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On August 1, 2017 at 9:00 AM Stanislaus County and its partners will open the initial Outreach and Engagement Center, located at 825 12th Street in Modesto, California. “The Outreach and Engagement Center is a groundbreaking partnership effort between the courts, non-profits, local government, and other community partners that will connect our citizens experiencing homelessness to services that will provide a path forward,” stated, Stan Risen, Stanislaus County Chief Executive Officer.

The Outreach and Engagement Center will initially house staff from the County’s Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Department, Community Services Agency, Homeless Court Program and Chief Executive Office. By early fall 2017 the Outreach and Engagement Center staff will include a Housing Assessment Team and other co-located homelessness service providers and community partners. Outreach and engagement efforts allow communities to bring services directly to people experiencing homelessness who otherwise might not seek out services and connect them to housing and necessary supports. Instead of waiting for individuals to come in for services, staff will seek people out in the community in a strategic and coordinated effort with other partner outreach teams co-located in the Outreach and Engagement Center.

Funding and staffing for the Outreach and Engagement Center will initially come from the County through the Focus on Prevention effort, Community Services Agency and the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Department, and two Sutter Health affiliates in Stanislaus County, Memorial Medical Center and Sutter Gould Medical Foundation.

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