

Tri-cities

HOMELESSNESS POLICY GROUP

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Tri-Cities Homeless Action Plan Presentation

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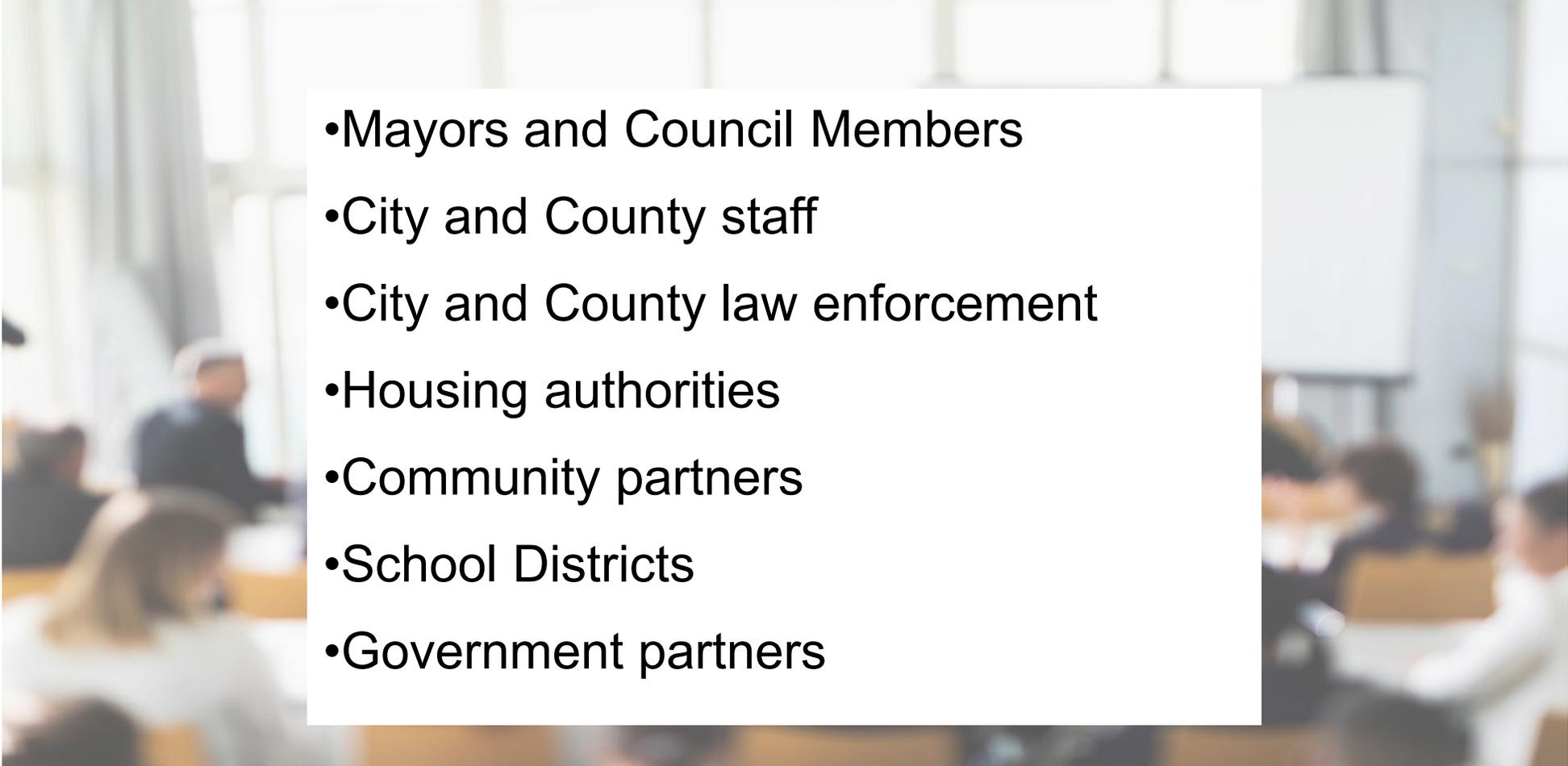
Purpose

Create a series of recommendations and action steps for consideration in the development of an operational plan to address homelessness in the Tri-Cities region.

Methodology

- Reviewed recent documents (e.g., D.U. Studies, PESTLE Study, Colorado State Homelessness Playbook) outlining current conditions and vision for addressing homelessness at a state and local level.
- Conducted 53 Oral Stakeholder Interviews.
- Stakeholders received three open-ended questions as prompts to guide the interviews:
 - What is working?
 - What can be improved?
 - What priorities would you like to see the Action Plan address?
- Compared findings with those identified in the two Center for Housing and Homelessness Reports (Denver University), the PESTEL Analysis, and the MDHI presentation at the joint Council meeting held on January 28, 2021.

Stakeholder Composition

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- Mayors and Council Members
 - City and County staff
 - City and County law enforcement
 - Housing authorities
 - Community partners
 - School Districts
 - Government partners

General Stakeholder Themes

- Hopes:**

Wide range of basic homeless services throughout the region with dedicated staff and volunteers.

- Fears:**

New programs may be expensive and attract additional people in need from the region, overwhelming local services.

- Desires:**

Streamline access to homeless services and increase data collection to have a better understanding of need in near-real time.

Cumulative Findings

- Strengthened regional coordination between cities and County
- Streamline access to homeless services
- Leverage public and private resources to support homeless services
- Apply a data-driven approach to the deployment of resources

Alignment with Best Practices

Proposed Key Goals in Alignment with the State*:



Proven Solutions Recommended by Metro Denver Homeless Initiative (MDHI):



* Colorado State Homelessness Play Book

Recommendations

Building the Foundation

1.1 Build a Strong Governance Structure

1.2 Formalize a Data-Driven Approach to Allocated Resources

1.3 Create a Community Education & Engagement Strategy

Proposed Governance Structure

Governance

Tri-Cities Regional
Coordinating & Policy Body

Regional Homeless
Coordinator

Community Education &
Engagement

Lived Experience Advisory Board

Individual Cities

City Staff
Housing Authorities

Service Providers

Single Adult Service Coordinating
Agency
Families Service Coordinating
Agency

Streamline Pathway for Single Adults

2.1 Streamline Access to Homeless Services for Single-Adults

2.2 Provide Street-Based Services to Increase Health & Wellbeing

2.3 Expand Housing Opportunities for Single-Adults

Proposed Single Adult Pathway



Workforce Development

3.1 Create Partnerships with Workforce Programs

3.2 Create Employment Opportunities



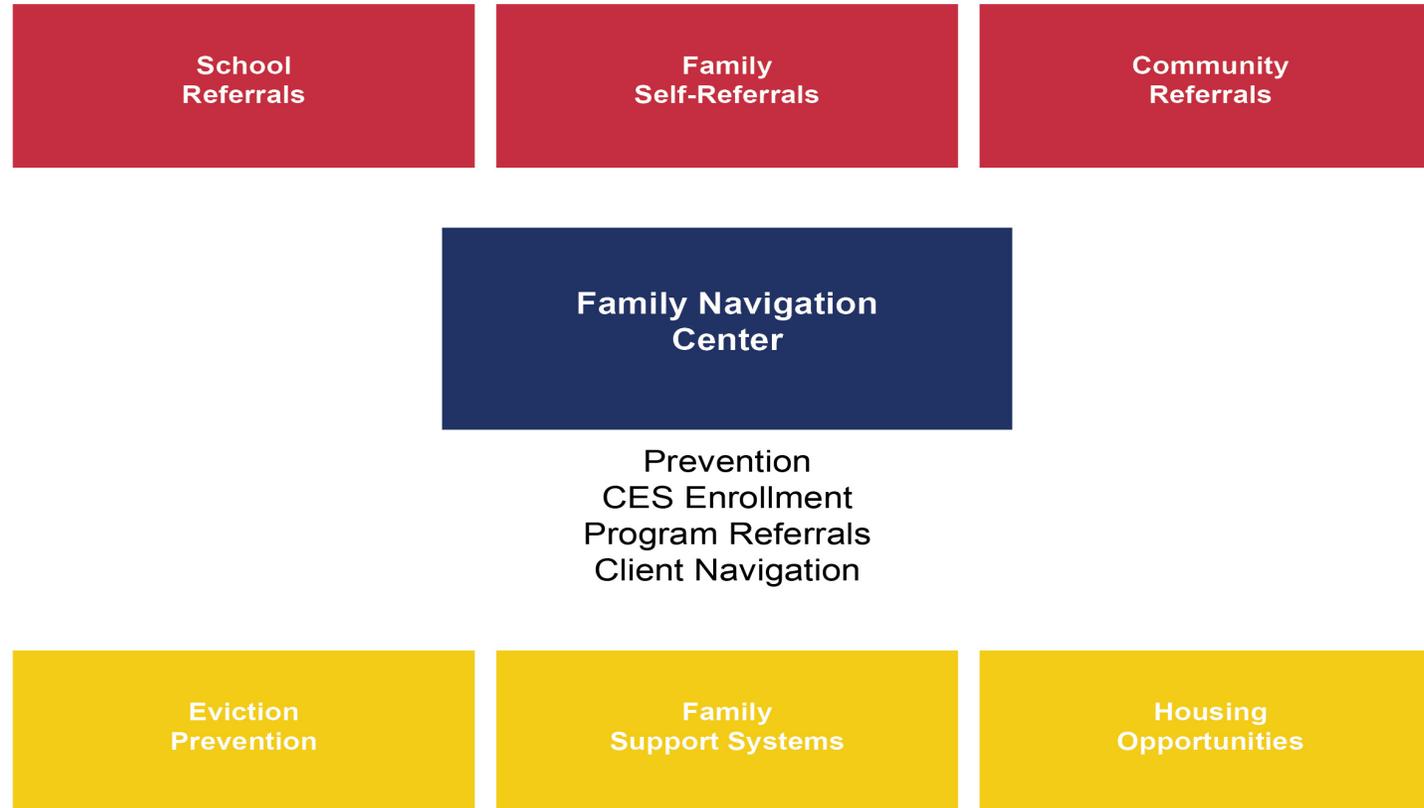
Streamline Pathway for Families

4.1 Streamline Services for Homeless Families

4.2 Prevent Families from Becoming Homeless

4.3 Increase Housing Opportunities for Families

Proposed Family Pathway



Summary

11 Recommendations

29 Action Steps

3-Year Proposed Timeline

A role for all community members

Next Steps

- Present the recommendations to each of the City Councils
- Present to community stakeholders
- Present finalized plan to Tri-Cities