## Addressing Service Gaps Related to Homelessness and Opioid Addiction

Staff Report February 10, 2020



## Follow up from Feb, 2019 Staff Report

Responding to Council Goal 5, Action Step 9:

Engage in an Analysis with Service Providers to Identify What Services and Processes Exist to Connect those Experiencing Homelessness and/or Opioid Addiction with Supportive Services and Identify Gaps that May Exist

### **Key Developments**

- Regional Homelessness Authority and Pending Regional Action Plan
- Shoreline Severe Weather Shelter
- Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1406 Local Sales Tax
- Department of Commerce Grant to Develop a Shoreline Housing Action Plan
- Collaboration Opportunities Related to Affordable Housing
- Potential for New State dollars Related to Homelessness Servic

#### Gap/Opportunity Areas Identified

- Permanent Housing
- Homelessness Prevention
- Emergency Shelter Beds
- Daytime Gathering Place

- Transportation
- Opioid Treatment
- Opioid Education and Prevention
- Partnership Building
- Youth Shelter



# Yes-But what should we do??



#### Highest Priority/Greatest Need

24/7 Year-Round Shelter/Navigation Center

FIGURE 4.	INDIVIDUALS EX	XPERIENCING UNSHELTER	RED HOMELESSNESS	BY REGION
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	UNSHELTERED						
	2017		2018		2019		
REGION	%	n	%	n	%	n	
East County	6%	319	6%	393	6%	337	
North County	1%	58	4%	251	2%	85	
Northeast County	2%	84	2%	137	2%	99	
Seattle	70%	3,841	71%	4,488	68%	3,558	
Southwest County	20%	1,113	15%	974	21%	1,084	
Southeast County	1%	70	1%	77	1%	65	
TOTAL	100%	5,485	100%	6,320	100%	5,228	

**North County Includes:** 

**Bothell** 

Kenmore

Lake Forest Park

Shoreline

Woodinville

\*Currently no year-round shelter for single adults in North KC



#### **Greatest Enhancement**

Comprehensive Approach to Outreach

Fully integrated staff position to work in partnership with Police, RADAR, Community Court and Partner Agencies

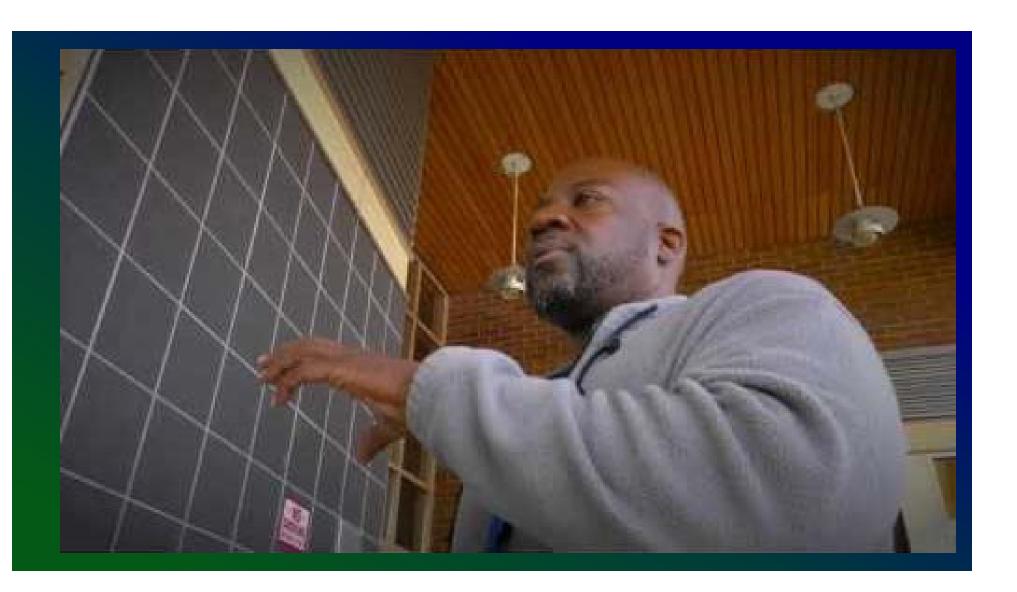


#### Recent USICH/ Study

Lessons suggest that effective partnerships between law enforcement and homelessness service providers can be achieved through the following strategies:

- 1. Develop shared goals, clearly define roles, and engage other critical stakeholders
- 2. Use data to understand local need and assess progress
- 3. Review and align local laws and ordinances to support the goals of the partnership
- 4. Equip law enforcement officers and their homelessness services system counterparts with protocols and training
- 5. Divert people from the criminal justice system while supporting long-term stabilization.





#### **Additional Consideration**

- Potential opportunities/next steps noted for each of the initial gap areas identified
- In the area of Homelessness Prevention, staff has confirmed that Hopelink could utilize Shoreline's SHB 1406 dollars through its existing rental assistance program



# Discussion/Questions?

