



**Evidence of Coordination and Non-Interference with Local Efforts to Advance Protecting Public Safety
Continuum of Care CA-604**

The Bakersfield-Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative (BKRHC), as the Continuum of Care (CoC) for CA-604, coordinates with local law enforcement, Kern County agencies, behavioral health providers, street outreach teams, emergency responders, and homeless service providers to support community efforts to advance public safety while connecting individuals experiencing homelessness to appropriate services and housing resources.

CA-604's coordination includes:

- **Encampments:** The CoC and its outreach providers coordinate with the Kern County Sheriff's Office, Code Compliance, local jurisdictions, and other partners during encampment responses. Outreach teams engage individuals, assess needs, and facilitate connections to shelter, Coordinated Entry (CES), housing navigation, behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment, and supportive services.
- **Illicit Drug Use:** The CoC coordinates with Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (KernBHRS), law enforcement, first responders, and treatment providers to connect individuals to substance use disorder assessment, treatment, crisis services, and other appropriate interventions.
- **Danger to Self or Others:** When individuals present behavioral health or safety concerns, CoC partners coordinate with KernBHRS, crisis response teams, law enforcement, and other qualified agencies responsible for determining and implementing appropriate interventions, including involuntary evaluation when legally warranted.
- **Information Sharing:** CoC partners comply with applicable federal, state, and local requirements governing information sharing, privacy, confidentiality, and Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) requirements.

BKRHC and its CoC-funded partners do not obstruct or interfere with lawful local efforts to address public safety, including encampment clearing, illicit drug activity, or situations involving a danger to self or others. The CoC complements these efforts by providing outreach, service coordination, treatment referrals, shelter connections, and pathways to permanent housing.

Through this coordinated approach, CA-604 supports public safety while ensuring individuals experiencing homelessness are connected to appropriate services and opportunities for housing stability.

Certification

On behalf of the Bakersfield-Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative Governing Board, I certify that the information above accurately reflects CA-604's coordination and non-interference with local efforts to advance public safety.

Steve Peterson, Chair

BKRHC Governing Board

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