

A REGIONAL APPROACH TO PREVENTING AND ENDING HOMELESSNESS

Human Services Policy Committee Recommendations

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2020 HSPC Journey

January and February Site Visits:

- The **Lamb Center** Daytime Homeless Drop-in Center in Fairfax, VA and
- **The Aya** Short Term Family Housing in the District.



March – virtual visit:

- **Community of Hope** shared their service model to prevent and exit homelessness.

May and July:

- National and local perspectives on **strategic plans**, the **2020 Point-in-Time count** results and focus on **undercounted populations**.



Unique Challenges, Unique Opportunity

- Regional Continuums of Care facing unprecedented needs for staffing, additional shelter facilities to ensure safe social distancing, health care coordination and support, COVID testing, and permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness.
- HSPC Working Group Members:
 - Andrea Bailey (Prince William County Board of Supervisors);
 - Matt De Ferranti (Arlington County Board);
 - Brianne Nadeau, Chair, HSPC (District of Columbia Council); and
 - Renee Ensor Pope (Prince George's County Dept. of Social Services)



Acting Regionally to Prevent and End Homelessness

GOAL: Regional collaboration to prevent and end the experience of homelessness.

How can we achieve this goal?

VISION: To create a cross-jurisdictional, client-centered approach to ending the experience of homelessness by identifying and breaking down barriers to get people the resources they need.

MISSION: By sharing and analyzing data across jurisdictions and coordinating cases, we can identify gaps in both emergency shelter and housing and effectively advocate for resources to bring an end to homelessness in the Washington metropolitan region.

Proposed Actions and Next Steps

- Build on Existing Coordination to Highlight and Augment Promising Approaches:
 - Data Sharing
 - Regular Reporting
 - Regional Tracking and Case Coordination
 - Residency Requirements, and
 - Racial Equity
- Coordination with COG Homeless Services Committee members
- Proposed resolution on a **Regional Compact to End Homelessness** for Board consideration in January 2021

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