

State of Texas Action Plan to End Chronic Homelessness

PRIORITY ONE: INCREASING THE PUBLIC AND POLITICAL INVESTMENT						
Strategy(-ies)	Action(s)	Manager¹	Implementers	Expected Outcomes	Benchmarks	Completion Date (Estimated)
Strategy 1.1 Improve Data	Action 1.1.1 Invite agencies utilizing HMIS and related data to report on services provided to homeless	TICH	Texas Homeless Network (THN)	All HMIS agencies report to THN	50% of communities with CoC plans provide HMIS data	December 2004
	Action 1.1.2 Engage the Governor to request homeless service data from all agencies	TICH	Mike Doyle	Comprehensive list of data currently being collected	All State agencies respond and report data	Mike asks for letter by November 15 th 2005. All agencies report by November 2007
Strategy 1.2 Increase capacity of local homeless coalitions	Action 1.2.1 Provide a minimum of 20 TA training events to develop capacity	THN	Ken Martin	Improve ability to access resources and deliver services	Increase Federal CoC funds to the state by 10%	Training schedule developed by December 2005 Training completed by December 2006
	Action 1.2.2 Require Community Mental Health Centers to designate a homeless service contact	TDMHMR	Greg Gibson	Increase sharing of information	All centers designate a contact person	Contacts designated by December 2005
	Action 1.2.3 Involve Mental Health Advocacy Groups in local homeless coalitions Regarding Housing and Homeless Issues for persons with disabilities	TDMHMR	Greg Gibson	Mental health advocacy groups participate on local homeless coalition groups	50% of local homeless coalitions have active involvement by local mental health advocacy groups	December 2005
	Action 1.2.4 TICH member agencies will identify homeless service contacts with their subcontracting providers	TICH	TICH members	Increase information sharing	All subcontractors designate a homeless service contact	December 2006
	Action 1.2.5 Involve Local Workforce Development Boards with Local Homeless Coalitions	TWC	TWC/THN/TCIH			

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Strategy 1.3 Host Public Forums for State Plan to End Chronic Homeless	Action 1.3.1 Convene a workgroup to Develop Final Language for the Draft Plan to End Chronic Homeless	TICH	TICH Members and Stakeholders	Final State Plan is complete	Complete Strategic Plan to End Chronic Homeless	October 2004	
	Action 1.3.2 Present draft State Action Plan at THN Conference and other settings	TICH	TICH Members	Solicitation of public and stakeholder input on the Plan	Record/document public and stakeholder input	October 2004 Last forum by March 2004	
	Action 1.3.3 Provide agency heads with draft plan for comment	TICH	TICH Members	Evaluate/revise State Plan	Receive written endorsement of plan from each agency head	May 2004	
	Action 1.3.4 Convene Policy Academy Team Meeting	TICH	Greg Gibson	Continue integration of public input onto state plan	Revise Draft Plan submitted to TICH	April 2005	
	Action 1.3.5 Convene TICH Meeting to endorse Action Plan	TICH	Greg Gibson	Approve Policy Academy Action Plan	State Plan endorsed by TICH	May 2005	
	Action 1.3.6 Announce Action Plan to End Chronic Homeless statewide	TICH/ICH	Mike Doyle Sally Shipman	Achieve State and federal endorsement of State Plan	Conduct one press event	June 2006	
Progress to Date		Barriers and/or Situational Changes			Immediate Next Steps (including potential technical assistance needs)		

¹ The Manager is the individual responsible for coordinating each action.

² The Implementer is the individual (or entity) responsible for carrying-out each action.

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PRIORITY TWO: PREVENT CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS						
Strategy(-ies)	Action(s)	Manager	Implementer	Expected Outcomes	Benchmarks	Completion Date (Estimated)
Strategy 2.1 Identify common risk factors and definitions regarding persons at risk of chronic homelessness	Action 2.1.1 Research risk factors predicting chronic homelessness	TICH	Jennifer Borja-Smith, Dan Rawlins, Cindy Hopkins,	Identify risk factors predicting chronic homelessness	Develop set of risk factors	June 2006
	Action 2.1.2 Present results and recommendations to TICH	TICH	Jennifer Borja-Smith, Dan Rawlins, Cindy Hopkins,	Identify common set of risk factors predicting chronic homelessness	Achieve consensus on recommendations for risk factors to be considered in discharge policies	March 2007
Strategy 2.2 Develop model discharge coordination plan for persons at-risk of chronic homelessness	Action 2.2.1 Identify institutions that serve people identified as "at-risk"	TICH	Jennifer Borja-Smith, Dan Rawlins, Cindy Hopkins	Identify institutions that need central discharge coordination plan	Develop list of institutions to be targeted	June 2006
	Action 2.2.2 Identify and evaluate current discharge plan components	TICH	Jennifer Borja-Smith, Dan Rawlins, Cindy Hopkins	Identify best practice models	Develop list of best practice models	June 2006
	Action 2.2.3 Present critical components of a model discharge plans and model discharge plan to TICH	TICH	Jennifer Borja-Smith, Mike Doyle, Cindy Hopkins	Present critical components and model plan	Achieve consensus of TICH on critical components and model plan	July 2006
Strategy 2.3 Coordinate discharge planning efforts	Action 2.3.1 Present list of critical components and model plan to Governor's Office	TICH	Mike Doyle and TICH members	Governor endorses components and model plan	Governor directs agencies to utilize critical list and model plan	August 2006
	Action 2.3.2 Provide Federal technical assistance to group of trainers	TICH	Greg Gibson and Federal Policy Academy Planning Committee	Plan and implement train-the-trainer session	Implement one training session	September 2006
	Action 2.3.3 Implement TA in local and state agencies	TICH	Cindy Hopkins	Improve discharge planning coordination	Train TICH agencies on incorporating components in discharge plans	May 2006

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Strategy 2.4 Develop a prevention strategy aimed at persons at risk of homelessness, currently homeless persons and their providers that focuses on education, awareness, and anti-stigma strategy	Action 2.4.1 Identify critical components of prevention strategy	TICH	Cindy Hopkins, Dan Rawlins, and Ken Martin	Identify list of critical components	Create list of critical components	March 2006	
	Action 2.4.2 Develop intervention strategy/message	TICH	Cindy Hopkins, Dan Rawlins, and Ken Martin	Create intervention strategy/message	Create intervention strategy/message	April 2006	
	Action 2.4.3 Identify and recruit pilot sites (secular and non-secular; individual staff and consumers)	TICH	Cindy Hopkins, Dan Rawlins, and Ken Martin	Identify and recruit 30 sites	Get commitment from 30 sites	May 2006	
	Action 2.4.4 Present strategy/message to TICH	TICH	Cindy Hopkins, Dan Rawlins, and Ken Martin	Approval of strategy/message	Achieve consensus on strategy./message	May 2006	
	Action 2.4.5 Test and evaluate strategy/message in pilot sites (pre- and post-campaign surveys)	TICH	Cindy Hopkins, Dan Rawlins, and Ken Martin	Increase awareness of human service providers of mainstream resources	Self-reports indicate increased knowledge among 50% of providers	August 2006	
	Action 2.4.6 Cross-train multiple agencies on service provision (coordinated with TA for linking housing and services)	TICH/THN	Ann Denton, Greg Gibson, Ken Martin, JoAnn DePenning	Increase housing linked with services	Provide four regional trainings	September - December 2006	
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PRIORITY THREE: DEVELOP, EXPAND, AND SUPPORT EVIDENCE-BASED SERVICE INTERVENTIONS						
Strategy(-ies)	Action(s)	Manager	Implementer	Expected Outcomes	Benchmarks	Completion Date (Estimated)
Strategy 3.1 “Set aside” resources for ending chronic homelessness	Action 3.1.1 Advocate for set-aside resources within TICH member agencies (including the political appointees)	TICH	TICH members	Member agencies establish set asides for next fiscal year	100% increase in resources for addressing chronic homelessness	September 2007
	Action 3.1.2 Work with local and federal agencies to articulate and reinforce need for set aside resources	TICH	TICH Members	Local and federal agencies develop set-asides for special need populations	Increase in resources that are set-aside for persons with special needs	On-going
	Action 3.1.3 Monitor and report on progress via data/statistics regarding set aside resources	TICH	TICH Data Standards and Research Committee	Reports to TICH	Submit annual report to TICH	November 2006
Strategy 3.2 Increase prioritization and targeting of persons experiencing chronic homelessness within mainstream services	Action 3.2.1 Review existing prioritization and targeting within mainstream systems	TICH	Greg Gibson, Ann Denton	Identification of existing prioritization and targeting (or lack thereof)	Create list of prioritization and targeting within mainstream systems	March 2007
	Action 3.2.2 Review evidence-based practice principles for targeting within mainstream systems	TICH	Greg Gibson, Ann Denton, Stacy Stewart, Ken Martin, and JoAnn DePenning (with Federal TA)	Development of evidence-based practice menu	Publication of evidence-based practice menu for service providers	March 2007
	Action 3.2.3 Present recommendations for mainstream targeting to TICH	TICH	Greg Gibson, Ann Denton, Ken Martin, and JoAnn DePenning	Present recommendations to TICH	TICH consensus on publishing and disseminating menu	May 2006
Strategy 3.3 Advocate for a uniform eligibility process for State Agency services	Action 3.3.1 Research uniform eligibility efforts current underway	TICH	Ken Martin and Stacy Stewart	Identify uniform eligibility efforts	Create list of uniform eligibility efforts	September 2007
	Action 3.3.2 Present summary of findings to TICH (and other workgroups?)	TICH	Ken Martin and TICH memberst	Present summary of findings	Acceptance of findings	November 2006

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	Action 3.3.3 Publicly endorse uniform eligibility process and provide feedback	TICH	TICH members	Support implementation of state uniform eligibility process	Participate in ad hoc workgroups; send letters of recommendation	March 2006
Strategy 3.4 Increase and improve linkages between housing and services	Action 3.4.1 Identify current housing and services best practice models	TICH	Ann Denton, Greg Gibson, Ken Martin, JoAnn DePenning,	Identify best practice models	Develop report	June 2006
	Action 3.4.2 Present findings to TICH	TICH	Ann Denton, Greg Gibson, Ken Martin, JoAnn DePenning	Present findings	Acceptance of findings	July 2006
	Action 3.4.3 Coordinate technical assistance on linking housing and services	TICH/THN	Ann Denton, Greg Gibson, Ken Martin, JoAnn DePenning,	Increase housing linked with services	Provide four regional trainings	September - December 2006
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					Research risk factors predicting chronic homelessness Identify and evaluate current discharge plan components Identify critical components of prevention strategy Review evidence-based practice principles for targeting within mainstream systems Coordinate technical assistance on linking housing and services	