

Action Plan: Building a Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness in Pierce County

Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee Presenters:
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Ad Hoc Committee

- This Ad Hoc Committee was created by the Pierce County Council per [County Council Resolution 2021-30](#).
- Members:
 - Heather Moss, Director, Pierce County Human Services
 - John Barbee, Community Services Manager, Pierce County Human Services
 - Jeff Rodgers, Homeless Programs Supervisor, Pierce County Human Services
 - James Pogue, Continuum of Care Committee representative
 - Dr. Lamont Green, Continuum of Care Committee representative
 - Gerrit Nyland, Tacoma-Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness representative
 - Courtney Chandler, Tacoma-Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness representative
 - Klarissa Monteros, Senior Policy Analyst, City of Tacoma
 - Tiffany Speir, Long Range Strategic Planning Manager, City of Lakewood
 - Kirstin Hoffman, Emergency Manager, City of Puyallup



Action Plan Contents

- History
- Goals, Definitions, **Guiding Principles**
- Scope
- Groups to Include
- **Public Engagement Process**
- **Meeting Council's Committee to Provide Adequate Shelter**
- **Project Timeline**
- Resources Needed
- **Recommendations**



Guiding Principles

1. Focus on DEI.
2. Build plans based on the concept of “targeted universalism.”
3. Include experts who’ve lived unsheltered.
4. Start with a shared value statement.
5. Shelter plan should ensure immediate access and include a variety of options.
6. Create a regional approach.
7. Utilize best practices, published research, and local research and analysis.
8. Ensure the Steering Committee reflects the population served.



Public Engagement

- Include as much public engagement as possible within time limits.
- Go to where the public is to seek their input and response.
- Lean on expertise of those who've lived homeless.
- Ensure diversity.
- Actively engage with local jurisdictions.
- Governance:
 - Create a core staff team at PCHS
 - Expand, continue, and rebrand the Ad Hoc Committee as a Steering Committee



Shelter Plan

- Separate this effort from the larger comprehensive plan but identify connections.
- Clearly define scope of “emergency shelter.”
- Use PCHS draft model as a framework.
- Seek partnerships and support early.
- Stay focused on substantial implementation by 11/1; maintain urgency!



Timeline

Comprehensive Plan:

- May: form core team, hire consultant, convene steering committee, set universal goals
- June, July: develop plan outline, begin community outreach
- August: publish final draft plan
- September, October: share plan with public, reach out to jurisdictions
- November: deliver report to County Council

Shelter Plan:

- May: convene work group, clarify scope and goals, conduct focus groups
- June: present draft plan, seek community input
- July: finalize shelter plan, identify funding, seek support from jurisdictions
- August, September, October: implement
- November: ensure all contracts/resources are in place



Recommendations to County Council

1. Accept Action Plan, authorize continued work and expansion of Ad Hoc Committee.
2. Identify and approve funds for identified resources:
 - Approve 3 limited duration FTEs (PM, Data analyst, staff backfill)
 - Approve budget (\$250K):

• FTEs (3)	\$100K
• Facilitator/Comm Engagement contract	\$100K
• Marketing/meetings	\$ 50K
3. Clarify budget parameters for shelter plan, including budget review and funding approval.





Questions?