

Addressing Service Gaps Related to Homelessness and Opioid Addiction

Staff Report
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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 Services**



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 EXPERIENCING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS, BY REGION

REGION	UNSHELTERED					
	2017		2018		2019	
	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>
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?

