

Memorandum



Human Services

Date: June 6, 2016
To: Mayor and Council
From: Theresa James
Cc: Naomi Farrell, Paul Bentley, Craig Hittie
Subject: Homeless Coalition Strategic Plan Update

This memo provides an update on the Tempe Homeless Coalition Strategic Plan as requested by Council. A multi-year plan was finalized by the committee in June 2015 with a detailed review of the next year included herein.

Background

A committee was formed in the late 1990s to bring a Tumbleweed Youth Resource Center to Tempe. In 2002, after successfully bringing Tumbleweed to Tempe, the committee remained intact to advise Tempe's Homeless Coordinator on local issues. In the summer of 2013, that committee transitioned into the Tempe Homeless Coalition in response to the need for greater collaboration among local stakeholders. In June of 2015, the Coalition adopted a new multi-year Strategic Plan.

Tempe Homeless Coalition Mission Statement:

To prevent and reduce homelessness within Tempe by creating and providing integrated, client-centered services.

Coalition Members:

Adam Jones, Downtown Tempe Authority
Ben Sanders, ASU
Brian Ornelas, Tempe P.D.
Darlene Newsom, UMOM
George Eastlick, Salvation Army
Jana Smith, Phoenix Toolbank
Jeremy Huntoon, Community Bridges
Kate Borders, Downtown Tempe Authority
Kelly Fogg, Downtown Tempe Authority
Kenneth McKinley, Tumbleweed
Kristen Scharlau, CARE 7
Lane Carraway, North Tempe resident
Lauren Kuby, Tempe City Council
Lillie Moore, Tempe Union High School District
Caterina Mena, TCC
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Rosemary Anderson, Tempe First United Methodist Church
Theresa James, Human Services Department
Victor Rojas, Tumbleweed Tempe Youth Resource Center

Update

The table below outlines the action items for the current year of the strategic plan. In 1.1.2, HMIS refers to the Homeless Management Information System, a data base that has been adopted by the Maricopa County Continuum of Care.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1: Understanding the Challenges	
Objective 1.1: Technology Participation	
1.1.1	Trained and ready to use common assessment tool
1.1.2	HMIS for everyone
1.1.3	Across agencies/programs/501c3s mandate HMIS participation
Objective 1.2: Analysis & Assessment	
1.2.3	Assessment of current system
1.2.2	Identify main categories of homeless; determine priorities of individuals to help
1.2.1	Assess capacity (people, money) to meet needs of clients we serve
1.2.4	Research best practices and challenges
STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2: Creating Community Commitment	
Objective 2.1: Business Development	
2.1.1	Coordinated messaging
Objective 2.2: Community Investment	
2.2.2	Engage business community to give funding, expertise, and time to homeless services
STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3: Implementing Innovative Solutions	
Objective 3.1: Success Strategies	
3.1.1	Expand outreach to include fixed location
3.1.5	Develop a plan to address foster kids