

Community Plan to End Homelessness



“Reset” of the 10 Year Plan to
End Homelessness

Goals for Today's Presentation

- Share reset recommendations with you and get your feedback
 - Are we missing anything?
 - Are there things we should consider as we write the implementation plan?

Fundamentals of the 10YP

- Adopted in 2004 by Portland & Multnomah County
- 3 Fundamental Priorities
 - Focus on the most chronically homeless populations
 - Streamline access to existing services to prevent and reduce other homelessness
 - Fund programs with measurable results

Why are we looking at the plan now?

- ❑ Need is greater than we are able to serve with current resources
- ❑ Evaluate what's working and not working
- ❑ Look at the current population of people experiencing homelessness
- ❑ Align with Federal changes (HEARTH Act)
- ❑ Bring more attention and resources to ending homelessness

Reset Committee

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- ❑ Daniel Ledezma, Policy & Equity Director, Portland Housing Bureau

What's the Need?

2011 Point-in-Time Count

Point-in-Time Count Category	#
Unsheltered	1,718
Emergency Shelter	1,009
Transitional Housing	1,928
Rent Assistance	1,024
Permanent Supportive Housing	847
Total	6,526

Doubled Up Estimate (Point-in-Time)

Point-in-Time Count Category	Ballpark Estimate
Doubled Up Population	10,908
PIT Count Total Plus Doubled Up	17,434

Note: These figures are a **rough** estimate only.

HMIS Annual Data (FY 2010-11)

Total Clients Served	26,491
Program Type	# served
Emergency Shelter	3,987
Transitional Housing	3,299
Permanent Supportive Housing	2,235
Rent Assistance	5,155
Homeless Outreach	3,668
Services Only	12,765
Other	5,600

Types of Unmet Need

Among callers to 211 seeking homeless services in 2011, the most common unmet needs were:

- Emergency shelters
- Motel vouchers
- Warming centers
- Drop-in centers
- Transitional housing
- Permanent supportive housing
- Rent assistance
- DV shelters
- Utility assistance
- Transportation assistance
- Housing search help
- Campgrounds

Successes of the 10 Year Plan

Housing:

- ❑ Moved 12,511 homeless households into permanent housing (40% families, 23% chronically homeless, 21% DV)
- ❑ 1,882 homeless youth in stable housing (410 in permanent homes)
- ❑ 3,642 units of Permanent Supportive Housing in operation or development in Multnomah County
- ❑ 130 of those units at Bud Clark Commons
- ❑ Secured 305 VASH Vouchers for Homeless Veterans

Successes of the 10 Year Plan

Outreach & Prevention

- ❑ Improved outreach to people on the street
- ❑ Created coordinated Short Term Rent Assistance
 - Cut administrative costs of program
 - 4,569 households eviction prevented;
 - 1,683 homeless households into permanent housing
- ❑ Secured benefits for 580 people through BEST

Emergency Services

- ❑ Opened Bud Clark Commons
- ❑ Additional winter shelter for women and families

Policy Recommendations

- Priority Populations - Focus on serving the most vulnerable
 - Families with children
 - Unaccompanied Youth
 - Adults with physical or mental disabilities
 - Women
 - Veterans
- Address racial and ethnic disparities among people who are homeless
- 19,000 units of affordable housing needed

Policy Recommendations (cont'd)

- Invest in six focus areas
 1. Housing
 2. Income & Benefits
 3. Healthcare
 4. Survival & Emergency Services
 5. Access to Services
 6. Systems Coordination
- Within these areas, we will invest in programs that are cost-effective and have a ROI, serve the most vulnerable, end disparities, leverage other funds and balance need for shelter with permanent solutions
- Looked to promising practices from other communities

Policy Recommendations (cont'd)

- Governance – We're all in this together
 - Create a community-based decision-making body to oversee and implement this Plan (including local government and also philanthropy, business, faith, public safety)
 - Recommend how local and private funds can be best invested to end homelessness in Multnomah County
 - Respond to changes in homelessness overtime
 - Centralize and streamline contracting with community partners to ensure consistency in expectations, reporting requirements, outcome and data collection

Policy Recommendations (cont'd)

- Data-driven assessment & accountability
 - Make HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) work
 - Efficiently collect data
 - Share knowledge between providers
 - Report outcomes against the goals of the plan
 - Hold ourselves accountable
- Community Outreach
 - Public awareness of the magnitude of the amount of homelessness in Multnomah County, strategies for ending it, and how to get involved

What's next?

- ❑ Framework will be finalized and brought to the City, County & Home Forward for adoption
- ❑ Implementation plan will be developed (specific goals, estimated cost to meet them)
- ❑ Creation of a Governance committee
- ❑ FY 2013-14 - aligned budgeting with the City of Portland