

Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care Local Priorities – May 2022



The Data and System Improvement Working Group (DSIWG) engaged in an inclusive and participatory process for development of the local priorities. The goal of these priorities is to establish a community-wide, coordinated approach to ensure homelessness is a rare, brief, non-reoccurring experience. To integrate the voice of lived expertise into the priorities, client listening sessions were conducted at 4 provider locations. To gather input from the direct service side, 17 providers completed surveys. This qualitative approach, paired with quantitative reports from system modeling and the HMIS database, and a community-wide survey allowed for deeper understanding of the local conditions and provided a ranking for the local priorities. The assigned priority is recorded at the start of each priority statement.

Measure 1- Length of Time Homeless
1a. Expand short-term housing for individuals who have a lower vulnerability score on the community queue for shorter wait times through engaging in dynamic prioritization.
1b. Increase housing that integrates behavioral health and treatment services into the design for the segment of the homeless population that experiences substance use disorder.
1c. Expand rapid rehousing projects.
1d. Provide a holistic client-centered approach by increasing access to additional supports, including behavioral health and insurance.
Measure 2- Exit Homelessness to Permanent Destinations
2a. Increase the number of permanent supportive housing resources.
2b. Expand peer to peer support for a client-centered approach to help navigate services.
2c. Establish best practices to promote housemate pairing and expand the shared housing model.
Measure 3- Number of Homeless Persons
3a. Increase community inventory for safe and affordable housing.
3b. Engage in acquisition and rehabilitation projects to increase the number of available, affordable housing units.
Measure 4: Employment and Income Growth
4a. Expand innovative employment supports to help increase earned income.
Measure 5 – Persons who Become Homeless for the First Time
5a. Expand diversion strategies to support keeping households from entering homelessness.
5b. Expand housing problem solving conversations to help guide and support the client.
Measure 6: Homeless Prevention
6a. Promote housing supports for families and individuals on a fixed income to help sustain housing.
6b. Increase early access to preventative services to prevent individuals from entering the homeless system of care.
6c. Promote messaging around homeless services to raise awareness and increase accessibility.
Measure 7 – Successful Placement from Street Outreach and Placement in/or Retention of Permanent Housing
7a. Expand Street outreach efforts to increase awareness and referrals for housing services and other supports.

Action Items:

- Consider these priorities when securing or allocating resources and dollars across funding streams.
- Communicate with DSIWG any priorities that are being addressed through local efforts.

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