

Homeless Services

Joint City County Meeting
December 11, 2017

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The Paradigm Shift

- Congress' changing perspective on the types of projects being renewed and the need for strategic thinking
- House Appropriations Committee Report:
"It is not the committee's intention to maintain an entitlement program for ailing and inflexible service providers. The Committee reminds providers in the Continuum of Care (CoC) that these funds are intended to assist and house the homeless as effectively and efficiently as possible."

Approach

In order to effectively end homelessness, a community needs a clear, deliberate, and comprehensive strategy.

Ten Essential Steps

Plan

Data

Emergency Prevention

System Prevention

Permanent Housing

Outreach

Shorten Homelessness

Rapid Re-Housing

Services

Income

Transition Dignity Village

- Temporary Campsite for Homeless Persons
- Phasing Out determined by implementation of Housing First
- Minimize new entries, establish wind down date
- Enforce rules (fires, behaviors, etc.)
- Assemble group of professionals to assist
- Complete VI-SPDAT on each resident
- Prioritize and move into suitable housing

Re-Align Shelter Practices

- Establish Diversion Strategy
- Daily Housing Focused Conversations
 - Housing Plan (>8 days in shelter, 3+ returns in 90 days)
- Monitor Shelter Length of Stay
- Low Barrier Admission Policies
- Eliminate Non-Housing Services/Programs
- Complete VI-SPDAT and Prioritize Housing

Outlying Camps

- Develop Outreach Strategy – (CoC)
 - Fund and Coordinate (Meridian, Three Rivers, VA, Helping Hands)
- 80/20 Time Allocation
 - (case management – v- identifying)
- Designated “Housing Focused” Case Managers

City/County/CoC Leadership

- Unwavering support regardless of the lead
- Align contract language and expectations
- Coordinate funders
- Incentivize contracts
- Develop joint contract review teams