

MID-WILLAMETTE HOMELESS INITIATIVE TASK FORCE  
STRATEGY RECOMMENDATIONS  
JANUARY 23, 2017

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND FINANCIAL SUBCOMMITTEES**

1. Subject to MOU parameters, authorize administrators for the City of Salem, Marion County, and other willing jurisdictions to apply for time-sensitive, competitive grants that directly relate to the goals and recommendations set forth in the Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative Strategic Plan, including any future amendments, additions, or subsequent plans to further those goals. This provision will be negotiated into the Development and or Implementation Team Memorandum of Understanding among participating jurisdictions.

**SUPPORT SERVICES/EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

1. Promote collaboration among local service providers and WorkSource Oregon to maximize workforce development by: Increasing communication among service providers, and providing organizational training, to help case workers prepare their clients for referrals to Worksource Oregon, by providing for their basic needs; and Referring clients to WorkSource Oregon for job skills training, employment workshops, educational opportunities, and job placement.
2. Boost relationships between Salem-Keizer Transit and service providers/agencies by endorsing and supporting the travel training program designed to educate community members and providers on available transit services that connect the community.
3. Explore Community Data Link (CDL) as a regional tool for improving service coordination.
4. Explore and adopt a comprehensive statewide resource network.

**PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE**

1. Recommend implementation of a layered approach Jobs Program similar to the City of Albuquerque's "There's a Better Way" Program for individuals experiencing homelessness in our community.
2. Recommend re-engagement of the City of Salem's "Give Hope, Not Money" Program, including implementation of a collection system similar to that of the City of Salt Lake City's "Real Change" Program and/or the City of Albuquerque's "311" Program, providing a way to divert money that would be given to panhandlers to the programs that can provide those experiencing homelessness with wraparound services (e.g., homeless youth and domestic violence programs).

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**“AT-LARGE” RECOMMENDATIONS (not reviewed or endorsed by an MWHI Subcommittee)**

1. Develop a shelter for seniors . (*Northwest Senior & Disability Services*)
2. Develop welcoming housing with services for seniors. (*Northwest Senior & Disability Services*)
3. Work with landlords and rental management companies to develop a flexible plan for rental fees and deposits, to allow seniors the opportunity to rent. (*Northwest Senior & Disability Services*)
4. Work with community partners, such as the local hospital and Coordinated Care Organizations, to support a housing community for seniors (and other adults) with behavioral issues. A housing community of homes, such as Adult Foster Homes with special staffing, would provide a safer setting for all. (*Northwest Senior & Disability Services*)
5. Develop a street medical outreach team to provide basic health assessments, vaccinations, TB testing, mental health assistance, and referral to full-service medical facilities. (*Dr. Hal Boyd*)
6. Support Salem Health, City of Salem, Marion County, and other nonprofit organizations in efforts to create a sobering center in the Salem area. (*City of Salem*)
7. Support community partners to create a one-stop resource center with centralized and coordinated case management. (*City of Salem*)
8. Implement Step 2 of the Marion County District Attorney’s Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) plan. (*Marion County*)
9. Advocate with Salem-Keizer Transit to continue providing transportation service (indefinitely) to the Santiam Canyon. (*Marion County*)
10. Assist veterans with housing placement through use of rapid identification to find veterans and assign them to permanent housing. Promote coordination among various agencies including HUD Veterans’ Affairs Supportive Housing program, current shelters, housing authorities, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. (*Willamette PACE Team*)
11. Create housing for veterans, including (A) an affordable housing development with residential-based support services, and (B) “tiny house” developments with shared kitchen and living facilities. (*Willamette PACE Team*)
12. Provide economic resources for veterans, including free bus passes, gift cards, and rent support. (*Willamette PACE Team*)

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13. Implement the following assessment tools to assist in agency decisions about allocating resources to veterans: (A) the Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (SPDAT); (B) Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) for pre-screening; and (C) further evaluate high SPDAT scores using the Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT). (*Willamette PACE Team*)
  
14. Through consultation with service agencies and first responders, utilize Community DataLink or any other homeless management assessment and data collection tools (CDL, HMIS, VI-SPDAT, etc.) to:
  - a. Establish definitions within homelessness (chronic homelessness, street homelessness, etc.);
  - b. Create a template for collection of data across agencies providing a cohesive data collection system in which to move forward with solutions;
  - c. Better assist vulnerable populations; and
  - d. Base results of performance measurements.(*City of Salem*)