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**Update On Implementation
of the
Homeless To Homes Plan**

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Homeless to Homes Plan & Process - Timeline

- Homeless to Homes Ordinance passed by Council: October 8, 2008
- **The Homeless to Homes Plan** completed in March 2009
- Homeless to Homes Implementation Ordinance passed by Council on May 21, 2009
- **Homeless to Homes Implementation Report and Update** submitted to Council on February 17, 2010, including:
 - Proposed Good Neighbor Agreement standards for Transitional and Permanent Housing programs
 - Proposed *Shelter Program Operation and Facility Standards*

**Homeless to Homes Recommendations-
Categories**

1. **Emergency Shelter**
 - Facilities that more strategically target helping people out of homelessness
2. **Transitional Housing**
3. **Permanent Housing**
 - If the problem is homelessness, the solution is housing
4. **Services**
 - Providing a higher level of service, so as to more efficiently turn homeless people into formerly-homeless people
5. **Funding**
 - Making better use of resources already available

**Homeless to Homes Recommendations:
EMERGENCY SHELTERS**

Shelter Bed Inventory for Single Individuals

Current Inventory = 422 beds

Inventory Currently Under Development = 0

NEW Bed; Recommended by HTH = 0

Homeless to Homes; Inventory = 422 beds

EMERGENCY SHELTER- Plan Recommendations
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safe Shelter (40 beds) 2. Three "Step-Up" Shelters for single men: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelter A (50 beds) • Shelter B (50 beds) • Faith Based Shelter (50 beds) 3. Single Women's Shelter (40 bed) 4. Young Adult Shelter (25 bed) 5. Expansion of Substance Abuse focused beds 6. New Shelter Program Operation and Facility Standards submitted to City in February 2010

EMERGENCY SHELTER- IMPLEMENTATION
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safe Shelter (40 beds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current number has been reduced from 180 to 120 2. Three redesigned general shelters for single men: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelter A (50 beds)- currently 60 bed "step up dorm" at Drop Inn Center • Shelter B (50 beds)- being developed by a group led by St. Vincent de Paul • Faith Based Shelter (50 beds)- City Gospel Mission pursuing relocation in partnership with 3CDC; would include expansion to 50 shelter beds

EMERGENCY SHELTER- IMPLEMENTATION
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Single Women's Shelter (40 beds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several organizations interested in operating women-only facility, some CDBG-R funds available to support, other applications for funding filed, several local foundations are participating in the planning effort 4. Young Adult Shelter (25 beds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under development by Lighthouse Youth Services, major donor identified, building identified, and LYS has applied for a zoning variance 5. Expansion of Substance Abuse focused beds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not yet being developed; originally proposed as part of Mt. Airy Shelter expansion, but new operator Talbert House not interested in expanding current location

Homeless to Homes Recommendation: Transitional Housing
Transitional Housing Inventory for Single Individuals
Current Inventory = 229 beds
Inventory Currently Under Development = 36 beds
NEW Beds Recommended by HTH = 191
Total TH Inventory Required = 456 beds

Transitional Housing Recommendations:

- ❑ A minimum of 191 site-based or scattered-site transitional housing beds :
 - ❑ Approximately 50 beds for single females
 - ❑ Approximately 40 beds for young adults
 - ❑ Approximately 30 site-based beds to support a diversion program for non-violent offenders who were homeless upon arrest
 - ❑ Approximately 16 beds for persons currently residing on the streets or in places unfit for human habitation
 - ❑ Approximately 40 beds for faith-based programs
 - ❑ A diversion program in cooperation with Hamilton County and the Hamilton County Pre-Trial Program is recommended to create new housing solutions instead of incarceration for homeless persons.
 - ❑ "Good Neighbor Agreements" with adjacent property owners (residents and businesses).

Transitional Housing Recommendations:

- ❑ As much as \$2.5 million in new federal funding may be available to Cincinnati/Hamilton County through the 2010 HUD CoC process
- ❑ Homeless to Homes Transitional Housing recommendations likely seeking funding through the HUD 2010 Continuum of Care Process:
 - ❑ Single females- new scattered site transitional housing program for homeless single women
 - ❑ Young adults- new scattered site program for young homeless people, a tool for assisting exits from new youth shelter
 - ❑ New program to stabilize non-violent offenders who were homeless upon arrest, and have cycled through the jail repeatedly
 - ❑ Street Outreach Transitional Housing- 16 beds for persons currently residing on the streets or in places unfit for human habitation
- ❑ Since the submission of the Homeless to Homes Plan, 125 units have been created using Federal Stimulus Funds (3 year funding)

**Steering Committee Recommendations:
Permanent Supportive Housing**

Permanent Supportive Housing for Single Individuals

Current Inventory = 863 units

Inventory Under Development = 53 units

NEW PSH Units Recommended by MTH = 1,020

Total PSH Inventory Required = 1,936 units

**Homeless to Homes Recommendations:
Permanent Supportive Housing**

1. A minimum of 125 units per year, for the next five years of site-based and 79 scattered-site units of Permanent Supportive Housing (1020 new units total)
2. Establishment of partnership with the National Church Residences
3. Encouragement of PSH programs to work with CMHA to increase amount of project-based Section 8 housing allocated to PSH
4. It is recommended that all new housing programs develop a "Good Neighbor Agreement" with adjacent property owners (residents and businesses).
5. Outcomes are recommended to be monitored based on the number of homeless persons housed, ability to maintain housing, number of persons increasing income upon exit and the number of persons obtaining employment upon exit.

**Homeless to Homes Recommendations:
Permanent Supportive Housing**

1. A minimum of 125 units per year, for the next five years of site-based and 79 scattered-site units of Permanent Supportive Housing (1020 new units total)
 - Dennison Hotel (approximately 70 units)
 - Two tax credit applications submitted to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency for the development of new Permanent Supportive Housing
 - Up to 120 new units of PSH
 - 2009 CoC Application: 2 new housing programs
 - 2010 CoC Application: applicants to notify CoC in June 2010.

**Homeless to Homes Recommendations:
Services**

- ☐ A 1:10 Homeless Case Management to Client ratio is recommended for all shelters serving homeless individuals.
- ☐ **Central Access System:**
 - ☐ The Central Access Point now handles all intakes for Mt. Airy Shelter, Bethany House, Interfaith Hospitality Network, the Salvation Army, and Mercy Franciscan- St. Johns shelter facilities, as well as screening all households for ARRA funded homelessness prevention services. Working to add other shelters in future.
 - ☐ Expansion of Anthony House- hours expanded in 2009
 - ☐ Increase Street Outreach Workers- additional street outreach workers targeting substance abusers added to system in January 2010 as part of new \$1.3 million SAMHSA grant

**Homeless to Homes Recommendations:
Funding**

1. Allocation of \$100,000 of Community Development Block Grant funds be established in FY10 designated for emergency capital repairs of facilities within the CoC system and administered by the CoC, Inc.
 - Recommendation is being instituted in 2010 by Community Development and the CoC, Inc. with CDBR-R funds.
 - Purpose: free up other funding to be used for services improvements like additional case management, etc.
2. All local foundations, the United Way, the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County are being requested to utilize the HUD/CoC outcome measures, as recorded in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), for any facility or program resulting from this plan.
 - 2011 Emergency Shelter Grant funds have already been allocated by the CoC, Inc. through a new process which is based on outcomes achieved by shelter residents during 2009.
 - Multiple other funders engaged in the Homeless to Homes process, and looking to incorporate same outcome measures into their funding processes

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Questions?