

2 Single Adult System

Recommendations:

- 2.1 Streamline access to homeless services for single adults: Action steps
 - 1. Designate a lead service provider: in progress
 - 2. Create a central navigation center: in progress
 - 3. Create an online platform to request homeless services
- 2.2: Provide street-based services: Action steps
 - 1. Launch a coordinated outreach team
 - 2. Continue to support local meal programs: in progress
 - 3. Pilot a safe parking program
 - 4. Convene local healthcare providers to discuss feasibility of a street medicine team
- 2.3 Expand housing opportunities for single adults: Action steps
 - 1. Promote shared housing: in progress
 - 2. Strengthen outreach to landlords: in progress
 - 3. Sponsor a feasibility analysis of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

3 Workforce Development

Recommendations:

- 3.1 Create partnerships with workforce programs: Action steps
 - 1. Continue to pursue Bridge Home's Ready-to-Work partnership: in progress
 - 2. Promote local online skills training programs: in progress
 - 3. Launch Cross Purpose (a six-week career preparation program): in progress
- 3.2 Create employment opportunities: Action steps
 - 1. Engage the local Chamber of Commerce: in progress

4 Family System

Recommendations:

- 4.1 Streamline services for homeless families: Action steps
 - 1. Engage local school districts as resource partners: in progress
 - 2. Designate a lead service provider: in progress
- 4.2 Prevent families from becoming homeless: Action steps
 - 1. Promote new resources for homelessness prevention: in progress
 - 2. Pilot a peer-support specialist program to reach out to homeless families
- 4.3 Increase housing opportunities for families: Action steps
 - 1. Explore expanding Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) to families.



Reporting

Quarterly progress reports and plan updates will be posted on the websites of the three cities, starting in the spring of 2022.



Tri-City Homeless Action Plan

Presented to the Tri-City Homelessness Policy Committee



Introduction

Recognizing the need for regional collaboration, Tri-Cities meets monthly and engages local officials, nonprofit and state partners in studying and developing strategies designed to reduce homelessness and its impact on the region.

- In 2018, the Cities of Englewood, Sheridan and Littleton developed the Tri-Cities Homelessness Policy Committee (“committee”). To better understand the issues surrounding homelessness in the Tri-Cities region, the committee:
- In July 2020, conducted a Political, Economic, Social, Technological, Environmental, and Legal (PESTEL) Analysis of regional services for unhoused people;
- In October 2020, contracted with the Center for Housing and Homelessness at the University of Denver to develop two reports: The Tri-Cities Family Homelessness Assessment and the Tri-Cities Chronic Homeless Assessment Results Report; and
- On January 28, 2021, the city councils of each city met in a joint session to update decisionmakers and the public on the findings of the above reports.

During this session, Metro Denver Homeless Initiative (MDHI) identified potential priority areas for the Tri-Cities Homelessness Policy Committee to focus on. Finally, the Tri-Cities Homelessness Policy Committee engaged Florence Aliese Advancement Network (FAAN) to develop an incremental, operational action plan with recommendations for action steps based on national and regional best-practices.

Cumulative Findings

The following findings emerged through a synthesis of the stakeholder general themes and key observations generated in the recent reports.

- Acknowledge the unique needs of families and individuals experiencing homelessness in the Tri-Cities region
- Dedicate a full time, proactive homeless outreach team to respond to constituent concerns and connect unhoused people to local services
- Create an easier system for people to access and navigate homeless services
- Increase data collection and tracking practices
- Enhance local and regional coordination
- Leverage partnerships to proactively address the health and behavioral health of single adults experiencing unsheltered homelessness
- Expand housing opportunities to increase successful exits from homelessness



Recommendations and Action Steps

The following recommendations were informed by the cumulative findings and are in alignment with national, state and regional best practices and evidence-based solutions. The recommendations are clustered into four key thematic areas and are prioritized according to project readiness, available funding or eligibility for new funding, staff capacity and time.

The four key thematic areas:

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| 1 Building a Strong Foundation | 3 Workforce Development |
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1 Building a Strong Foundation

Recommendations:

- 1.1 Build a strong governance structure: Action steps
 1. Formalize a regional leadership body: in progress
 2. Create a regional Homelessness Coordinator position
 3. Increase local government staff capacity: in progress
 4. Create a lived experience advisory board
- 1.2 Formalize a data-driven approach to allocated resources: Action steps
 1. Increase participation in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS): in progress
 2. Increase referrals to the Metro Denver Homeless Initiative (MDHI) OneHome Coordinated Entry System (CES): in progress
 3. Partner with Built For Zero: in progress
 4. Develop a system of tracking and reporting on plan implementation and outcome achievement
- 1.3 Create a community education and engagement strategy: Action steps
 1. Create a centralized Tri-Cities webpage: in progress
 2. Streamline volunteer and giving opportunities: in progress
 3. Create a Welcome Home community engagement program