Community Plan

to PREVENT and END HOMELESSNESS

January 2018
There is nothing new about poverty. What is new is that we now have the techniques and the resources to get rid of poverty. The real question is whether we have the will.

It is a cruel jest to say to a bootless man that he ought to lift himself by his own bootstraps.

The time is always right to do what is right.

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*
An end to homelessness does NOT mean that no one will ever experience a housing crisis again.
What does it mean to **end homelessness**?

Operational definition by U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness 2015

It means that every community will have a systematic response in place that ensures homelessness is prevented whenever possible or is otherwise a rare, brief, and non-recurring experience.
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**Systematic response** must have capacity to:

- **Quickly identify** and **engage** people at risk of and experiencing homelessness.
- Intervene to **prevent** people from losing their housing and **divert** people from entering the homelessness services system.
- Provide people with **immediate access to shelter and crisis services without barriers** to entry if homelessness does occur, and **quickly connect them to housing assistance and services** tailored to their unique needs and strengths to help them achieve and maintain stable housing.
CORE FUNCTIONS
Aspirational Homeless Crisis Response System

Shelter not needed tonight
DIVERT & PREVENT

Community-Based Systems, Programs, Resources

HOUSING STABILITY

HOUSING CRISIS

Access to Emergency Assistance ("Coordinated Entry")

HOMELESS CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM

Individualized Stabilization Supports

Safe, Appropriate, Temporary Shelter

Rapid Individualized Re-Housing Assistance
Our GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Homelessness as a crisis
2. Safe, stable housing
3. Self-determination
4. Reduce disparities, equity in outcomes
5. Individual rights
6. Community integration
7. Low barriers to shelter, services, and housing
8. Individualized assistance
9. Prioritize most vulnerable
10. Stewardship of public and private resources
Aspirational Homeless Crisis Response System

- Inflow/system demand
- Resources
- Fidelity
- Compliance
- Sound management
GOALS for our Local Community Plan

5 Population-specific goals

8 Cross-cutting goals
VETERANS

Achieve and sustain an effective end to homelessness for Veterans
ACHIEVE and sustain an effective end to homelessness among people who are chronically homeless.
FAMILIES & PREGNANT WOMEN

Achieve and sustain an effective end to homelessness for families & pregnant women
YOUTH

Achieve and sustain an effective end to homelessness among youth & parenting youth
SINGLE ADULTS

Achieve and sustain an effective end to homelessness for single adults
AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Assure people who are homeless or at-risk have access to affordable housing
EQUITY

Assure people disproportionately represented among those who experience homelessness have access to responsive, equitable assistance to offset structural barriers and biases.
EMPLOYMENT

Assure adults who are homeless or at imminent risk have coordinated access to employment opportunities and supports
BENEFITS

Assure adults who are homeless or at imminent risk have coordinated access to benefits for which they are eligible.
INTEGRATED, CROSS-SYSTEM CARE

Assure families and individuals who are homeless or at imminent risk have coordinated access to integrated cross-system assistance

MENTAL, BEHAVIORAL, & PHYSICAL HEALTH CARE

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

Assure people who are at-risk of literal homelessness have coordinated access to targeted homelessness prevention assistance
Aspirational Community-Based Prevention System

Risk for housing loss

- Have other housing options and/or resources
- Housing loss in 30-60 days; No other options/resources
- Housing loss in <30 days; No other options/resources
- Housing loss in <14 days; No other options/resources

Risk for housing loss & literal homelessness

Homeless Crisis Response System

Homeless Hotline

Targeted Homelessness Prevention

Community-Based Prevention ‘System’

- Community-wide access points
- Standardized, brief screening
- Triage and linkage to problem-solving, legal assistance, housing search & placement, financial assistance, other stabilization services

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