

Action Plan for Kansas

August 15, 2003

PRIORITY ONE: CREATE AN INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS						
Strategy(-ies)	Action(s)	Manager¹	Implementer²	Expected Outcomes	Benchmarks	Completion Date (Estimated)
Strategy 1.1 Make recommendations to Gov's office for development of an IAC on H (follow up on Tommy Thompson request)	Action 1.1.1 Identify who is to be on council and structure of council	Amy Christy	Policy Academy Team	List of recommended seats for the Governor's Advisory Council on Homelessness	Meeting date set and Chair established by Governor.	9/03
	Action 1.1.2 Assimilate information from and to the Statewide Homeless Coalition and the Governor's Advisory Commission on Housing.	Amy Christy	Amy Steve	Membership confirmed, Identified seats contacted and agreed to serve.	Complete list of all confirmed seats with key data in list serve.	10/03
	Action 1.1.3 Council establishes sub-committee to focus on specific issues.	Chair of Council Amy	Sub-committee Team Chairs	Sub-committees established for 1. Training and research 2. Data collection 3. Funding resources	Council is assigned into sub-committees and Chairs are established. Tasks are identified.	10/03
Strategy 1.2 Write Executive Order creating Interagency Council	Action 1.2.1 Identify EO models and legal council to assist with EO	Steve	Amy	Executive Order creating agency	EO submitted to Governor's office	10/03
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June 12, 2003: Meeting of Policy Academy Team to Assign responsibilities July 2 2003: Meeting of expanded Team (4 new members present) to begin filling in 1.1.3 July 29, 2003: Sample EO's have been submitted, legal council has been identified.		Will need the Governor to emphasis the importance of participation to this council. Seats were established to provide equal representation among the agencies and the established participants.			Provide list of 'seats' for the Council to the Governor Establish contact with the 'seats' for confirmation to this Council. Set up next meeting with comprehensive overview of task involved.	

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Strategy 2.1 Simplify the process of accessing Mainstream Resources	Action 2.1.1 Explore centralized coordination application for all mainstream resources. 2.1.1.1 Collaborate with corrections agencies to determine what protocols should be established for referrals of offenders to housing services. 2.1.1.2 Identify strategies for in-reaching to prisons to begin processing applications for housing services for offenders who are scheduled for release and have no available housing and are eligible for housing services. 2.1.1.3 Identify barriers to offenders with mental illness accessing housing services that are otherwise available to persons with mental illness.	Diane Cornelia Roger	Training and Research subcommittee	Online Application Homeless will have a quick access to mainstream applications.	Identification of all applications, critical data elements of each identified.	1/05

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	2.1.1.4 Propose change in KSA 12-736 which currently prohibits any offender from having access to group homes for persons with mental illness.					
Strategy 2.2 Develop Peer to Peer Outreach Education System for engaging hard to serve (Corrections, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Foster Care)	Action 2.1.2 Develop online links: PHA application with SRS and other agencies.	Diane Cornelia Roger	Diane Training and Research subcommittee	Links are established between the Agencies websites	Agencies are identified that need to link. Contact people are established at @ agency	10/04
	Action 2.1.3 Cross-training of homeless service system at mainstream resource system (Homeless Summit) Quarterly Training Plan; Web-based training 2.1.3.1 Cross training between corrections case managers and housing specialists to integrate the two systems.	Diane Christie	Connie: Presenter for the Homeless Summit Diane Christy	A Panel for Homeless summit in October A quarterly training and web-based training is established.	Agenda indicates presentation time in October. Quarterly Training dates are established. Web-based training is established	10/03

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	<p>Action 2.2.1 Identify all feeder system data and foster linkages between all mainstream services</p> <p>2.2.1.1 Establish a definition for when an offender scheduled for release is homeless.</p> <p>2.2.1.2 Establish a method for capturing data about offenders who are homeless at the point of release.</p> <p>2.2.1.3 Establish a method for capturing data about offenders who become homeless within 6 months of release.</p>	<p>Jean Christie Roger Foster Care</p>	<p>Jean Christie Roger Foster Care</p>	<p>Data Subcommittee</p>		
	<p>Action 2.2.2 Enhance Prevention Efforts- Better coordination of all levels of mental health/substance abuse services</p>	<p>Jean Christy Johnny</p>	<p>Jean Christy Johnny</p>	<p>SA and MH Staff will work together for homeless issues.</p>	<p>MH/SA begin to integrate systems through better understanding of each program.</p>	<p>1/04</p>
	<p>Action 2.2.3 Apply for the SSI Outreach and Application Assistance Funding Grant</p>	<p>Connie Roger</p>	<p>Daryl</p>	<p>Improve access and application assistance for the chronic homeless when applying for SSI</p>	<p>Receive funding.</p>	<p>Application submitted on due date.</p>

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Strategy 2.3 Develop Interagency MOU's and Data sharing agreements.	Action 2.3.1 Access State interstate and intrastate Memorandums of Agreement	Monica Amy	Monica With help from TA.	Development of a Memorandum of Understanding between all the identified agencies.	Use existing MOUs to assure a long term agreement. Have buy-in and understanding by all parties involved.	Completion date can be estimated after participating agencies and data elements are identified.
	Action 2.3.2 Access State interstate and intrastate data sharing agreements	Monica Amy	Monica With help from Data subcommittee.	Aggregate a common set of data elements that assures data sharing, reduced duplication, and meets minimum requirements for each system.	Assure HIPAA compliance.	Completion date can be estimated after participating agencies and data elements are identified
Strategy 2.4 Increase access to substance abuse services	Action 2.4.1 Increase the # of Oxford Houses	Jean Melba Christy	Jean Melba Christy	Increase the outreach and accesability of Oxford Houses by the chronic homeless.	Oxford Houses' will increase the number of chronic homeless individuals that they serve.	7/05
	Action 2.4.2 Research funding sources for serving the chronic homeless population in Oxford Houses					
	Action 2.4.3 Create employment services opportunities					

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Strategy 2.5 Develop Model Discharge Plan	Action 2.5.1 Design programs that work the way the people recover 2.5.1.1 Establish a model discharge plan for offenders scheduled for release who have no housing. 2.5.1.2 Identify resources, either by redeploying existing or accessing new, that can be used for housing specialists/boundary spanners who can integrate corrections and housing services for the most efficient delivery of housing services to offenders; these specialists could learn both systems; work with communities and neighborhoods to address safety issues; and educate the two systems for productive interaction.	Christy Roger Jean Foster Care (Sue McKenna?)	Training/Research Subcommittee	Each targeted agency will have a Discharge Plan that will work with the way people recover.	Receive Best Practice Models from Other States.	1/04

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<p>2.1 Progress: Items from several versions are used to establish the July 18th draft.</p> <p>2.3 Progress: June 13, 2003: Completed first draft of activities.</p>	<p>Data coming into complete this chart is slow.</p> <p>Data systems are dynamic, this agreement is expected to be very dynamic likewise, potentially with an annual revision based upon multi-agency progress.</p> <p>May be an existing site that can be opened and expanded to cover this endeavor with minimal disruption.</p> <p>Anticipated ‘territorial’ issues.</p> <p>Support from Governor’s office is paramount in moving this piece along.</p>	<p>Christie, Cornelia and Melba provided a chart with recommended actions to Amy.</p> <p>Request existing multi-agency MOUs or Data sharing agreements from other states. (get boilerplate if possible)</p> <p>Identify which agencies will be included.</p> <p>Once individuals are identified in the agencies, request core data elements.</p>
<p>Action 2.2.3 "Pilot an SSI reevaluation process in the prison".</p>	<p>Action 2.2.3 "Pilot an SSI reevaluation process in the prison".</p> <p>I believe this action item was derived from my statement that I would like to see SSA policy changed, such that when a person who was previously found disabled by SSA standards was released from a correctional facility, disability payments could be immediately restarted and a continue disability review instituted, as opposed to the current process of making the person reapply for benefits. This would take federal legislation change to accomplish. After further review of this in the context of the other action items, it appears that changing federal legislation is outside of the scope and authority of this group.</p>	

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Strategy(-ies)	Action(s)	Manager	Implementer	Expected Outcomes	Benchmarks	Completion Date (Estimated)
Strategy 3.1 Modify//Adapt mainstream data collection system – establish a statewide HMIS system	Action 3.1.1 Submit HMIS \$ application for balance of state funds	Amy Christy Diane	Funding Subcommittee	Statewide HMIS	Application submitted for balance of funds	12/04
	Action 3.1.2 Quantify baseline data of housing and services existing in State 3.1.2.1 Establish baseline data for existing offender population under community supervision (parole, probation, community corrections) who are homeless. 3.1.2.2 Establish baseline data for existing offender population in prison who are homeless.	Amy Christy Diane	Data Subcommittee	Aggregated data from each type of provider. Have validated baseline data from homeless housing and service providers.	Surveys sent out to gather data from each type of provider	9/04
Strategy 3.2 Develop Communication Plan (Dept of Corrections, Dept. of Labor, Foster Care, Voc. Rehab., Rehab Services, HIV/AIDS.TB, Mental Health Providers, Sub. Abuse Providers, Local Health Departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers, <u>Target all mental health and substance abuse block grant funded programs</u> , etc.)	Action 3.2.1 Communicate with a local health depts.: queries—ID homeless population; queries—coordination strategies for mainstream resources	Christy Jean Melba Cornelia Monica	Data Subcommittee	Have data to help determine the providers who serve homeless populations, and if they are documenting it.	Survey results from each identified provider type. (Local Health Departments, FQHCs, MH, and Sub. Abuse).	Survey Developed: June 2003 Providers surveyed by August 2003.
	Action 3.2.2 Develop/create a list serve for sending out updates/info on homelessness issues under Interagency Council on Homelessness	Christy Jean Melba Cornelia Monica	Data Subcommittee	A comprehensive list of providers who have contact with the homeless populations.	An electronic list of providers identified by team.	October 2003

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	Action 3.2.3 Develop plan to sell “cost savings” idea of new strategies to end homelessness	Steve	A Budget Mastermind from Administration.	Have a plan that is evidence based to save KS money in the long run.	Request previous States cost effectiveness studies.	December, 2003

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<p>Survey Developed in June 2003 FQHCs are being surveyed currently with site visits. E-mail Survey to Melba and Cornelia for other provider types.</p> <p>TB Program Homeless data received.</p> <p>Inquiry into HIV/AIDS population data on homelessness. (May 2003)</p> <p>Have contacted the Kansas Association for Local Health Departments, have facilitated sending out the Homeless Survey to the Local Health Departments.</p> <p>Survey sent out to Local Health departments July 21, 2003, first draft of responses (25% response rate) sent back out to field July 28th. Hoping to draw a few more responses from this feedback.</p> <p>2 on-site FQHC’s have been surveyed (the rest are scheduled).</p>	<p>Identify contact people who have access to provider information or lists: Dept. of Corrections, Dept. of Labor, Foster Care, and Voc. Rehab. Rehabilitation Services, HIV/AIDS/TB Programs, etc.</p> <p>Facilities may not have ever gathered data on homelessness, so we may not be able to measure a baseline for accessing services.</p> <p>Internal routing system may skew timelines.</p>	<p>Request TA for Cost Effectiveness studies from other States to see what kind of data is needed.</p> <p>Send E-mail to Cornelia and Melba with Survey attached.</p> <p>Update/revise Chart for routing to 3.2 members before next week’s meeting.</p> <p>Revise survey for each facility type.</p> <p>Contact KALHD to see if they would send out survey to LHDs.</p> <p>Gather data on FQHCs as it comes in.</p> <p>Cornelia will e-mail Diane regarding assignments.</p> <p>Cornelia will ask someone in DD if there might be a homeless population in their providerships.</p>

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Strategy(-ies)	Action(s)	Manager ¹	Implementer ²	Expected Outcomes	Benchmarks	Completion Date (Estimated)
Strategy 4.1 Increase homeless assistance funding in Kansas	<p>Action 4.1.1 Establish a statewide COC for balance of State funds for 2004</p> <p>4.1.1.1 Confer with corrections about strategies for integrating funds used to buy housing in the community to see if those funds can be maximized by integrating those offender housing services with the overall community housing services, by community.</p> <p>4.1.1.2 Make recommendations to Congress and HUD about making grant funds available that specify housing services for offenders, in a manner that integrates those services into current community or statewide housing services (continuum of care, etc.).</p> <p>4.1.1.3 Track proposed legislation that would provide a tax credit to those who provide housing to offenders; express support of this legislation to Kansas Congressional delegation through Governor/agency heads, etc.</p>	Deena Hallacy	Deena	COC Grant application submitted by deadline	COC Awarded to SE Kansas	7/03

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Strategy(-ies)	Action(s)	Manager ¹	Implementer ²	Expected Outcomes	Benchmarks	Completion Date (Estimated)
	4.1.1.4 Seek funding for case managers to provide intense case management services to offenders addressing addiction, and employment issues causing homelessness.					
	Action 4.1.2 Develop a Balance of State COC in 2004	Christy Amy	Funding Subcommittee Grant Writer	Balance of State COC submitted	Homeless Assistance Grant(s) awarded to Kansas	7/04
	Action 4.1.3 HHS \$ for children with incarcerated parents	Roger	Funding Subcommittee	Grant submitted	Grant application is received and prepared	
Strategy 4.2 Access VA funding that is available and specifically targeted for Kansas	Action 4.2.1 VA per diem grant; VA loan guarantee \$ for financing VA multi-family units (includes % housing for market);	Roger Randy	Randy	VA Submits Grant	VA is awarded Grant	
	Action 4.2.2 DOJ funding for ReEntry and Discharge; Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program; Veterans Workforce Investment Program;	Roger Randy	Randy			
	Action 4.2.3 DOL – homeless veterans reintegration program (annual competition grant); DOL-Office of Disability Employment Policy targeting chronic ;homelessness/disability	George Macatee				

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Strategy(-ies)	Action(s)	Manager¹	Implementer²	Expected Outcomes	Benchmarks	Completion Date (Estimated)
Strategy 4.3 Maintain and Expand subsidy programs	Action 4.3.1 Identify resources for the Housing Trust Fund	Steve	Funding Subcommittee	Housing stock is increased for the chronically homeless	.Increase housing stock and programs that exclusively serve the chronically homeless.	
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PRIORITY FIVE: INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS IN THE STATE						
Strategy(-ies)	Action(s)	Manager	Implementer	Expected Outcomes	Benchmarks	Completion Date (Estimated)
Strategy 5.1 Identify existing housing stock	Action 5.1.1 Identify and gather housing resources	Amy Christy Denna	Funding Subcommittee	Kansas has one list of all housing stock available to low-income or homeless individuals.	Kansas will have a list to distribute to homeless service providers	7/04
Strategy 5.2 Identify stakeholders who could provide additional resources to expand housing, e.g., DOC Housing Developers, Faith Based Community, Schools, Boy Scouts, etc.	Action 5.2.1 Invite DOC in planning development of housing units (building or provide labor to refurbish existing units) 5.2.1.1 Identify partners who can help establish small units of housing for offenders which include job training which includes crews to refurbish dilapidated housing in the community which can be used for affordable housing for offenders and non-offenders. This would accomplish 1) refurbishment of abandoned/dilapidated homes; 2) make housing available to offenders; 3) provide job training to offenders, all of which contributes to a) more affordable housing, b) less neighborhood blight and c) less recidivism.	Roger Amy	Funding Subcommittee	A list of available housing 'developers' will be available to the Council	Contacts developed with development agencies/groups	

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July 28- update on Housing inventory. 9,162 public housing units, 10,371 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. They are distributed among 94 PHA's for the public housing units and 29 agencies for the vouchers.		There are numerous different agencies to check with to get an accurate housing inventory. There could be problems with duplication and omissions.		Contact Amy to get information from the tax credit program and Asset management.		