Agenda

1. Housekeeping and meeting rules
2. Introductions & Chairperson Statements
3. Recap of last Task Force Meeting
4. Summary of Workgroup Meeting 7/18/23
   a) Draft Implementation Plan
5. Next Steps
6. Adjourn
Housekeeping

Please remain on mute to minimize noise distraction through these meetings.

Please utilize the "raise hand" feature if you want to talk and we will call on you to speak.

You can type questions and comments into the "chat" and we will check periodically.
Please take a moment to introduce yourself in the Chat
Please add your name and organization

New Member Introduction: Jason Bobst

A Word from Our Chairs...
Commissioner Ken Lawrence
Kim Krauter
Dr. Tamra Williams
Task Force Recap

TF Meeting 1: 52 priorities and projects. Used Survey to distill into 7 themes

TF Meeting 2: Polls to rank the 7 areas by cost, barriers, and impact (likelihood of success). Three project areas emerged

Workgroup 1: Reviewed the poll results. Began initial brainstorming

TF Meeting 3: Task Force endorsement of projects

Workgroup 2: Development of Draft Implementation Plan

TF Meeting 4: Review of Implementation Plan
Background

The Homelessness Taskforce voted on and has endorsed 3 areas of focus:
(1) Localization of shelter resources
(2) Collaboration with faith-based organizations
(3) Zoning support for shelters

Support was given to explore potentially viable plans in Upper Moreland, Lower Merion, Lansdale, and West Norriton. Focus on these four municipalities supports localization of homeless resources, acknowledging that while there are higher concentrations of homelessness and services in Pottstown and Norristown, homelessness also exists in areas where there are very few resources and it is critical to provide those resources in the communities where people live.
Upper Moreland

Short-term goal
- Code blue shelter operational by winter
- Estimates 5 individuals experiencing homelessness in jurisdiction

Long-term goal

Municipality contribution

Support needed
- Identifying location
- Funding for site and/or staff
- More information about the request (i.e., men/women/children, behavioral health components, etc.)
Lower Merion

Short-term goal
- Pilot code blue shelter
- Estimates 5-10 individuals experiencing homelessness in jurisdiction

Long-term goal

Municipality contribution
- Eldernet applied for grant to assist with setup costs
- Trinity Lutheran Church is considering providing a space

Support needed
- Funding for staffing
- Additional data regarding need
- Location (has held meetings with Bryn Mawr Hospital, the PD, local pastors, Eldernet)
Lansdale

Short-term goal
- Trinity is 12-bed, men-only code blue shelter
  - Women & Children get hotel vouchers

Long-term goal
- 24/7 shelter; possible location is a church with attached closed school
  - Staffing: mix of paid and volunteers

Municipality contribution
- Data: Lansdale PD reports 19 people experiencing homelessness
  - Volunteers

Support needed
- Funding for building improvements to expand Trinity
  - Funding for staffing (in addition to volunteers)
West Norriton

Short-term goal

• Housing Initiative Committee for short- and long-term planning

Long-term goal

• Shelter housing 30-35 in a village with 1-year term, administered by non-profit org, looking to assist regional population
  - Working to secure property
  - Affordable Permanent Housing

Municipality contribution

Support needed
Decision Points

County Contribution
- HHS data
- HHS provider network
- Individualized support
- Non-profit connections
- Review of existing funding

Municipality Contribution
- Site/location control
- Local Community partnerships/volunteers
- Non-profit connections
Continuing efforts

- Homelessness Taskforce meetings to continue
- Homelessness Taskforce Operations meetings to continue
- Municipality-specific meetings (with Faith-Based Organizations) facilitated by HHS Administrator of Housing and Community Development
Adjourn

Closing Comments

Future Meetings are scheduled for the last Friday of the month at 12:00pm through November 2023

THANK YOU