



New Orleans
Homeless Services Working Group
Gallier Hall
June 3, 2011



Overview

- Background of the Working Group
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- Plan Development Structure
- Moving from Plan Development to Plan Implementation



Background and Charge of the Working Group

- Mayor's executive order to improve the city's long-term strategic plan for homeless services through a public planning process, using best practices and innovative approaches which have proven effective in other cities
- Plan development process has been informed by a Federal Panel of Advisors from HUD, ICH, DOJ, HHS, and the VA along with UNITY
- Plan development structure and process is modeled on best practices from other communities
- Final report due to the Mayor September 30, 2011



Goals of the Planning Process

- Transparency
- Inclusiveness
- Solutions Oriented
- Collaborative
- Achievable



Homeless Services Working Group Stakeholder Involvement

- Continuum of Care
- State
- Homeless service providers
- Homeless constituents
- Faith based community
- Federal Partners- HUD, ICH, VA, SAMSHA, DOJ
- Criminal Justice
- Faith based community
- Academics
- Medical Community
- Private sector
- Philanthropy
- General community representatives
- Education
- City Council Members

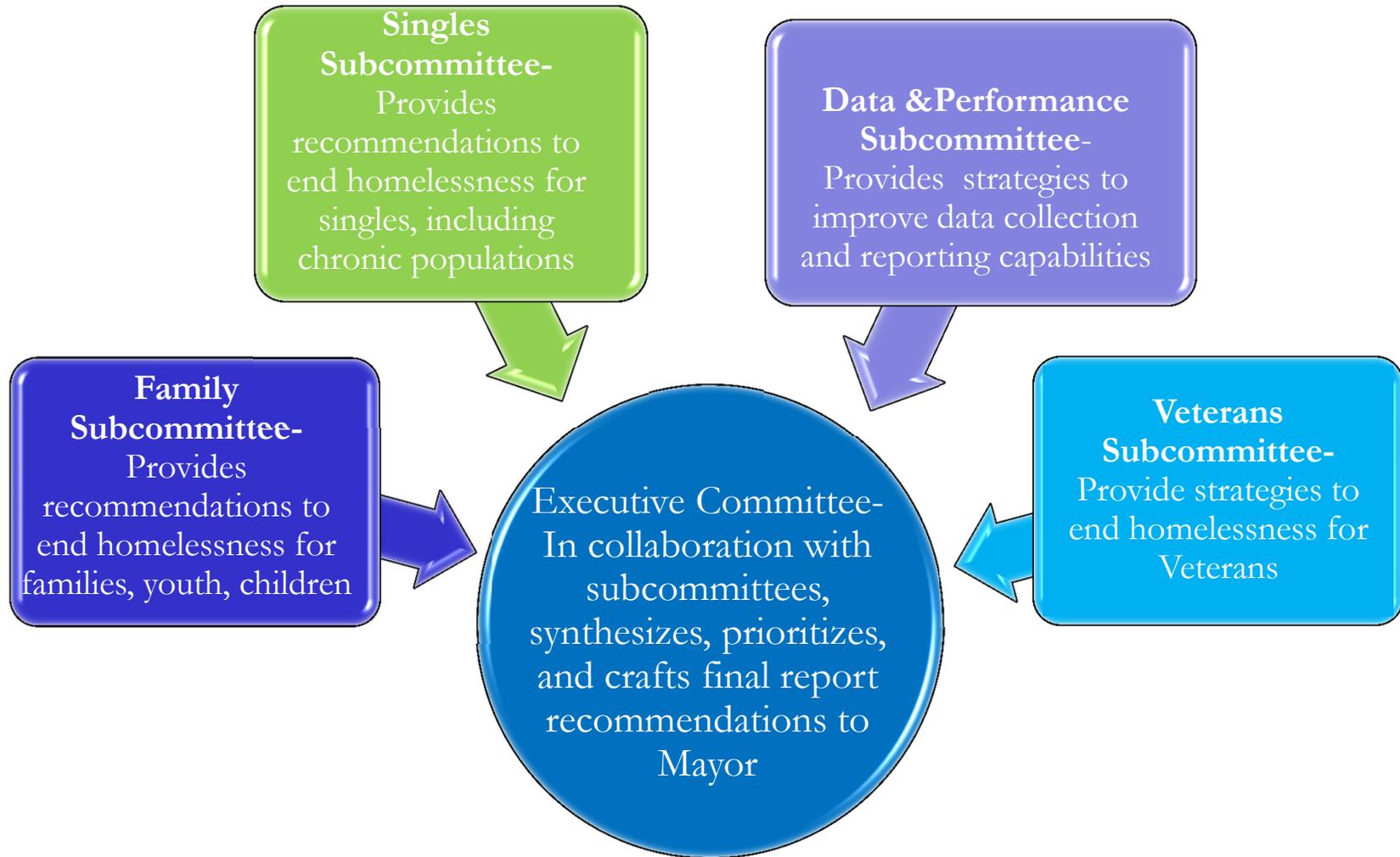


Plan Development Process

- 100-day process with a series of 6 planning meetings between June and August, 2011
- Work will be conducted in committee format
- Committee leaders will guide participants through a series of structured discussions with assistance by a note taker and City staffer
- Subcommittee meetings will be facilitated by homeless programs technical assistance experts provided by HUD
- All working group members are encouraged to attend all assigned committee meetings



Homeless Plan Development Structure





Charge of the Subcommittees

- To provide clear and concise recommendations to the Executive Committee on how to end homelessness for the identified population.
- This will be accomplished through facilitated discussions to identify the greatest barriers to housing and stability for the population and to prioritize solutions to resolves the problem(s).



Homeless Services Working Group Subcommittee Structure

- Four subcommittees
 - Families, Children, and Youth
 - Veterans
 - Singles, including Chronic populations
 - Data and Performance

- Each person on the working committee has been assigned to a subcommittee to develop in-depth solutions to homelessness for the specific identified population.



Charge of the Executive Committee

- In collaboration with all subcommittees, synthesizes, prioritizes, and crafts report recommendations to the Mayor to improve the city's long-term strategic plan for homeless services using best practices and innovative approaches which have proven effective in other cities.



Executive Committee Members

- Martha Kegel, UNITY
- Judge Jay Zainey, Federal Judge
- Luis Zervigon, Kellar Family Foundation, Founder and Principal of Crescent Capital Consulting, LLC & UNITY Board Chair
- Lucas Diaz, Director of Office of Neighborhoods Engagement, City of New Orleans
- Bill Hines, Jones Walker
- Ellen Lee, GNO Foundation
- Stacy Horn Koch, Director Neighborhood Services and Facilities, City of New Orleans
- Julie Catellier, Veterans Affairs
- Jade Brown Russell, Chair of Downtown Development District, Harrahs, and UNITY Board Member
- Rebecca Chaisson, Assistant Professor of Social Work at Tulane University
- Judge Calvin Johnson, Executive Director, Metropolitan Human Service District



Role of the Executive Committee

- Work together in the best interest of the homeless services community in New Orleans.
- Develop a plan to end homelessness with detailed and realistic action items for the City, CoC, and homeless services providers to accomplish.



Responsibilities of Executive Subcommittee

- Actively participate in subcommittee meetings
- Quantify Housing Needs
- Quantify Service Needs
- Review best practice resources, especially for private/public partnership strategies and solutions
- Prioritize policy issues for inclusion in the plan



Responsibilities of Executive Subcommittee

- Review, synthesize, and craft final report to the Mayor
- Compare policy priorities with ICH goals
 - Place emphasis on realistic timelines
 - Ensure that the City does not adopt aspects of the ICH plan that do not meet the City's needs
- Develop a timeline for accomplishments for goals set forth in the report
- Develop transition goals to be taken up once the plan is written



Report to the Mayor

- Due September 30, 2011
- Informed by comprehensive work of all committees
- Quantifies housing and service needs
- Recommends strategic priorities to end homelessness for each population and identified subpopulations (i.e. youth or chronic homeless)
- Recommends best and innovative practices to adopt
- Recommends governance and structural opportunities for better public/private partnerships



How are we going to get there?

- Subcommittees will convene from 9 AM to 12 PM on the following dates:
 - Meeting 2 Thursday, June 16
 - Meeting 3 Thursday, June 30
 - Meeting 4 Thursday, July 21
 - Meeting 5 Thursday, August 11
 - Meeting 6 Thursday, August 25
- All members are encouraged to attend all meetings.