical Disability:	15%	47	8%	46		7%