

# **ECHO 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness**

## Revised Planning Committee Subgroups

### **1. Community and Service Provider Collaboration**

*Garry Loeffler, Brad Baldwin, Maggie Lyons, Rob Angerman, Major John Chamness, Dr. Dick Smart, Janetta Michael, and Kathy Reed*

This committee will:

- Improve communication between the community's homeless service providers, in order to have their outreach to the homeless work together more efficiently.
- Outreach to religious groups in the community to encourage them to work in parallel with ECHO, in order to invite ongoing participation.

### **2. Housing First**

*John Bruning, Maggie Lyons, John Albee, Bob Sarlo, Howard Martinson, and Kevin Kram*

This committee will:

- Contact ID Housing and Finance Association and other state agencies that can play a role in EKCHO.
- Look into housing first alternatives within the community.
- Assess the needs and amounts of traditional and low-income housing.
- Find ways to increase the supply of supportive housing.
- Communicate with developers, builders, and construction-related companies involved in the building process.

### **3. Community Awareness/Promotion/Marketing**

*David Townsend, Amanda Miller, Jon Ingalls, Sholeh/Mike Patrick, Kathy Reed, Vicki Kunz, and Robert Shoeman*

This would include the beginning steps of our PR committee.

- Take leadership on all community forums.
- Be responsible for a comprehensive interview process with current and formerly homeless individuals and families.
- Manage media messages and coordinate future meetings.
- Provide the public with education and current press releases.

#### **4. Governmental Coordination/Creative Partnerships /Economic Opportunities**

*Judge John Mitchell, Mike Kennedy, Alex Ikefuna, Steve Childers, Pam Pratt, Amber Schafer, and Eric Kiehl*

At some point other cities, most importantly Post Falls and Hayden, must become involved. The County also needs to be included. Communications with these groups will be the goal of this committee. Additionally through entities like Jobs Plus, NIC Workforce Training, Labor Dept., Human Resource Companies, etc. the committee will work to reach out and expand the circle of community leaders involved in the effort.

#### **5. Financial Management**

*Caryl Johnston, Steve Roberge, Renata McLeod, Judy Morris, Jim Elder, and Rolly Jurgens*

- **Financing.** This group would:
  - Create a budget for administrative expenses and additional needed housing for the homeless.
  - Set up a local foundation that would help fund the needs of the homeless.
  - Work with the Outreach Group to provide the value engineering and estimated costs of the one-stop resource center including cost of human resources, communications equipment, and construction.
- **Managing Federal and State Grants for the Homeless.** This group would become intimately knowledgeable of how all the possible grant processes function, including HUD, and other government entities that could provide funds for housing projects.

#### **6. Fundraising**

*WE NEED TO FIND A PASSIONATE COMMITTEE AS WE MOVE FORWARD  
Community Grantwriter? PAC? Existing 501(c) 3 individuals?  
Tinka Schaefer, Laurie Powell, Jeff Smith, and Dave Ziegler*

This committee will:

- Identify and communicate with homeless stakeholder entities.
- Develop creative partnerships with business leaders and corporations.
- Encourage local individual donors to become involved.
- Find ways to fund additional homeless housing projects.

#### **7. Outreach to the Homeless/One Stop Shop**

*Cindy Wood, Patty McGruder, Kathy Reed, Gary Edwards, Matt Hutchinson, Joe Miller, Fletcher Michael, and Carrie McCrite*

This committee will:

- Explore a design concept of how a one-stop resource center would function.

- Determine location, host service provider, including an area for short-term assistance to the homeless.
- Promote supportive services.
- Develop methods of preventing impoverished from becoming homeless.
- Tailor specific needs of the homeless; whether they are victims of domestic violence, or people with mental and/or physical disabilities, etc.

## **8. Data Collection and Benchmark Standards**

*Jeff Conroy, Jud Leifheit, Bob Sarlo, Renata McLeod, and James Curb*

This committee will:

- Create standard data collection technology to capture current and accurate data.
- Create measurable benchmarks for monitoring the progress of our implementation process, including periodic review and adjustments to programs.
- Continue to update information from Research Data Committee interviews with service providers.