

WHAT IS THE CONTINUUM OF CARE

A COMPREHENSIVE AND COORDINATED HOUSING AND SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

THIS SYSTEM HELPS COMMUNITIES PLAN FOR AND PROVIDE A BALANCE OF EMERGENCY, TRANSITIONAL AND PERMANENT HOUSING AND SERVICE RESOURCES TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE HOMELESS TO MAKE A CRITICAL TRANSITION FROM THE STREETS TO JOBS AND INDEPENDENT LIVING

HISTORY OF THE PICKAWAY COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE

ORIGINALLY UTILIZED EXISTING GROUP OF PICKAWAY COUNTY FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL

IN 2002 FORMED COC COMMITTEE AS PICKAWAY COUNTY FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL DID NOT SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE HOMELESS

PICKAWAY COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE COMMITTEE

- Pickaway County Community Action
- School Homeless Liaison
- Metropolitan Housing
- Job & Family Services
- Southeastern Ohio Legal Services
- Scioto Paint Valley Mental Health
- Veterans Administration
- Jobs One-Stop
- Local Law Enforcement
- City Mayor
- Private Citizens
- Formally Homeless
- City Grants Department
- Berger Hospital
- Family and Children First Council Coordinator
- Veterans Administration
- Literacy Council
- Elected Officials

CHARACTERISTICS OF A STRONG PLANNING PROCESS

- ▶ WHAT WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE
- ▶ HOW IT WILL BE DONE
- ▶ HOW LONG THE WORK WILL TAKE
- ▶ WHO WILL DO THE WORK

WHAT WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE

- ▶ DEVELOP A 10-YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

HOW WILL IT BE DONE

- ▶ SELECT A COMMITTEE
- ▶ FORM WORKGROUPS TO GATHER INFORMATION
 - SHELTER FACILITIES/PROGRAMS
 - TREATMENT CENTERS
 - RESOURCES AND SERVICES
 - PIT DATA

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE

- ▶ ALLOW 12-MONTHS TO WRITE YOUR 10-YEAR PLAN

WHO WILL DO THE WORK

- ▶ THE COMMITTEE & WORKGROUPS
 - MAKE A LIST OF ACTION ITEMS
 - MAKE SURE TO ASSIGN RESPONSIBILITIES WITH TIMELINES FOR EACH ACTION ITEM

IDENTIFYING UNMET NEEDS

ONCE THE DATA IS COLLECTED.....

➤ IDENTIFY WAYS TO BETTER COORDINATE COMPONENTS OF THE HOMELESS SYSTEM

➤ ENGAGE PREVIOUSLY UNTAPPED RESOURCES TO HELP FILL GAPS

THEN.....IDENTIFY THE TRUE UNMET NEEDS IN HOUSING AND SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS

FUNDAMENTAL COMPONENTS OF STRATEGIC PLANNING

- ▶ DISCUSSION
 - COMPARE ALL DATA WITH UNMET NEEDS
 - DISCUSS POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS OR FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
 - DISCUSS POSSIBLE BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS TO THOSE BARRIERS
- ▶ DECISION
 - DECIDE WHAT PROGRAMS ARE NEEDED TO FILL THE GAP OF UNMET NEEDS
 - DETERMINE KEY STAKEHOLDERS FOR THE PLAN
- ▶ DEVELOPMENT
 - SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM PLANS WITH ACTION STEPS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND TIMELINES

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES

- ▶ MAKE SURE THE DATA YOU COLLECT IS CURRENT AND THOROUGH
- ▶ BE REALISTIC IN YOUR GOALS – DON'T INCLUDE GOALS YOU KNOW WILL NEVER HAPPEN
- ▶ HAVE THE ENTIRE COC REVIEW THE PLAN FOR ANOTHER LEVEL OF OVERSIGHT
- ▶ PUBLICIZE THE COMPLETION OF THE 10-YEAR PLAN – MAKE IT A BIG DEAL!
- ▶ CONTINUALLY REVISIT THE PLAN