

HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE
DRAFT FINAL REPORT



July 8, 2014

Report Outline Follows Charge

- (a) Review the **roles and responsibilities** of all major organizations that fund and/or deliver services to homeless persons in Fort Worth;
- (b) Analyze the flow of **financial resources** associated with these services;
- (c) Assess the general **efficiency and effectiveness** of this service delivery system;
- (d) Identify opportunities to improve **communication, coordination, and collaboration** among public and non-profit agencies serving the homeless; and
- (e) **Advise the City Council** on opportunities to streamline the funding and delivery of services to the homeless.



Recommendations

- 1) The City of Fort Worth should remain proactively engaged in **planning, partnerships, and funding** for programs and services that prevent and end homelessness.
 - a) Planning
 - b) Partnerships
 - c) Funding

- 2) To end chronic homelessness among Veterans, families, and adults, the City Council should promote and support the creation of **600 additional units of permanent supportive housing** in neighborhoods throughout Fort Worth by 2018.
 - a) Task Force on development of permanent supportive housing
 - b) Diverse participants including City Council members

- 3) To maximize efficiency and effectiveness, the City Council should encourage **collaboration among funders and service providers** to coordinate and streamline funding for housing and services for people who are homeless.
 - a) Funders Council
 - b) Alliance of Service Providers

1) Proactive Engagement by City of Fort Worth

- a) Planning: Update **Directions Home** plan.
- b) Partnerships: Continue to participate in **Continuum of Care**, including programmatic consultation and dashboard reporting.
- c) Funding: Increase General Fund allocation to **\$3 million** for homelessness-specific services and programs.



2) Create 600 Additional Units of Permanent Supportive Housing

- a) City Council should appoint a **Task Force on the development of permanent supportive housing** to identify potential projects and appropriate funding sources

- b) Task force should include representatives from:
 - **City Council**;
 - **Advisory Commission** on Ending Homelessness;
 - **Real Estate Council** of Greater Fort Worth;
 - **Apartment Association** of Tarrant County;
 - Pertinent **neighborhood groups**.



3) Encourage Collaboration Among Funders and Service Providers

- a) City Council should collaborate on the establishment of a **Funders Council** to promote collaboration among foundations, local governments, and other philanthropic supporters of local initiatives to end homelessness.
- b) To assist homeless service providers in working together to prepare joint applications for private funding, the City Council should promote the creation of an **alliance of service providers**.



Next Steps

V. Review, Discussion, and Approval of Task Force Final Report

A. Report of City Staff

B. Task Force Discussion

C. Public Comments

D. Task Force Consideration and Action

E. Arrangements for July 22 Presentation