

Homeless Advisory Board approves plan

On July 25, the Homeless Advisory Board (HAB) voted to approve a five-year plan designed to prevent and end homelessness. Initiatives endorsed in the plan include expanding the winter shelter to become a 24/7, year-long shelter that engages and meets the needs of individuals who are chronically street homeless; creating a centralized housing navigator system; and focusing on accessibility and supply of quality, affordable housing.

“Every year in January, the Continuum of Care conducts an official count of individuals and families that are experiencing homelessness – either unsheltered on the streets or temporarily sheltered in emergency shelter or transitional housing. Since 2014, we have reduced the number of people experiencing homelessness by 27%,” said Abigail Horn, Bureau of Homeless and Housing Services. “This strategic plan will help us to maintain that momentum and create a system that builds on progress to date while remaining flexible to address new challenges that may arise.”

To learn more about the plan, please visit the [Homeless Advisory Board page](#) on the DHS website.