Committee to Study Issues Regarding Affordable Housing

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What is ICH?

- The Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) is an Executive Order dated 11/14/2013.

- The Council was created to coordinate and address homelessness through an integrated approach consisting of private businesses, state agencies, nonprofits that provide services to individuals that are homeless, and at least one person that has experienced homelessness.

- The Council created a 10 year strategic plan in June 2015.
  - The Council has revised the plan; most recently February 2018.
  - *Please see handouts*.

Strategic Issues and Goals

Strategic Issue #1 – Housing

- Goal 1: Preserve the existing affordable housing stock.

- Goal 2: Provide the resources necessary to further expand and develop the inventory by 2020.

Strategic Issues and Goals

Strategic Issue #2 – Homelessness Prevention and Intervention

- Goal 1: Increase construction of new or rehabilitated housing in all communities.

- Goal 2: Coordinate housing programs and agencies to provide housing prevention and diversion services, including mediation opportunities, for individuals and families who are at-risk of being evicted.

- Goal 3: Public and private partners who provide services to prevent and end homelessness will coordinate policy to ensure that barriers are eliminated and goals of the strategic plan are achieved.

- Goal 4: Rapidly rehouse people who fall out of housing.

Strategic Issues and Goals

Strategic Issue #2 – Homelessness Prevention and Intervention (continued)

- Goal 5: Break the cycle of incarceration that leads to disrupted families, limited economic prospects and poverty, increased homelessness or at risk of homelessness, and more criminal activity.

- Goal 6: The strategic plan document is re-assessed and updated at least every five years to prevent and end homelessness.

- Goal 7: Public outreach and education is conducted to create awareness to remove the stigma around homelessness.

Strategic Issues and Goals

Strategic Issue #3 – Wraparound Services

- Goal 1: Increase access to all funding (federal, foundations, grants, private) for which Nevada may be eligible.

- Goal 2: Each homeless or at risk of homeless individual receiving services has a person-centered care plan, developed through appropriate credentialed personnel, that meets their medical and social needs.

- Goal 3: Close the gap between available and needed appropriate credentialed health professionals statewide.

Strategic Issues and Goals

Strategic Issue #4 – Education and Workforce Development

- Goal 1: Expand economic opportunities (through initiatives such as workforce development, education opportunities, and job skills training) for those who are at-risk or are homeless to achieve self-sufficiency through a living wage.

- Goal 2: Increase access to education for people experiencing or most at risk of homelessness.

- Goal 3: Improve access to high quality financial information, education, and counseling.

Strategic Issues and Goals

Strategic Issue #5 – Coordination of Primary and Behavioral Health

- Goal 1: Integrate primary and behavioral health care services with homeless assistance programs and housing to reduce people's vulnerability to and the impacts of homelessness.

- Goal 2: Increase health and housing stability for people experiencing homelessness who have frequent contact with hospitals and criminal justice.

Strategic Issues and Goals

Strategic Issue #6 – Coordination of Data and Resources

- Goal 1: The system is integrated, streamlined, promotes data sharing and is captured consistently in HMIS.

- Goal 2: Implement centralized/coordinated intake assessment and access for all housing programs throughout the state for the homeless or those at risk of homelessness.

Targeted Areas of Committee Interest

Strategic Issue #3- Wrap Around Services

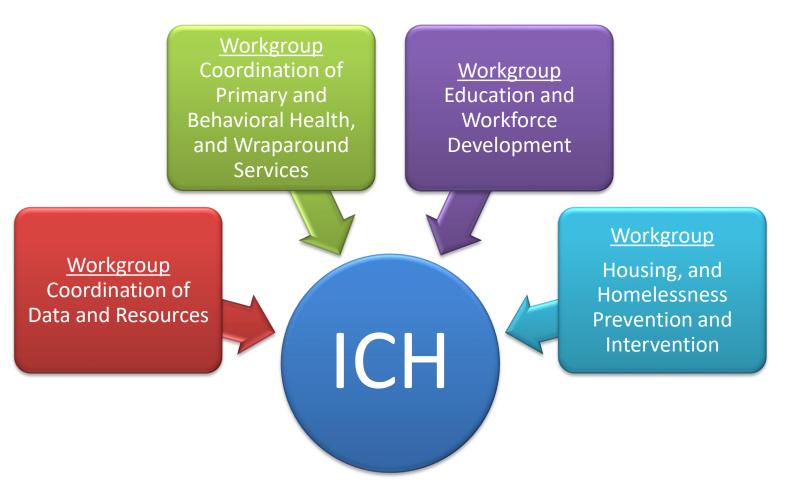- Goal 1: Increase access to all funding (federal, foundations, grants, private) for which Nevada may be eligible.

Goal 1 Strategies	Lead	Resources	Needed Resources
1. **Advocate to legislature and all state and county entities to expand habilitative services and develop a wraparound model that supports housing.** **Example: Development of 1915(i), Targeted Case Management, etc.**	DHHS with program deputy/DHCFP/ DWWS	Habilitative services under waiver authorities in Medicaid; existing knowledge of programs; 1915(c) in state budget; 1915(i) written into state plan	Secure legislative funding and approval, Medicaid authority including federal approval, and new service system development (MMIS provider enrollment, billing codes and claims payment system) including provider training
2. **Develop sustainability plans for all sources of new funding.**	DHHS with program deputy/DHCFP/ DWWS		Secure continued Legislative budget authority for state funded programs. Identify other sources/processes for continued funding if State funding not an option.

Workgroups

Evaluating and Updating the Plan

- The strategic plan is intended to be used as both a management and communication tool for action. It is intended to be a living document that guides the work of the ICH.

- Four workgroups will be established and report back to the ICH.

Workgroup Coordination of Primary and Behavioral Health, and Wraparound Services

Workgroup Education and Workforce Development

Workgroup Coordination of Data and Resources

Workgroup Housing, and Homelessness Prevention and Intervention

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Resource Links

- http://gov.nv.gov/News-and-Media/Executive-Orders/2013/EO_-2013-20-Establishing-Creation-of-the-Nevada-Interagency-Council-on-Homelessness/ (Executive Order)

- http://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnvgov/content/Programs/ClinicalBHSP/Meetings/ICH%20Strategic%20Plan%20rev%20draft%208-29-17.pdf (Strategic Plan- last published revised edition available)

- https://www.usich.gov/opening-doors (federal USICH)

Questions?

Happy to answer any questions or provide clarification.

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