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# Approaches to Reduce Homelessness

# City General Policy Committee

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## Recommendation to the City Commission

May 10, 2018

- Need to provide enough staff to manage Dignity Village; medical center on-site; and using some of the other buildings as a pilot project for an SRO.
- Medical care - coordinate services with Shands, North Florida Regional Medical Center and individuals who are interested in managing this; and Dignity Village - people shouldn't stay in transition more than three months.
- Don't need to choose from managing a homeless approach and a housing approach - we can do both; how are we going to increase the affordable housing stock in Gainesville; look at the concept of exclusively homeless services vs services for the entire community; and site is not being used to its full potential (Dignity Village needs to be substantially changed).
- Would like to see a pilot program for the SRO concept developed and brought before the City and County; Dignity Village; source citation numbers; medical care building; and housing focus vs. management focus.
- Schedule a joint meeting with County Commission to discuss homelessness.

# County Commission Motion

## May 22 ,2018

- 1) To direct the County staff in consultation with the City of Gainesville staff to return to the Board and request the City of Gainesville Agenda the matter for discussion before meeting with the Board with a specific funded proposal that would move the City of Gainesville and the County to the Housing focused approach for the number of years deemed appropriate using the 300 chronic homeless criteria that was proposed to the Board.
- 2) Staff to ascertain the best it can the potential chronic homeless population that the County can realistically expect in North Florida to react to policies implemented here. Staff should provide a rough draft of a residency requirement for the Board to consider.
- 3) Identify the beneficiaries of the enhanced funding for this problem by the County and City in the broader community in and out of government and create a list for inclusion of those groups in the discussion.

# Two Approaches to Addressing Homelessness Item #170632D

- Managing Homelessness Approach vs Housing Focused Approach:
  - Both include outreach & emergency shelter
  - Keeping a person housed costs less than maintaining them in a homeless situation
  - Managing Homelessness provides services at the shelter
  - Housing Focused provides services at a home
  - Effectiveness of Managing Homelessness is measured by number of services provided
  - Effectiveness of Housing Focused Approach is measured by number of persons housed & how quickly

# Comparison of the Approaches Item #170632D

## Managing Homelessness

- Outreach & Emergency Shelter
- Provides Services at Shelter
- Effectiveness measured by number of services provided
- Not Supported by Federal & State government funding sources

## Housing Focused

- Outreach & Crisis Response System
- Provides Services in a Home
- Effectiveness measured by number of persons housed, how quickly & how long
- Supported by Federal & State government funding sources
- National Best Practice Model

# Housing Focused Approach

## Elements of an Effective Systemic Response

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**Housing First Orientation**

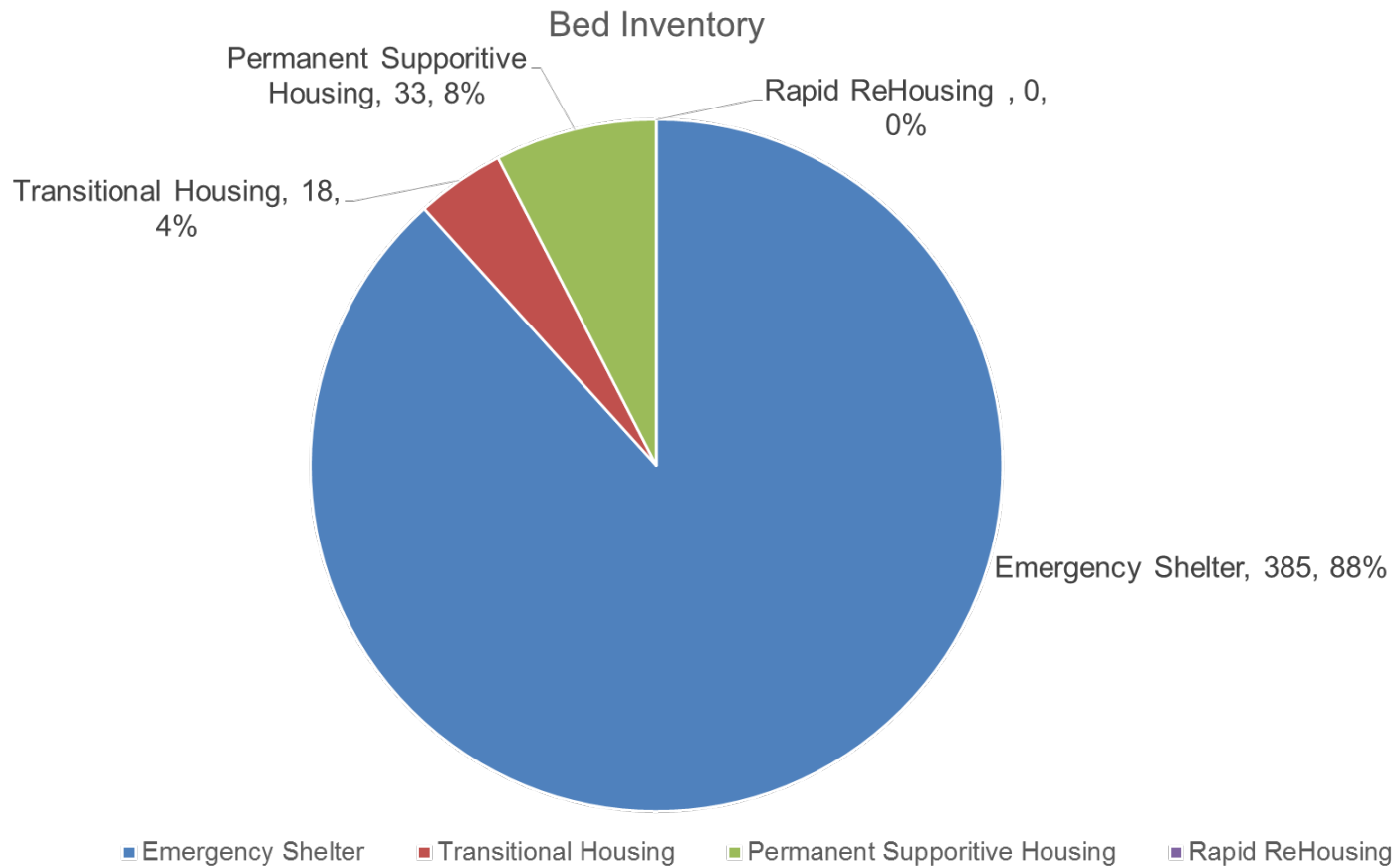
**Coordinated Entry that includes outreach, diversion, and prioritization**

**Emergency/Crisis Housing and Crisis Services**

**Quick Return to Housing with Rapid Re-Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, and Mainstream Housing Options**

**Access to Stabilization Supports**

# How is our inventory pie cut?



# Recommendation

- The County Commission: discuss with the City Commission approaches to reducing homelessness.
- The City Commission: 1) discuss with the County Commission approaches to reducing homelessness; and 2) direct City staff to work with County staff to develop a specific housing focused proposal that would move Gainesville and Alachua County to the Housing Focused Approach as approved by the County Commissioners at their May 22, 2018 Meeting, and to bring back this proposal for review by the City and County Commissions in Fall 2018.