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# MID-WILLAMETTE HOMELESS INITIATIVE

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Interested Persons and Technical Advisors  
**FROM:** Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative Task Force  
**DATE:** November 7, 2016  
**SUBJECT:** Update

The Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative was launched in February 2016, with charters adopted and appointments made from four jurisdictions: City of Keizer, City of Salem, Marion County and Polk County. The task force and its subcommittees have been working diligently to identify and launch proven strategies that will reduce homelessness in communities across this region. Representatives from all jurisdictions have been actively engaged in the task force’s work.

The Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative anticipates adopting our strategic plan by February 2017. The Task Force affirms that charters from the four jurisdictions remain intact and representatives from all jurisdictions continue to be engaged and are welcome at the task force table. Our work is moving forward.

We value the continued support of community partners as we transition from planning to actions that will benefit our communities.