

DATE: 1/18/2023 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Advanced Learning Library, 711 W. 2nd, Wichita

Homelessness Taskforce Kickoff Meeting Notes

Welcome/Overview –Robert Layton, City Manager

- Mr. Layton provided an overview of the reason for the formation of the Taskforce and a call to action to help Wichita to reach Functional Zero related to the homeless population in the city and county.

Introductions – Dulcinea Rakestraw, PPMC

- All Taskforce members shared their connection to the issue and their hope for the outcome of the taskforce. Common themes were collaboration and creating a model to share with other communities working to address this issue.

Background – Misty Bruckner, PPMC

- En Banc Report Overview – A copy of the full En Banc Report can be found here: https://www.mhsacoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/MHSA-En-Banc-Report_Final.pdf
- Misty also shared that there was an intentional delay between the end of the 60-Day taskforce and the start of this taskforce. This time allowed for the HOME-ARP project to be completed first, for additional data to be collected, and to leverage that opportunity instead of duplicating it.
- It is critical that you raise your hand, ask the question if you have one.
- It is intentional that everyone represents different things. We must row together with concentrated effort.

Taskforce Guideline Discussion – Dulcinea Rakestraw

- There is a request to take this work back to colleagues, talk to them, bring info back to your “area” to move forward. We can’t have everyone be a part of the taskforce. Get feedback from others and bring it back to the taskforce to complete the “loop.”
- This taskforce will involve work outside of meetings. There will be requests to keep the work moving forward.
- First several meetings- heavy with information. Need to develop base of understanding before coming up with different strategies.
- Plan to have “experts” come to speak with the taskforce. Be vocal when you believe a new committee needs to be formed.
- Meet monthly on the 4th Wednesday at 4 pm. Standing monthly meeting. – **There were a couple requests to move the meetings to 3:30pm to allow for a little buffer if more than one hour is needed.**
- Vera Bother will oversee notetaking, with the goal of making it as easy as possible to share this information.
- Dulcinea is point of contact for questions or ideas.

- Terms (handout) - make sure we are all using the same terms and understanding what we are talking about. Terms will be added as needed.

Current Projects – Sally Stang, City of Wichita

- HOME-ARP
 - A copy of the full HOME-ARP report can be found here:
<https://www.wichita.gov/Housing/PublicNotices/HOME-ARP%20Draft%20Plan%20with%20Notice%20Cover.pdf>
 - Needs Inventory/Gap Analysis & Homelessness Ecosystem (handouts)
- Project Hope
- Housing Conference (April 19th & 20th)
- Point in Time Count (<https://unitedwayplains.org/100-volunteers-needed-for-the-2023-wichita-sedgwick-county-point-in-time-homeless-count-on-january-26/>)
- To be discussed at future meetings:
 - Continuum of Care
 - MHSA Coalition
 - Homelessness Service Providers
 - Faith Based
 - HOT
 - Medical and Respite Care
 - Data
 - Funding – Best Practices/Comparisons to peer communities
 - Veterans
 - People with Lived Experience
 - ICT One / Street Team
 - 988
 - 211
 - People returning from prison

Adjourn (2:30pm)

Next Meeting – February 22nd at ~~4pm~~ **3:30pm**