

Denver's Road Home

"Service Delivery Through Partnerships"

Region VIII TANF Directors
Meeting

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Overview

- Who/What is Denver's Road Home?
- Roles and Priorities
- The Current Landscape
- Issues
- 25Cities Initiative

Who/What is Denver's Road Home?

- Denver's Road Home is a **collaboration** among the City and County of Denver, Mile High United Way, Denver Housing Authority and Denver Human Services in addition to homeless service providers, foundations, business, faith-based organizations, and the greater community.
- Works by connecting the homeless/at-risk to affordable housing and supportive services through partnerships with providers



Who/What is Denver's Road Home?

- **Vision**

Every child, woman, and man will have an alternative to living life on the street

- **Mission**

To create an effective homeless care system that is seamless, coordinated, and linked to other services.

Denver's Road Home Roles

- **Convene**—bring impact players together to solve problems, ID best practices
- **Advocate**—build awareness, challenge perspectives, be the voice
- **Innovate**—leverage best practice, ID new models, new partnerships
- **Analyze**—necessary to efficiently use resources

2014-2015 Priorities

- **Housing**—no stability without
- **Supportive Services**—the root causes
- **Prevention**—keep from chronic
- **Sustainability**—to accommodate needs

The Current Landscape

- Point in Time
- Key Population Numbers for DRH
 - Homeless Total
 - Chronically Homeless
 - Unsheltered
 - Families w/children
 - Seniors and Unaccompanied Females

DRH Resources and the Homeless

Treatment and Services	\$2,287,235	27.1%
Shelter/Motels/Family Services	\$1,946,007	23.1%
Housing/Transitional	\$2,240,126	26.5%
Staff	\$400,000	4.7%
Street Outreach	\$934,640	11.1%
Prevention	\$420,000	5.0%
Employment	\$212,000	2.5%
Total	\$8,440,008	100%

Issues Around Resources/Services

- Deficit in Affordable Housing Stock
- Supportive Services Gap
- Prevention Targets
- Employment/Housing Barriers

Issues-Systemic

- Network vs. System
- Coordinated Entry & Common Assessment
- Data Sharing
- Regional Approach

25 Cities Initiative

- Objective--to assist 25 communities in accelerating and aligning their existing efforts to end Veteran and chronic homelessness by 2015 – and to do this in a way that lays the foundation for ending homelessness.

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- Build and/or strengthen a Coordinated Entry System to identify, assess, and match homeless Veterans and chronically homeless to appropriate housing support interventions.
- Strengthen and integrate data systems to coordinate efforts to end Veteran and chronic homelessness.
- Integrate VA efforts and assets with the overall efforts to end Veteran and chronic homelessness in the community.

25 Cities Initiative

- Only City attempting a regional approach
- Metro Denver Homeless Initiative is the organizing body for 7-county Continuum
- Leadership Team—12 members
- Community Design Team—24 members

25 Cities Initiative

- Define the need/goal
- Define the players
- Define the desired outcome
- Revisit each as required

25 Cities Initiative

- Take the time to obtain broad involvement
- Members have distinct roles, skills, abilities
- Realize partnerships are dynamic
- Constant communication

25 Cities Initiative

- Listen
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