



Priority Area – Housing/Facilities

STRATEGY	ACTION	YEAR					LEAD
		1	2	3	4	5	
1. EMERGENCY/COLD-WEATHER SHELTER: <i>Prioritize an emergency/cold-weather shelter facility.</i>	a. Prioritize an emergency/cold-weather shelter facility in each region	X					
2. CONTINUUM OF HOUSING SOLUTIONS: <i>Address the continuum of housing needs, including prevention, emergency shelter, transitional, and permanent housing.</i>	a) Consider all possible strategies for meeting needs both locally and regionally.						Housing Coordinator
	b) Coordinate system development to include wraparound services within or near any facility						Housing Coordinator
3. YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS: <i>Evaluate and consider the reasons behind youth homelessness and identify strategic actions to meet their specific housing needs.</i>	a) Analyze and evaluate what other similar communities are doing to address youth homelessness.						
	b) Use data to understand the scope of housing needs on the Peninsula.						
4. DATA-INFORMED PLANNING: <i>Establish data-informed size and capacity goals for housing, programs, and facilities.</i>	a) Consider known data as a factor when determining size and capacity of new development.						Housing Coordinator, Data committee
	b) As new data becomes available, allow for system flexibility to meet potentially shifting needs.						Housing Coordinator, Data committee
5. INVENTORY: <i>Conduct an inventory of available properties, facilities, and housing options on the Kenai Peninsula.</i>	a) Engage realtors, developers, and other partners in efforts to conduct an inventory.	X					Housing Coordinator
	b) Share inventory available with coalition partners to assist with planning and development.	X					Housing Coordinator
6. ADDRESS BARRIERS: <i>Identify ways to address barriers to federal, state, and local licensing requirements for a</i>	a) Identify primary barriers facing facilities in permitting process through stakeholder interviews and discussions.						



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<p><i>wider array of properties and facilities.</i></p>	<p>b) Consult with local authorities to better understand Fire Marshall codes, DEC policies; sprinkler systems and egress; and retrofit requirements.</p>						
	<p>c) Identify ways to ensure that insurance and liability issues in project and program planning activities are understood and addressed.</p>						
	<p>d) Leverage volunteers with expertise to help provide resources and technical assistance to facilities wishing to provide shelter options.</p>						
	<p>e) Identify targeted small funding opportunities to address licensing barriers to increase available shelter options.</p>						
<p>7. FUNDING STRATEGIES: <i>Develop collaborative funding strategies, including an inventory of available grants and low-income housing opportunities.</i></p>	<p>a) Identify grants and funding sources such as private foundations, federal, state, cities, borough funding sources.</p>						
	<p>b) Compile, centralize, share, and inventory funding opportunities.</p>						
	<p>c) Develop a funding strategy and support Kenai Peninsula partners in their funding strategies.</p>						
	<p>d) Explore low-income housing incentives as part of any funding strategy.</p>						
<p>8. CAPACITY: <i>Secure funding and support for local capacity-building, including the hiring of a housing and data coordinator.</i></p>	<p>a) Engage with cities and borough in the implementation of housing development.</p>						
	<p>b) Leverage other key staff positions to help coordinate strategic plan implementation activities.</p>						
	<p>c) Identify long-term support needs on the Kenai Peninsula.</p>						

MEETING NOTES

4.4.22

Present:

Karen: Soldotna

Robin: Homer

Jane: in Homer, serve entire KP choosing our roots

Wayne : Kenai



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Brandy: office in Homer, have housing developments in Homer Soldotna, Kenai Ninilchik Seward. KP housing initiatives.

Kathleen: Ninilchik - serve entire Kenai pen. Same services to non-tribal members

Abby: Homer, Ninilchik service area

Tech Facilitation by Jack Darling

Began at 12:05PM

Need someone from Seward.

Janus (recommended) is new and in Seward

Kathleen Totemoff is in Ninilchik

Community meeting Thursday regarding plans for a shelter, food pantry, etc.

Hearing similar about Anchor Point

Started small as wanting a shelter in the central area - one shelter can't meet needs, not feasible for an individual to be expected to commute from Seward to Kenai for instance

April: Church in Nikiski working with shelter, resources not here. If don't expand, we are missing the mark for a lot of folks. 30 days is the limit and it's not enough. We need to consider if we can change that. Job is a requirement

Vision has grown beyond emergency response to transitional housing, support, secure, first permanent housing secured out there. Many folks have had instability and need endorsement of an organization, agency to back them.

Discussion comes into other categories, resolving issues related to housing, emergency shelter.

Robin: Are there abandoned buildings that may serve as housing w use of grant funding etc. large facility with kitchens, laundry, etc, very close by there is training, treatment, child care. Then have a more seamless transition to securing gainful employment - do we know??

Karen: we have looked at, some issues with finding a building that meets fire marshal's requirements. Don't know that we have connections with realtors, with most immediate knowledge of what is available - would do well to connect with them.

Robin South Kenai. No housing. Work with homeless families. Great need for housing. Been on committees since 2008. Data gathered over and over again. Almost hard to sign up to join. There's a limit to data gathering, a time for action. My house in Wasilla went from idea to action in 3 months with grants. Lots of tiny house models in lower 48 that could be looked at. Could be stove heated yurt, with central services. Schools are also set up uniquely

Jane: We have received a large stabilization grant, working on MOA with Kellie. Please give out my email if you have a family that would be eligible, I can get them into a hotel temporarily



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Pastor for Kenai and north star united Methodist. Lives in Kenai, have church in Nikiski

Discussion that may be shelter/food pantry in residential areas

Karen: keeping coalition on task, wherever facilities are there is a support system that can be connected to, whether we are providing transportation, or services existing in one place. We need to make sure rest of coalition is keeping that in mind

Wayne: I consider services an integral part of housing - has to be linkage there. Without, doing a failure

If no access, even if rotating, then need to provide transportation

What is the vision of this body, this work?

Is there another group that can take that on. Housing is already a lot to manage. Would services be separate.

If we are part one, is there a part two and who is it?

Leslie: Requirement when writing grants: wraparound services need to be in place. This committee is about identifying facilities and establishing what we need in the community to meet the existing needs. Speaking from Love, Inc. side, continue to work to get people into housing. Brandy represents KPHI

Jane: system development. An email from different housing providers - KPHI, conifer woods, low income, subsidized. A list sent out so those of us who refer people would know what is available.

Case managers help with footwork. Robin works 17 schools and has a 5-hour position. If we had a central... like regularly updated 211. Need a clearinghouse regularly updated so we are accessing the same information.

Leslie: housing and homelessness coordinator position we are trying to fill with the Trust. 3-year possibility

Jane Dunn AHFC stabilization grant from COVID relief - approved for up to 50 people, working within other regions like Bethel and (ages 13-25 LGBT youth, host families) - \$8000 for all sorts of relief, a phone, deposit. \$3K for moving, \$1100 per month thru. Hotels are only offering night to night as tourist season begins

Realtors for inventory - many are also property managers.

April: Send a letter to electeds - senate, etc. about funding. Keep hearing that we don't have a homelessness issue when that's not true. (Jack provides list of electeds that are on Coalition list)



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Robin: meeting with the Center which is MH system. Separate section of BH. They had grant and are vacating the little grey house that has been educational facility for disabled folks. Compound is below flex high school. Would be optimum place for adolescent shelter. We would be remiss not to contact them as a committee. No plan for the space- may be positive to bring up cooperative venture.

Kathleen: the scope gets broad quickly, but we do need those partners connected. Needs to be included otherwise only placement in housing is not enough. Providers. Assistive technologies through MAT. Letting people know what is available. The bridge device or other- can something get them through the withdrawal phase? Doors open up if we can help address gaps. Very important to have more people invited to the discussion. We have 3 office locations. One in Ninilchik, one in anchor point, and in Homer. We do telehealth, and there are a lot of great providers. Who has information we need. There's so much with data collection, however we still find ourselves at a loss for data so where is it? Who has it? We don't want to send the same survey questions, we want to keep people engaged.

Jane: do we have coordinated entry on the peninsula?

Leslie: yes, HMIS / Peninsula-wide. Plan that has been submitted and approved 2017

Jane: so, no wraparound services associated with that coordinated entry. A group in Anchorage is well connected for services.

Leslie: make referrals and work with ancillary services, have MOUs with them

Jane: peninsula-wide MOU/A

Leslie: need to be resigned, and new one related to coalition that may cover all that as well. Subcommittee of housing assuring that services are a part of each housing plans

Brandy: case management would be a good label for that subtopic

Robin: building that Ninilchik tribal is in, a mall. A few stores but the rest of the mall is empty. It's in town, it's been discussed what a great shelter or hub of social services.

Bill dividing DHSS - how affects larger group

Karen: Someone to contact mall?

Abby: other options I know of in Homer. The coalition as an entity will have property purchasing power? Or will need to use another entity

Leslie: coalition itself is not a legal entity at this time.

Robin: really hard to separate them. Anything available. If there are screens etc provided then digital access can mean that telehealth is how met 235 4464 Robin

Wayne: part of the function under #5 would fall under coordinator position. Any closer to funding that?



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Leslie: Going to borough assembly tonight and will be pushing for funding yet

Foraker group put out development tool - on their website. we need to look at this. Designed for nonprofits to help them facilitate, develop, and chase grants. Talks about what is necessary to jump through hoops.

April: How about food pantry data? Who can this go to? We collect weekly. Data group - Jack can provide to committee

Leslie: we can add this weekly to HMIS

Inga works with Housing Choice vouchers - connected with her?

Lenore attends sometimes

Abby: 185 applicants on waiting list, 2.5 year wait

Ended at 1:38PM

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