



## Staff Briefing #67

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### Housing Coordinator in Place

We are pleased to announce an **agreement** with Santa Barbara County's Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) which brings us a new Housing Coordinator, **Jeanette Candau**. The HCD is the lead agency in the county in the task of providing affordable housing opportunities, thus, this partnership will work to furnish our clients with suitable independent, permanent housing.

Jeanette's background is rich in variety and experience. Jeanette is a graduate of UCSB with a Masters degree. Her field of specialty is in Urban and Regional Analysis, including tracking and simulating growth patterns and trends for urban regions throughout the U.S. This led her to employment with the U.S. Geological Survey in their Geographic Science Center. This emphasis on trends will assist ADMHS in forecasting the needs and growth patterns in our county in order to plan for **improving our clients' housing**.

In addition to her expertise in urban analysis, Jeannette brings a background in small business. She has her own successful business which has given her skills in organization, service delivery, planning, and supervision within the framework of customer demands and time sensitive delivery deadlines.

HCD will provide the expertise needed to **develop collaborations** and joint partnerships with a variety of agencies, as well as identifying coalitions, linking ADMHS with agency resources, and assisting in completing **housing facility projects**. In addition Jeanette will provide our department with a Needs and Gaps Assessment of our housing resources which will allow us to direct our attention to developing our strengths and **remedying our gaps**. As all of us are aware, housing in Santa Barbara County is at a premium for everyone. By developing independent, permanent housing for our clients we will help them to **succeed** in their goal to live a full life in the community.

Jeanette has her primary office at HCD, and a small office at Team 4. She will be visiting different clinics as the year progresses. She can be reached via email at [jcandau@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:jcandau@co.santa-barbara.ca.us) or by phone at 560-1094.