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**PROS Board Develops Simple Reporting Template for Homelessness Services**

New reporting template will reduce administrative burden for homelessness service providers.

**San Diego, CA (August 10, 2023)** – Today, the San Diego Taxpayers Educational Foundation’s (SDTEF) year-old Public Regional Outcomes Standards (PROS) Board released for public comment a new and simpler reporting template for homelessness services. These “Statements of Regional Public Good” (SoRPG) are a major step in making it easier for investors to understand if various service providers are actually effective and efficient in their delivery of public good. This new reporting template aims to replace a variety of complex reports with one simpler reporting template modeled after financial reports.

Homelessness service providers with whom the PROS Board has met have expressed concerns about the costly administrative burdens placed on them when reporting to multiple funders in various measurement and reporting formats. The eighteen cities and the county do not share reporting requirements, and as they get adopted by investors, this standardization of reporting will allow service providers to focus less on administrative tasks and more on helping people in need. The SoRPG are formatted similarly to common financial statements to be more familiar for nonprofit executives and members of the public.

“San Diego’s homelessness problem continues to increase despite the best intentions and efforts of all involved. By focusing on trust-building and transparency, we can ensure fair program evaluations and understand root causes,” said Rick Gentry, member of the PROS Board, former president and CEO of the San Diego Housing Commission, and former chair of the Regional Task Force on Homelessness and Continuum of Care. “It is essential to have trustful sharing of data, candid debate, and transparency with the public. The Statements of Regional Public Good address these essential elements and represent a good first step for San Diego to better address our homelessness problem. We are committed to helping the San Diego Community better understand what works as we continue our efforts to address homelessness.”

Through the Statements of Regional Public Good, organizations report data required in PROS Board standards. The PROS Board has approved reporting and evaluation principles on issues where diverse stakeholder working groups have determined there is a need for standardized reporting. The PROS Board has issued [standards](https://www.sdcta.org/prosboard-homelessness) in the following public good areas:

*Data Sharing*

*Data Quality*

*Street Outreach*

*Long-Term Housing Outcomes*

*Rapid Exits*

*Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*

*HMIS Case Note Documentation*

*Housing Stability (awaiting PROS Board approval)*

More background information and guidance to users of the SoRPG can be found in the PROS Board’s *2023-ED-009 Statements of Regional Public Good in Housing and Homelessness*, which was released for public comment along with the draft SoRPG. **The public comment period for both documents ends on Tuesday August 22, 2023.**

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The San Diego Taxpayers Educational Foundation supports the San Diego County Taxpayers Association and the general taxpaying public with in-depth research and educational programming for community leaders and civil servants. The Foundation convenes the regional community of public policy practitioners, educators, and artists who want to study issues objectively and to facilitate civility and citizenship in public policy discussions. The Foundation also administers the new Public Regional Outcomes Standards Board (PROS Board), which sets regionally accepted principles in evaluating and reporting public good outcomes.