

Rapid Re-housing (Housing First) Task Force

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1. Intros and Updates
2. Case Management
 - a. Workforce Development: Information was shared about relationships with workforce development specialists, such as WHW/M2W; Working Wardrobes; CareerWise; and Goodwill
 - b. Challenges/Best Practices
 - i. Clients whose fixed income-level is not sufficient for housing without a permanent subsidy.
 1. Reporting on possibility of combining fixed-income clients with another (but how to do so without becoming responsible for “matchmaking”?)
 2. Request Implementation Group 4 to look into how to re-prioritize existing housing voucher resource for people without housing
 - ii. Structural changes to organizations moving from transitional housing to RRH, especially in reference to deed restrictions and city/county funding
 1. Is there any group providing advocacy, legal assistance for re-appropriation or collectively representing interest to city/county government?
 - iii. Sharing the impact of RRH in a manner compelling to our individual donors (besides demonstrating cost-effectiveness)
 1. Presenting RRH as real stability, acknowledging stress of living in/moving out of transitional housing
 2. Emphasizing dignity of permanent housing
 3. Make move-in day an event to show board/community members the impact
 - iv. Communicating about RRH strategies to prospective landlords
 1. Attending local property management association meetings
 2. Awareness of trade shows to network and establish relationships
 3. Sharing communication resources and housing leads with one another
 - v. How do we partner well, since we are operating from various funding, eligibility, geographic, organizational locations?
 1. Consider information sharing about clients served, using consent forms
 2. Explore standardization of documents and definitions used in RRH
3. Other updates
 - a. Housing Specialist Conference Call will be scheduled for May. If interested (or have another staff person who is Housing Specialist), email Michael Shepherd