



Preventing & Ending Homelessness by 2020

Allegheny County, PA – Community Strategic Planning Process

Background:

The Allegheny County Homeless Advisory Board (HAB) and the Continuum of Care Infrastructure Organization, Department of Human Services (DHS) are embarking on a community planning process to create a strategic plan to: (1) prevent and end homelessness among veterans in 2016; (2) finish the job of ending chronic homelessness in 2017; (3) prevent and end homelessness for families with children and youth in 2020; and (4) set a path to ending all types of homelessness. This means the community will have a systematic response in place that ensures homelessness is prevented wherever possible, or if it cannot be prevented, it is a rare, brief and nonrecurring experience. The HAB Planning Committee selected Housing Innovations from New York as the consultant and hired a local project coordinator, Iris Whitworth to help guide the process.

Housing Innovations:

Housing Innovations (HI) is a consulting and training firm focusing on solutions to ending homelessness. Its principals have extensive experience in providing consulting and training services on innovative housing and services strategies to organizations throughout the US, as well as overseas. HI has worked with numerous organizations and communities over the past 30 years to: design systems that strategically target homeless resources and achieve outcomes, develop and manage high quality supportive services and housing programs that use evidence-based practices (EBPs), and create and improve collaborations between organizations. Howard Burchman, Lauren Pareti, Suzanne Wagner and Myles Wensek will staff this project.

Project Goals:

- Establish a shared vision and common agenda for preventing and ending homelessness
- Establish a plan of action that engages stakeholders in mutually reinforcing activities
- Expand best practices
- Identify intervention gaps and establish investment priorities
- Establish a strategy to measure and report on progress

Project Deliverables:

- Strategic Plan including priorities, tasks, timelines, assignment of responsibilities & accountability measures
 - Best Practice Recommendations
 - Recommendations on Gaps Analysis Tools
 - Integrated Budget including leveraged and in-kind resources
 - Backbone Support Plan
 - Continuous Quality Improvement Recommendations including performance measures
 - Communication Recommendations
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