Steering Committee
Strategy Oversight Meeting
Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 1PM
Strategy Oversight Meeting Agenda

1. Meeting Introduction
   ☐ Call to order
   ☐ Thank you to:
     • Dr. Roberta Scott, At-Large Representative w/expertise in education
     • Nakia Sims, At-Large Consumer Representative w/expertise in lived experience advocacy
     • Tracey Burdine, At-Large Representative w/expertise in healthcare
   ☐ Welcome:
     • Gregory Dread, At-Large Consumer Representative w/expertise in lived experience advocacy (second term)
     • Jamie Wright, At-Large Consumer Representative w/expertise in lived experience advocacy (first term)
   ☐ Roll call & Ice Breaker

2. Meeting Business:
   ☐ August 2022 Minutes
     ☐ No action needed; recap of the following business items conducted via e-vote:
       • 2022.Resolution 11. FY22 Annual CoC NOFO Ranking
       • 2022.Resolution 12. FY22 Special CoC NOFO Ranking
       • 2022.Resolution 13. Recommended Slate of Consumer Representatives

3. Strategy Oversight Agenda:
   ☐ Five-Year Plan updates

4. Meeting Wrap-Up:
   ☐ Public Comment Guidelines Reminder & Public Comment
   ☐ Next Meeting: Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 3:30pm – business meeting
   ☐ Meeting Adjourn
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Agenda

MEETING BUSINESS

FIVE-YEAR COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATES
Steering Committee
Member Updates
Dr. Roberta Scott, served on the Steering Committee for two-years as an At-Large Representative with an expertise in education.

Nakia Sims, served on the Steering Committee for two-years as an At-Large Consumer Representative with an expertise in lived experience advocacy.

Tracey Burdine, served on the Steering Committee for two-years as an At-Large Representative with an expertise in healthcare.
Welcome!

• Gregory Dread, will serve on the Steering Committee for an additional two-years as an At-Large Consumer Representative with an expertise in lived experience advocacy.

• Jamie Wright, will serve on the Steering Committee for two-years as an At-Large Consumer Representative with an expertise in lived experience advocacy.
Roll Call & Ice Breaker

Please select one (1) of the questions to answer as your name is called for roll:

• If you celebrate Thanksgiving, what is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition?
• What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?
• If you do not celebrate Thanksgiving, what do you do instead?
• Would you rather cook the entire Thanksgiving dinner by yourself or do all the dishes alone afterwards?
• What is your favorite Thanksgiving memory?
• What are you most thankful for this year?
0. Meeting Materials
   □ Meeting presentation.
   □ Meeting recording.

1. Meeting Introduction
   □ Call to order
   □ Thank you, Horace Allison!
   □ Welcome back, Melissa Quijano!
   □ Roll call & Ice Breaker: 16/21 members present – the committee had quorum.

2. Meeting Business:
   □ July 2022 Minutes
     • Pg. 7 – 8 of the meeting packet
     • Topic discussion begins at 9:45 of the meeting recording.
     • Motion to approve the July minutes moved by Dr. Martin Negron and seconded by Bob Eury
     • There was no committee discussion for this business item.
     • All members were in favor to approve the July minutes and the motion passed unanimously.

     • Pg. 9 -10 of the meeting packet
     • Topic discussion begins at 10:20 of the meeting recording.
     • Chair, Barbie Brashear asked Vice Chair, Barbie Robinson to lead this business item.
     • Jessica Preheim, VP of strategic planning & public affairs with the Coalition for the Homeless (the Coalition), provided background on the proposed resolution
     • Motion to approve Resolution 9.2022 was moved by Bob E. and seconded by Becky Landes
     • There was no committee discussion for this business item.
     • There was no public comment for this business item.
     • Barbie B. abstained from voting on this business item due to conflict of interest.
     • All remaining committee members were in favor for this business item and the motion passed unanimously.

   □ 2022.Resolution 10. Approval of Charter Amendments
     • Pg. 11 – 12 of the meeting packet
     • Topic discussion begins at 13:46 of the meeting recording.
     • Red-line edits on pg. 82 – 103 of the meeting packet
     • Clean version on pg. 103 – 125 of the meeting packet
     • Caybryn Southern, manager of strategic planning (CoC) with the Coalition, provided background on the proposed resolution
     • Motion to approve Resolution 10. 2022 was moved by Vice Chair, Barbie Robinson, and seconded by David Northern, Sr.
     • Committee discussion begins at 16:55 of the meeting recording.
Minutes

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Thursday, August 11, 2022

- There was no public comment for this business item.
- All committee members were in favor for this business item and the motion passed unanimously.

☐ Open call for Steering Committee seats
  - Pg. 126 – 129 of the meeting packet
  - Topic discussion begins at 18:45 of the meeting recording.
  - Committee discussion begins at 22:51 of the meeting recording.

3. Lead Agency Updates

☐ Special NOFO
  - Pg. 14 of the meeting packet
  - Topic discussion begins at 29:17 of the meeting recording.

☐ Annual NOFO
  - Pg. 15 of the meeting packet
  - Topic discussion begins at 31:00 of the meeting recording.

☐ The Way Home Partner Trainings & Development
  - Pg. 16 of the meeting packet
  - Topic discussion begins at 32:26 of the meeting recording.

4. Strategy Oversight Agenda:

☐ YHDP & YAB update
  - Pg. 18 – 28 of the meeting packet
  - Topic discussion begins at 35:24 of the meeting recording.
  - Committee discussion begins at 55:26 of the meeting recording.

☐ Equity and the Consumer Advisory Council (CAC)
  - Pg. 29 – 38 of the meeting packet
  - Topic discussion begins at 59:05 of the meeting recording.
  - Committee discussion begins at 1:18:02 of the meeting recording.

☐ Income & Employment
  - Pg 39 – 51 of the meeting packet
  - Topic discussion begins at 1:34:36 of the meeting recording.
  - Committee discussion begins at 2:18:55 of the meeting recording.

☐ Community COVID Housing Program (CCHP) out of agenda order – ana)
  - Pg 52 - 64 of the meeting packet
  - Topic discussion begins at 2:34:38 of the meeting recording.
  - Committee discussion begins at 2:50:39 of the meeting recording.

☐ Dashboards (out of agenda order - ana)
  - Pg 65 – 74 of the meeting packet
  - Topic discussion begins at 2:21:15

☐ Data requests (out of agenda order - ana)
  - Topic discussion begins at 2:59:52
  - Committee discussion begins at 3:01:27 of the meeting recording.
5. Meeting Wrap-Up:

☐ Public Comment Guidelines Reminder & Public Comment
  • No public comment discussions at the meeting.
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1. Brief Description of Proposed Item:
   It is necessary for the CoC Steering Committee to approve the final list of projects that will be submitted to HUD for the CoC FY 2022 Annual CoC NOFO Competition cycle. These projects have been reviewed and ranked according to the CoC’s ranking and prioritization policy & as described in the attached document.

2. Date of Steering Committee Vote (virtual due to NOFO timeline):
   Original Email Date: September 16, 2022
   Updated Ranking sent via Email: September 21, 2022

3. Proposed Committee Resolution:
   Approval of the FY 2022 Annual CoC NOFO Competition Project Ranking

4. Approval of CoC Steering Committee Chair
   Signature: ____________________________
   Barbie Brashear
   Date: Sep 29 2022
   ____________________________
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| CoC Planning | Not Scored | Not Scored | Not Scored | Not Scored | Not Scored | $1,350,000 | 40,177,033 |

| Total | $1,41,802,596 | $44,002,733 | $2,215,254 | $4,430,509 |
1. Brief Description of Proposed Item:
   It is necessary for the CoC Steering Committee to approve the final list of projects that will be submitted to HUD for the CoC FY 2022 Special NOFO to address Unsheltered Homelessness Competition cycle. These projects have been reviewed and ranked according to project score, with the highest scoring project being ranked first.

2. Date of Steering Committee Vote (virtual due to NOFO timeline):
   September 27th

3. Proposed Committee Resolution:
   Approval of the FY 2022 Special NOFO to address Unsheltered Homelessness Ranking

4. Approval of CoC Steering Committee Chair

   Barbie Brashear
   ________________________________
   Signature: ________________________________
   ________________________________
   Date: Sep 29 2022
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*Special NOFO CoC planning is 3% of the total amount awarded. 3-year grant term
1. **Brief Description of Proposed Item:**

   The Nominations Committee recommends approving the following slate of candidates to become At-Large Consumer Representatives on The Way Home Steering Committee:

   - Gregory Dread (expertise: lived expertise) – Term 2
   - Jamie Wright (expertise: lived expertise)

   If approved, their new term will begin November 2022 and end October 2024. They may serve up to three consecutive terms if interested/able, as well as if re-elected by the Nominating Committee and Lead Agency and then approved by vote of the Steering Committee.

2. **Date of Steering Committee Meeting E-Vote:**

   Wednesday, October 12, 2022, through Wednesday, October 19, 2022

3. **Proposed Committee Resolution:**

   Approval of the recommended slate of candidates to serve as At-Large Consumer Representatives on The Way Home Steering Committee.

4. **Approval of Steering Committee Chair**

   Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: Oct 17 2022

   Name: ________________________________________________
5-Year Plan Updates
Community Plan Goals

Retain Historical Focus

• End chronic homelessness
• Maintain an effective end to Veteran homelessness
• Achieve an effective end to family and youth homelessness

Expanded Focus

• Address Racial Equity and Social Justice
• Expand Affordable Housing
• Prevent Homelessness
• Strengthen Crisis Response
• Refine Engagement Strategies for People Living Unsheltered
• Build Strong Cross-System Partnerships
Where to find the plan

The Way Home Partner Portal (homelesshouston.org)
FINAL TWH Community Plan.pdf (multiscreensite.com)
Progress on ending chronic homelessness
“Ending” Chronic Homelessness

Positive implications

• It means we are referring the most vulnerable & getting them into housing quickly
• It's costing less because those experiencing chronic homelessness use a lot of costly system resources like jails, hospitals, & EMS
• It frees up PSH slots for those that score high enough for PSH & have a disability, but don't meet the technical HUD definition

What it doesn’t mean

• We lose PSH funding
• We will never have anyone experiencing chronic homelessness
• We can't fundraise for PSH projects
• We can't add new PSH projects to our CoC
Annual Point in Time Count - Chronic Homelessness

![Graph showing the trend of chronic homelessness from 2011 to 2022]

- 2011: 1791
- 2012: 1370
- 2013: 1184
- 2014: 763
- 2015: 591
- 2016: 467
- 2017: 529
- 2018: 669
- 2019: 661
- 2020: 446
- 2021: 454
- 2022: 551
Progress on ending chronic homelessness

- New individuals experiencing chronic homelessness
- Housed individuals experiencing chronic homelessness
Criteria needed to end chronic homelessness

1. The community has identified & provided outreach to all individuals experiencing or at risk for chronic homelessness and prevents chronic homelessness whenever possible.
2. The community provides access to shelter or other temporary accommodations immediately to any person experiencing unsheltered chronic homelessness who wants it.
3. The community has implemented a community-wide Housing First orientation & response that also considers the preferences of the individuals being served.
4. The community assists individuals experiencing chronic homelessness to move swiftly into permanent housing with the appropriate level of supportive services & effectively prioritizes people for PSH.
The community has provided outreach to all individuals experiencing or at risk for chronic homelessness and prevents chronic homelessness whenever possible.

Geographic coverage of CoC w/ Outreach & CA available at all locations where unsheltered gather

Ongoing re-engagement for those who decline shelter

Disengaged people experiencing chronic homelessness will be offered housing every two weeks
- Above covered in the System Outreach Practice Standards, which was co-designed by our System Outreach Leadership Workgroup.
- This will roll out in 2022-2023.

Engagement with partners throughout all of the CoC
- Included in the CFTH outreach team goals for 2022-2023.
The community has identified all individuals experiencing or at risk for chronic homelessness

- Tracking those who are chronic or at risk of chronicity in a single system
  - Is taking place in HMIS by outreach teams at large
  - Reports that show those “timing” into chronicity
- Outreach data entered in HMIS
  - Is happening, but we know that not all clients get enrolled
  - Outreach app may help
- System for re-connecting individuals experiencing chronic homelessness who exit PSH
  - In progress
The community provides access to shelter or other temporary accommodations immediately to any person experiencing unsheltered chronic homelessness who wants it

- **Immediate low barrier shelter available to all individuals experiencing chronic homelessness**
  - Some low barrier options exist, but are not available to individuals experiencing chronic homelessness, immediately

- **Streamlined community-wide process for connecting individuals experiencing chronic homelessness with PH and options as soon as identified**
  - Individuals experiencing chronic homelessness are streamlined through CA, but not as soon as identified

- **Individuals experiencing chronic homelessness are swiftly connected with stabilizing services (SOAR, Income Now, etc.)**
  - Stabilizing services are available, but challenging to locate individuals to engage prior to housing referral
The community has implemented a community-wide Housing First orientation & response that also considers the preferences of the individuals being served

• PSH prioritization is based on vulnerability
  ✔ Housing Prioritization Tool actively being used

• Use RRH & TH as a bridge for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness on the path to PSH
  ~ Have done this in the past but not currently

• Majority of emergency shelter, street outreach, and crises response systems aligned with housing first & accept clients regardless of sobriety or program requirements
  ✗ Most ES partners do not practice Housing First

• Harm reduction and housing first practices in PH projects
  ✔ All housing programs are aligned with harm reduction & housing first & more stringent scoring being implemented

• Partnerships with mainstream resources to support ongoing stability
  ✔ Many partnerships available for mental health, substance use, income, etc.
The community assists individuals experiencing chronic homelessness to move swiftly into permanent housing with the appropriate level of supportive services & effectively prioritizes people for PSH.

- **Capacity to house chronics within 90 days of being identified**
  ~ Almost more than this for voucher programs but around 30 for non-voucher

- **Capacity to prevent aging into chronicity**
  ~ Potentially if slowdowns in the system are addressed

- **Capacity in next 12 months to ensure housing within 90 days of identification for all chronics**
  ~ Potentially if slowdowns in the system are addressed

- **Capacity to sustain PSH for all those in PSH**
  ✔ Our system has always prioritized PSH and ensured that PSH project remain funded and/or new funding secure
Ending Chronic Homelessness

Asks and challenges for the Steering Committee:

- Continue to fund accessible affordable housing units (reduced barriers to tenant selection policies)
- Continue/expand commitments of Housing Authority rental assistance with direct connects to Coordinated Access (both Housing Choice Vouchers and Project Based Vouchers)
  - Partnering to reduce the time it take to process paperwork before someone can move into housing
- Continued and improved connections to Fort Bend and Montgomery Counties
- Increased coordination and communication with emergency shelters
Expand Affordable Housing

Connect people to permanent housing with appropriate services to help them maintain housing.
Strategies to Expand Affordable Housing

1. **Permanent Supportive Housing.** Expand the supply of PSH to meet the current total system gap of 1,900 units for single adults and youth.  
   – **On-Track** (If CCHP can be sustained)

2. **Rapid Re-Housing.** Expand the annual supply of RRH to meet the current system gap of 1,165 annual slots for single adults, families, and youth.  
   – **Behind** (will get worse if CCHP can’t be sustained)

3. **Landlord engagement.** Provide rehousing navigation support by recruiting and retaining a reliable supply of landlords and rental units.  
   – **On-Track**

4. **Moving On.** Implement a “moving on” strategy, targeting up to 20% of current PSH residents for transition to general population affordable housing, thus freeing up PSH for new tenants.  
   – **Not Started**

5. **Leverage Affordable Housing.** Establish, support, and use all available homeless preferences for affordable housing resources and assets available through public housing authority (PHA) properties, multi-family developments, and Low-Income Housing Tax Credit developments.  
   – **In Progress**
## Expand Permanent Supportive Housing & Rapid Re-Housing

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<th>Intervention</th>
<th>2021 Baseline</th>
<th>Goal</th>
<th>Current Capacity</th>
<th>Current System + CCHP</th>
<th>Progress</th>
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<td>PSH (Individuals)</td>
<td>3,125</td>
<td>+1,900 units</td>
<td>3,119</td>
<td>4,168</td>
<td>857 units needed</td>
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<td>RRH (Individuals and Families)</td>
<td>820</td>
<td>+1,165 units</td>
<td>830</td>
<td>1,480</td>
<td>505 units needed</td>
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# Increased Capacity

**Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)**

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<th># of Units Added to the System</th>
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<td>150 units (75 Units Ave 360/75 Units CRR)</td>
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<td>Homeless Response System 2 (Salvation Army)</td>
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<td>ACCESS Harris County Homeless Cohort (Harris County Public Health)</td>
<td>150 units</td>
<td>Harris County ARPA**</td>
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*Is only sustainable with continued commitment from Harris County-General Revenue Dollars*

**Funding currently only through 2026**
## Potential Increased Capacity of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

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<td>40 Units 77 Beds</td>
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**Total # Of Beds DV Specific-124**
**Total # Of Non DV Beds- 376**
Expansion of PSH

Asks and challenges for the Steering Committee:

- Provide sources of match that unlocks federal funding
- Link services dollars to PSH developments
- Link PHA rental assistance to new and existing projects
- Identify additional Rapid Rehousing dollars
- Invest in back office supports to set smaller non-profits up for success when administering federal funding
- Continued funding for “at-risk” PSH projects
- Advocate for addition, renewable resources to support PSH post CCHP
- Establish moving on strategies
- Grow key partnership in Montgomery and Fort Bend County

Other things to think about:

- Aging populations and resources
- Need for additional medical respite beds and Safe Haven
- Build relationships with low-income assistance organizations – prevention into homelessness
Affordable Housing

Actively support efforts to increase the availability of — and greater access to — safe and affordable rental housing to meet the needs of individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or are at imminent risk of homelessness.
Landlord Engagement
Landlord Engagement Team:
Areas of focus

- Recruitment: 36%
- Retention: 31%
- Onboarding: 20%
- Troubleshooting: 13%
Units Added to Inventory During Changing Market Conditions

Units Identified

- **September**: 115 units
- **August**: 26 units
- **July**: 17 units
- **June**: 8 units
- **May**: 75 units
- **April**: 29 units

The chart shows the units added to inventory from April to September.
Units Retained
During Changing Market Conditions

Units Retained
April: 259
May: 280
June: 321
July: 261
August: 174
September: 261
Yearly Housing Comparisons
Since the beginning of CCHP

October November December January February March April May June July August September

Oct 21 - Sept 22: 144, 109, 155, 200, 190, 170, 121, 212, 222, 77
Oct 22 - Sept 23: 109, 127, 137, 170, 121, 205, 212, 298, 302

Average: 238
Average Days to Housing from Referral

What does this mean to the system?

- **System Goal**: 30 Days
- There will likely be a slower reduction in homelessness
- Need to monitor inflow so that the number of people falling into homelessness doesn’t out-pace the rate in which we can house people
Top 3 Housing Challenges

1. Tightening of the housing market
   - We are not competitive when there are so many people that can pay deposits on the spot & don’t have criminal backgrounds

2. Public Housing Authority delays
   - Inspections are taking longer because we are using units that are not in great shape
   - PHAs & properties are short-staffed

3. Client criminal backgrounds
   - Recent felony assaults, sex offences, & drug charges
   - Outstanding warrants
Top 3 Recruiting Challenges

1. 90 day wait time for HHA rental payments
   - Does not include time & money lost getting an inspection done
   - LLs lose at least 3 months of rent that they don’t get reimbursed for due to these delays.
   - Wait time for payment after an inspection passes and a HAP contract is executed

2. Property Management & ownership turnover to people who do not want to work with Housing Programs

3. Zip code coverage areas
   - Properties within HHA partial coverage areas are typically not covered by HHA
   - HOME coupon pays more than voucher
Possible Strategies

Market Analysis for Recruitment

- 3,036 Apartment Complexes = 717,648 Units
  - 91.2% Occupancy
- 1,097 Complexes within 2023 FMR
  - According to 1-bedroom FMR amount
- 287 Complexes - Clients only responsible for Electricity
  - Houston/Harris County
- 258 Viable complexes
  - 29 Properties declined collaboration with Housing programs

3,036 Total

1,097 within FMR

287 viable properties to recruit
Possible Financial Strategies

**Pay**
- Pay for vacancies
  - $1600 means nothing if we can’t pay & fill the unit immediately

**Sponsor**
- Sponsor based leasing allows for flexibility with backgrounds

**Trash, gas, & water**
- Payments for all utilities: trash, gas, & water

**Pay**
- Pay for criminal background expungement
Affordable Housing Development

- Working with TDHCA to change rules in the QAP to increase the quantity of Supportive Housing Developments that can access Low-Income Housing Tax Credits.

- Working with the City of Houston and Harris County to address the increase in restrictive tenant selection criteria that keeps our clients from qualifying for housing.
  - Harris County Tenant Protections Policy
  - Seeking support from HUD to clarify Fair Housing Requirements to allow exceptions for referrals from the CoC who may not meet criteria but are receiving supportive services.

- Funding commitments from the City of Houston and Harris County to supportive housing.
  - CDBG-DR, HOME-ARP, ARP, ARP Treasury, etc.

- Exploring a pilot with the Houston Apartment Association for sponsor-based leasing program.

- Continued partnerships with Public Housing Authorities to tenant and project based rental subsidy to new and existing projects.

- Ongoing recruitment and engagement of new and existing developers.
Affordable Housing Partnerships

Housing Authority: Ongoing Commitments
- Public Housing Preference (HHA)
- HCVP Preference
- EHV Homeless Commitment
- PBV Access for PSH
- Special Purpose Vouchers

Pipeline Partnerships
- 120 units added or will be added by the end of 2022 (built environment)
- Additional 288 units funded and expected between 2023-2024

Expanding PSH Development Capacity
- Currently working with 15 developers on current or planned PSH developments.
Asks and challenges for the Steering Committee:

- Continued Investment in accessible and affordable housing with units reserved for the homeless response system (low barriers to access)
  - Reduced criminal background criteria that is specified in contract
- Coordinated RFP practices between governmental funders (and PHAs for project-based vouchers)
- Coordinated advocacy at the state and federal level for additional vouchers and flexibility in the use of funding to fill critical gaps that help us get people into housing and stay housed.
- Coordinated investment in renewable service dollars that can be “parked” at new PSH projects
- Expand resources that allow for creative ways to access market rate units
  - Example: sponsored based leasing
  - Allow for shared housing models
Break Time!
Equity

Coordinated Access System
Dr. Ben King, clinical assistant professor at the University of Houston College of Medicine, conducted an equity analysis of the CoC’s Housing Prioritization Tool (HPT).

The HPT is what is used to determine vulnerability for housing programs.
Data used for the analysis

16,917 deidentified unique individual client records were pulled from HMIS.

Data was used from first-time assessments during a 3-year time frame from November 19, 2018, to December 30, 2021.

The variables focused on were:

- Age (<55 yrs & >55 yrs)
- Ethnicity
- Race (Black, White, & other)
- Gender (Male, Female, & other)
- Chronic homelessness status
Homeless history, services usage, & disabling condition by Race Group

- Chronically Homeless (25)
  - White: 28%
  - Black: 22%
  - Other: 20%

- Slept in Shelter (2)
  - White: 35%
  - Black: 28%
  - Other: 32%

- Slept on the Streets (4)
  - White: 61%
  - Black: 68%
  - Other: 65%

- Homeless before (2)
  - White: 63%
  - Black: 70%
  - Other: 69%

- >= 4 episodes of homelessness in past 3 years (2)*
  - White: 37%
  - Black: 23%
  - Other: 24%

- Frequent User (2)*
  - White: 50%
  - Black: 48%
  - Other: 47%

- Disabling Condition (4)*
  - White: 14%
  - Black: 13%
  - Other: 15%

*no statistical significance
() Numbers in parenthesis are points for each question
HPT question responses by Race Group

Serious physical health condition (3)
Observer: Serious physical health condition (5)
MH services recommended (2)
Observer: MH condition (2)
Drug/alcohol impact (2)
Observer: Drugs/Alcohol (2)
60d DV hx (2)
Asked or Forced (1)
Threatening (1)
Any income (1)

- White
- Black
- Other
Analysis

Is there a statistical significance between demographic categories?

- Individuals older than 55 have a higher mean score than those that are younger.
- Males have a higher mean score than females and other gender groups.
- For race groups, white individuals score higher on average on the HPT than all other racial groups.
- Non-Hispanic individuals have a higher mean score than those who identify as Hispanic.
## Housing referral by demographic groupings

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Housing Referrals Analysis

**Age**
- Those >55 years were more likely to receive a PSH referral over individuals that are younger, who are more likely to receive RRH referrals

**Gender**
- All gender groups were more likely to receive RRH referrals over PSH referrals
- Males overall were more likely to receive referrals over the other gender groups

**Ethnicity**
- Both non-Hispanics and Hispanics were more likely to receive RRH referrals over PSH
- Hispanics (91%, n = 3,207) were more likely to receive PSH referrals over non-Hispanics (9%, n = 318)

**Race**
- No statistical significance was found between the race groups
Results

• **Age Category**
  - Older individuals are more likely to report disabling conditions, serious physical health conditions that require frequent medical visits, have current income, and a longer duration from the last period of working.
  - The HPT assessment results show that those >55 years are more likely to be chronically homeless and frequently use services.
  - Assessors are more likely to report observations of serious physical health conditions in >55 years individuals that are not self-reported

• **Gender Category**
  - Males have an overall higher score than the female and other gender categories.
  - Males reported higher rates of:
    - chronic homelessness in addition to serious physical health conditions
    - disabling conditions alongside higher rates of substance abuse
    - felonies
    - frequent service use
  - Females were more likely to report having health insurance, but also higher rates of domestic abuse and sexual assault

• **Race Category**
  - White individuals reported higher rates of chronic homelessness, disabling/serious physical health conditions, and substance abuse disorder.
  - Black individuals reported higher rates of HIV/AIDS and living in streets.
Things to consider

- Assessors may have biases & data did not include locations or users
- Data includes individuals housed from encampments & 60% of those qualify for PSH
- “Homeless before” question is only asked when an individual is NOT chronically homeless
- Individuals that are older have higher scores & white individuals are older by 3 years on average
- Episode history in the assessment can sometimes be challenging for some Assessors to get right
- White individuals may access healthcare more than minorities
Next steps

- Remove all observation questions

- Work with CAC to rethink how questions are asked

- Pilot randomized trials with different questions to see if the results equalize

- Deeper dive into the tool to take into consideration the factors that were not analyzed
  - This will require additional funding
Maintain an effective end to Veteran homelessness
Annual Homeless Count - Veterans

Annual PIT Count

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Maintaining functional zero for Veterans

- **New Veterans entering the system**
- **Veterans housed**

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Veterans – Average Days on the Waitlist

- 2016: 33 days
- 2017: 6 days
- 2018: 5 days
- 2019: 5 days
- 2020: 3 days
- 2021: 5 days
- 2022: 6 days
Just because we “ended” Veteran homelessness, it doesn’t mean that there are no homeless Veterans anywhere in our CoC.

It means that our CoC has enough resources to house all of them.

Veterans do not sit on our waitlist; they are referred immediately.

Functional Zero happens when a CoC’s homeless response system can prevent homelessness whenever possible to ensure.

- When homelessness does occur, it is rare, brief, and one-time.
Ending Veteran Homelessness

Continue communication and collaboration between: VA, public housing authorities, and The Way Home to ensure full utilization of all VASH vouchers.

Continued advocacy for resources for veterans with Other Then Honorable discharge status.

Cross sharing of effective prevention strategies that have been proven effective for Veterans: target population, intervention offered, successes, etc.
Youth Homelessness

Achieve an effective end to youth homelessness
Annual Homeless Count – Youth & Young Adults (ages 18-24)

67.4% Decrease
Ending Youth Homelessness: Progress
*annual numbers
Ending youth homelessness: Progress

Youth Families

- New youth families entering the system
- Youth families housed

Key:
- CCHP

Data for years 2015 to 2022:
- 2015: 150
- 2016: 172
- 2017: 145
- 2018: 141
- 2019: 98
- 2020: 83
- 2021: 98
- 2022: 54

Note: The data for 2021 and 2022 shows an increase due to efforts by CCHP.
Youth Homelessness Update

HUD YHDP Grant agreements were executed beginning of October 2022

The Way Home Youth Action Board (YAB) created and facilitated Cultural Competency Training for YHDP Partners and CFTH Staff

The YHDP Demonstration period began on November 1st.

- $10.35M, 2-year award
- $9.49M, 2-year award renewable after demonstration period (one-time planning grant can’t be renewed)
- Will begin to roll into the CoC NOFO FY2024/25
- $9.49M, 2-year award will likely increase due to FMR once it’s a part of the CoC NOFO

Released a YHDP press Release on November 3rd
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Grant opens door to fight homelessness

$104 million will aid nonprofits’ push to house youths 18-24

By R.A. Snelting
STAFF WRITER

With the help from a new federal grant, Houston has launched an expanded effort to address youth homelessness, the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston and Harris County announced Thursday morning.

The $104 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will allow area nonprofits to house and provide more services for a greater number of Houstonians between the ages of 18 and 24.

The money is a game changer, explained Stefanie Quintela, director of strategic planning for the Coalition, because much of the previous money that flowed through the Coalition to local organizations was intended to be used for people who are chronically homeless – meaning they may have been sleeping on the street or in a car for a year or more – or those facing domestic abuse.

Young adults, who are more likely to crash with friends or family and less likely to have been chronically homeless, often aren’t eligible for services using those funds.

So the new funds, part of HUD’s Youth Homeless Demonstration Program, provides significant influx of resources for organizations working with homeless young people. It covered those doubled up with friends, those who have recently begun sleeping outside or in their cars and those with a high risk of becoming homeless, such as people exiting the foster or juvenile justice systems.

“We’re going to be able to reach more people,” Quintela said. “The goal is to end youth homelessness – we want to turn off that spigot of people coming in.”

The $104 million, which will be spent over two years, will largely go toward increased types of housing reserved for young adults and staff to support them, key to the effort as an advisory board of young adults who have experienced homelessness themselves and can use that experience to guide efforts to address the issue.

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He has trained organizations on how to work with homeless youths in a sensitive way and helped others who also feel like they’re giving back by leading groups in distributing resources, such as food, haircuts and STD screenings – to those in need.

The various types of housing supported by the program are meant to meet the needs of people with various needs – from those who may need a little help to stay housed to those who need more intensive support to clamp out of homelessness.

For example, a program known as diversion plus will support young adults at risk of homelessness by matching them with a case worker to troubleshoot their needs. The caseworker might provide resources to help youths fix their car so they can get to work or help pay for a month’s missed rent.

Transitional housing gives youth adults a place to stay with a roommate and receive support from a case manager and other staff. The funds can also be used for rapid rehousing, an option for people ready to be eased into taking over expenses themselves.

These youths live in their own apartments while gradually gaining over their expenses, with the guidance of a case manager, after a year of free rent.

Covenant House, a shelter for homeless youths between 18 and 24, has already begun advertising to hire two new case managers to add to the three it already has supporting people in rapid rehousing.

Leslie Bourne, the shelter’s executive director, welcomed the influx of funding. She said she had nearly 40 young adults on a wait list for the shelter.

If Covenant House moved some residents who were ready for more independence into off-campus transitional housing or rapid rehousing, they would be able to house those who had been waiting.

“All of us that have received this grant, all of us are full,” she said. “It’s such a gift that was given to us that allows us to help this population.”

While the grant provides funds for two years, Quintela said, after Houston has demonstrated how it can use the funds, it should be able to apply for an additional $1 million per year to address youth homelessness in the long term.
New YHDP Programs Serving Youth & Young Adults Coming January 2023

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                                    | • Spring Branch Community Health Center  
                                    | • Covenant House Texas            |
| Diversion Plus                    | • the Montrose Center  
                                    | • Montrose Grace Place  
                                    | • Houston ReVision              |
| Outreach                          | • Search Homeless Services                                               |
| Housing Navigation                | • Search Homeless Services                                               |
| Employment Navigation             | • the Montrose Center                                                    |
| Coordinated Access: YYA Trained Assessors | • TLC Health and Wellness                                             |
YHDP programs begin serving YYA in January 2023

Provider training (local based and HUD lead)

Will begin to implement activity specific workgroups (with YHDP funded partners and other youth serving organizations)

Weekly YHDP check-ins established with all YHDP provider partners

YHDP Partners are currently hiring

YHDP Next Steps
What do we need from the Steering Committee?

- Future funding needs to sustain this work of both the YAB and Lead Agency Program Management Staff
  - The YHDP grant does not come with renewable planning grant resources
- Offer professional development opportunities to members of the YAB
- If you are an organization that serves youth, build in youth voice to inform project design
- Opportunities for youth and young adult employment
- Leverage and align resources from adjacent systems
- Help us move upstream to prevent and break the cycle of homelessness (i.e., child welfare, justice, education)

We can do more together!!!!!
Family Homelessness

Achieve an effective end to family homelessness

Photo provided by The Salvation Army
Annual Homeless Count - Families

82% decrease
Progress on ending family homelessness

- **New families entering the system**
- **Families housed**


CCHP
Other 5-year plan activities to be addressed in future meetings

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<td>Balance the need to maintain community access to and use of public spaces while recognizing that there is a critical gap in crisis housing that leaves insufficient alternative appropriate avenues for shelter.</td>
<td>Strengthen connections with system partners necessary to accelerate housing placements and improve their sustainability.</td>
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Questions?
• Speakers will be called upon in the order in which they signed up. Others will be offered an opportunity to speak following.

• Please use the “Raise Hand” function and wait to be called upon if you did not sign up to speak prior to the meeting.

• When called upon, please introduce yourself and your organization (if applicable).

• **Duration of comment: 1 minute.** This time limit will be identified with a visible timer shared on the screen, followed by the speaker being muted when the time is complete.
Have a great holiday!

Next meeting currently scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 3:30pm.