



BUILDING HOUSING RESOURCES GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Housing Stakeholder Coalition Kickoff Meeting *April 26, 2016*

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HOUSING COALITION

How participants can contribute and guide this work

What is the Housing Coalition?

- Platform for education and participation in implementation of strategies outlined in the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness
- Inclusive group of community stakeholders who have an interest or connection to Housing programs and services in Grays Harbor
- A group that provides recommendations to the Housing Executive Committee and helps guide and implement the Executive Committee's Work Plan

Nurturing High Performing Partnerships

- Engage an expanded set of stakeholders – but around smaller tables
- Make the system the focus of the work
 - Assess System Characteristics
 - Target Root Causes
 - Avoid finger-pointing/directing blame
- Aim for small wins
- Make time together about problem solving, action, and learning
- Seek equity so all voices can be heard

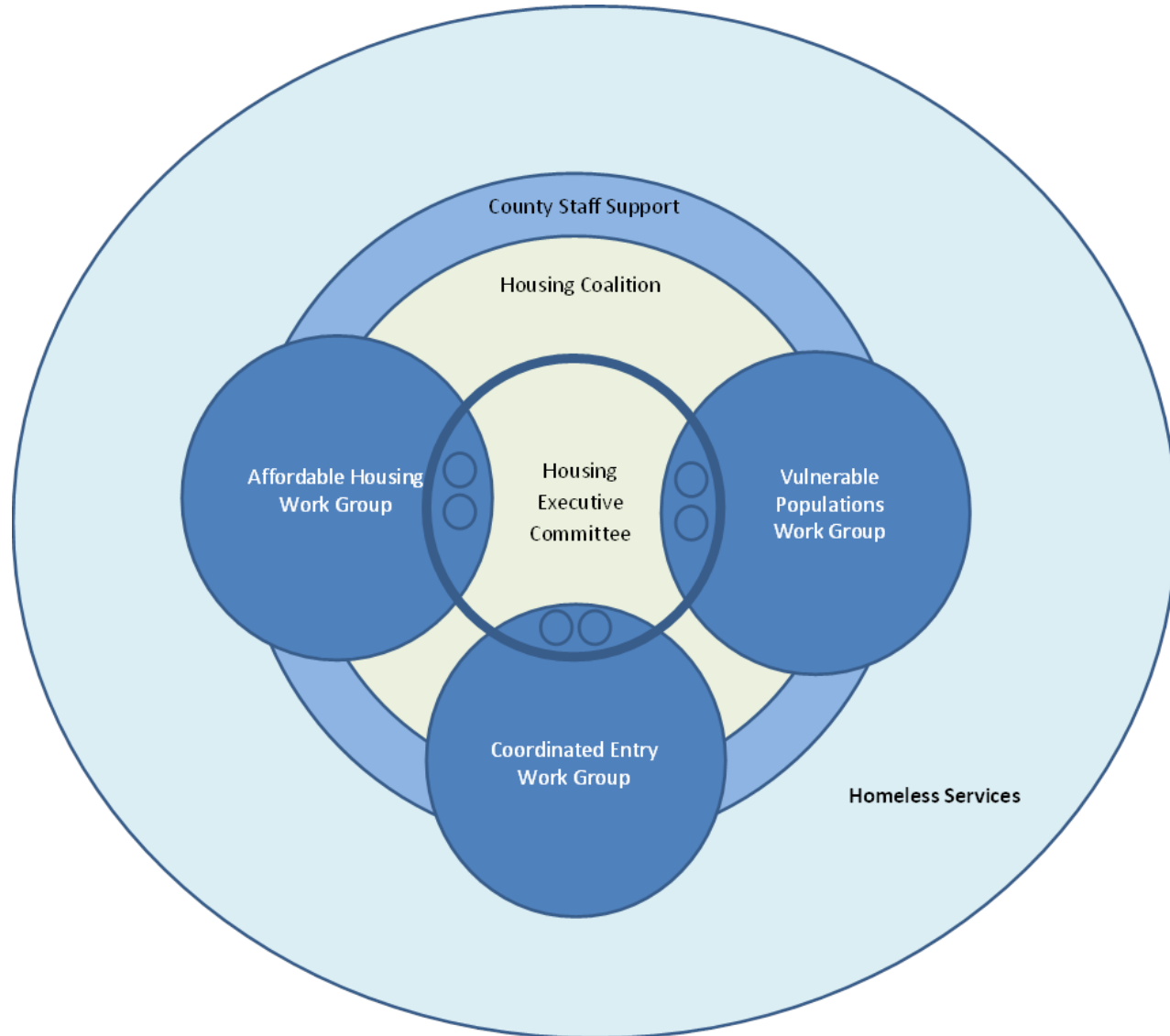
Participation and Roles/Responsibilities

- **Housing Executive Committee:** Steer the planning process and make final recommendations regarding project implementation and action steps
- **Housing Coalition:** Platform for community education, providing feedback and ideas, promoting awareness and access to community decision-making processes
- **Topic Work Groups:** Research, discuss and make recommendations around specific topics, ideas, and projects as requested by the Housing Coalition

Topic Work Groups

- Smaller, action-oriented committees who tackle specific questions, projects, or actions within the framework of the 10 Year Plan as requested by the Executive Committee and Housing Coalition
- Bring information and recommendations based on group work back to Coalition and Executive Committee for consideration, discussion, and action
- 3 Topic Work Groups (Affordable Housing, Vulnerable Populations, and Coordinated Entry) align with strategies identified in 10 Year Plan
 - Other 2 strategies (Capacity Building and Community Awareness) will be integrated into 3 topic areas and Coalition at large as necessary to plan and implement work

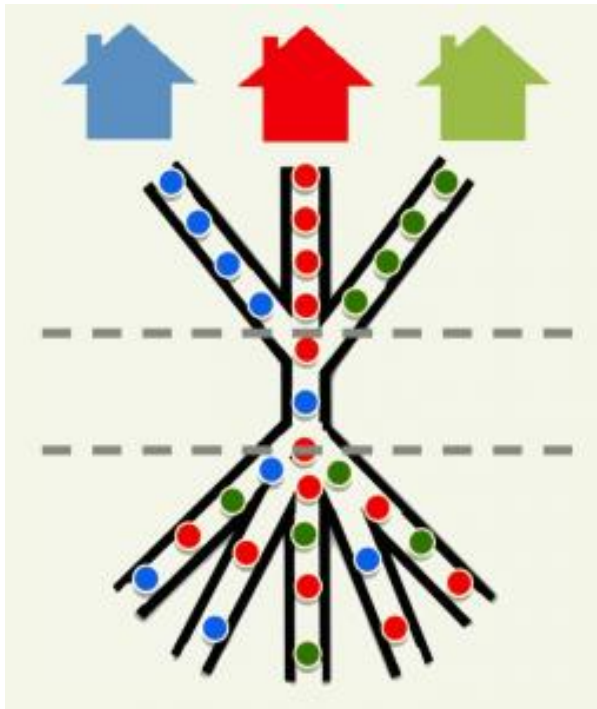
Housing Coalition Structure



2016 10 YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS

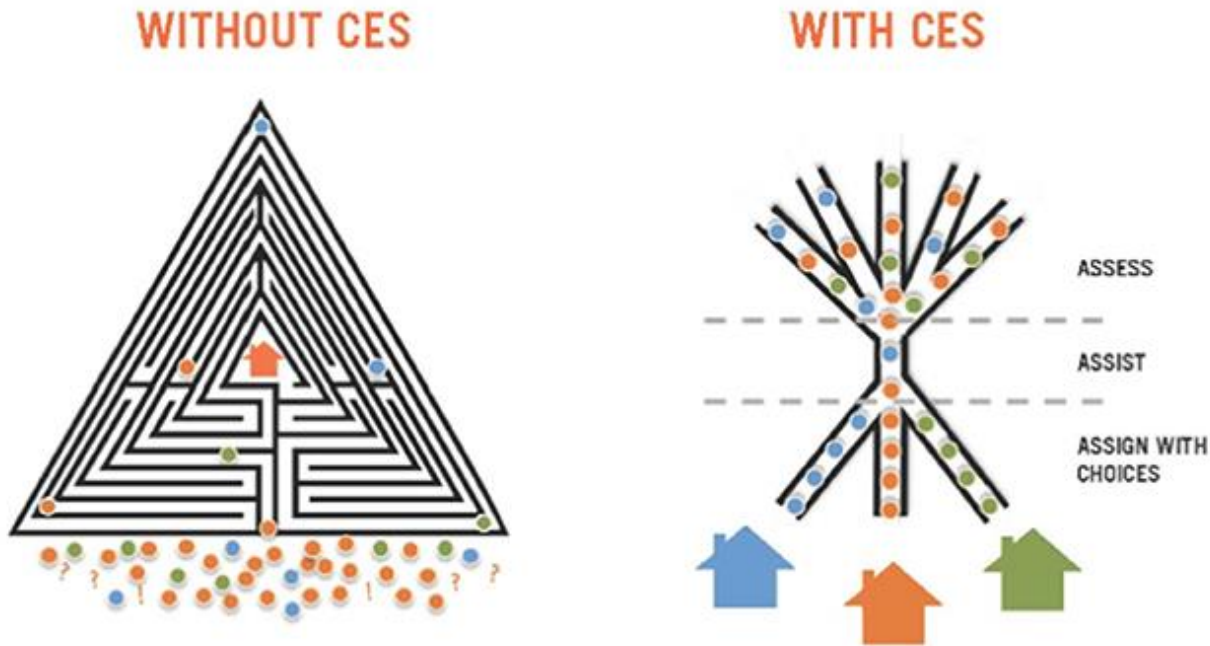
Summary of process, key findings, and
recommendations

Identified Strategies



1. Fully Develop Coordinated Entry
2. Maintain and Expand Affordable Housing options
3. Invest in Housing Resources for vulnerable populations
4. Build and Strengthen Housing System
5. Increase Community awareness and education

Fully Develop Coordinated Entry

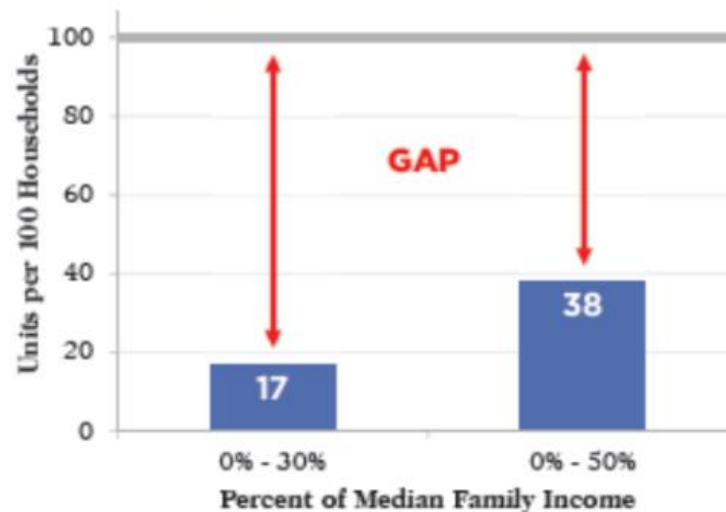


- **System Goals:** Maximum efficiency of available resources
- **Client Goals:** The right assistance at the right time to meet their individual need

Maintain and Develop Additional Affordable Housing

Affordable Housing Gap

*Affordable and Available Housing
Units for Every 100 Households*



Invest in Housing for Vulnerable Populations

VULNERABLE POPULATIONS



Domestic Violence
Survivors



Chronically
Homeless/Disabled



Adults with Serious
Behavioral Health Issues



Families in Need of
Emergency Housing



Youth and Young
Adults



Veterans

Build and Strengthen the Housing System

Invest in Training and Technical Assistance

Successful Models known as "Evidence Based Practices" exist in other communities to address Grays Harbor issues. Training and technical assistance can aid in bringing those models to Grays Harbor.

Grays Harbor has applied for funding through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Communities Initiative (RDCI) to bring in funding that would invest in teaching and supporting Housing Evidence Based Practices.



Staff and administration needs information, education, training, and support to successfully implement changes or updates to existing programs



Evidence Based Practices are attractive to funders who want to know funding is being used as efficiently and effectively as possible.



Evidence Based Practices have core components that have been proven effective and can be measured to determine how well a program is in alignment.



People and Skills are our most effective investment in building high quality programs.

Increase Community Education and Awareness

A plan with a goal as ambitious as ending homelessness will not be successful without broad-based support across a variety of sectors.



Clients/Former Clients



Local and State Officials



School Districts



Business Community



State and Regional Stakeholder Meetings



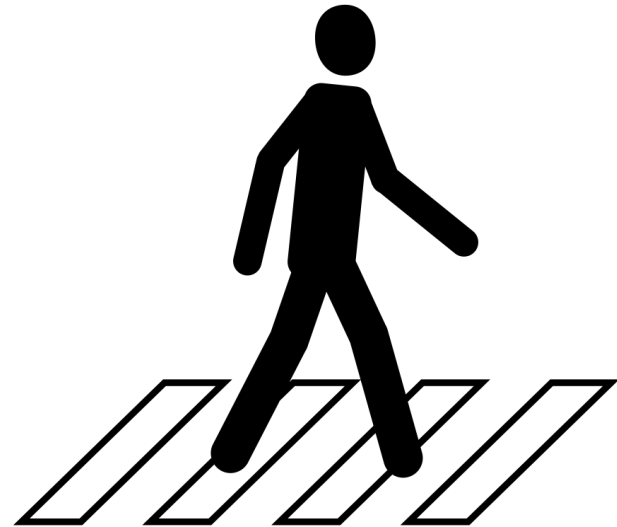
General Community Education and Discussion

NEXT STEPS

Coalition, Work Groups, & 2016 Priorities

2016 Implementation Process

- **2015:** Based on key findings and identified best practices – 5 Strategies were identified and Work Plan has been outlined to accomplish goals
- **Feb 2016:** Plan adopted by County Commissioners
- **Early 2016:** Executive Committee identified 2016 Priorities to focus work
- **April 2016:** Coalition is formed to begin specific research, discussion, understanding, and recommendation on action steps



2016 Work Plan Priorities

Fully develop Coordinated Entry system

- Establish and promote the Point of Entry (CCAP)
- Develop and strengthen partnerships with community organizations
- Develop and refine framework

2016 Work Plan Priorities

Maintain and Expand Affordable Housing Resources

- Complete Housing Inventory documents (HIC - Commerce and Housing Stock Inventory - USDA)
- Collect and review data around time from client seeking assistance to permanent housing placement
- Research Master Leasing Models

2016 Work Plan Priorities

Invest in Housing for Vulnerable Populations

- Learn about alternate shelter models and/or expanding existing shelter capacity to serve vulnerable populations
- Apply for McKinney Vento funds for PSH
- Explore what is needed to bring SOAR resources to Grays Harbor

2016 Work Plan Priorities

Build Capacity of Housing System

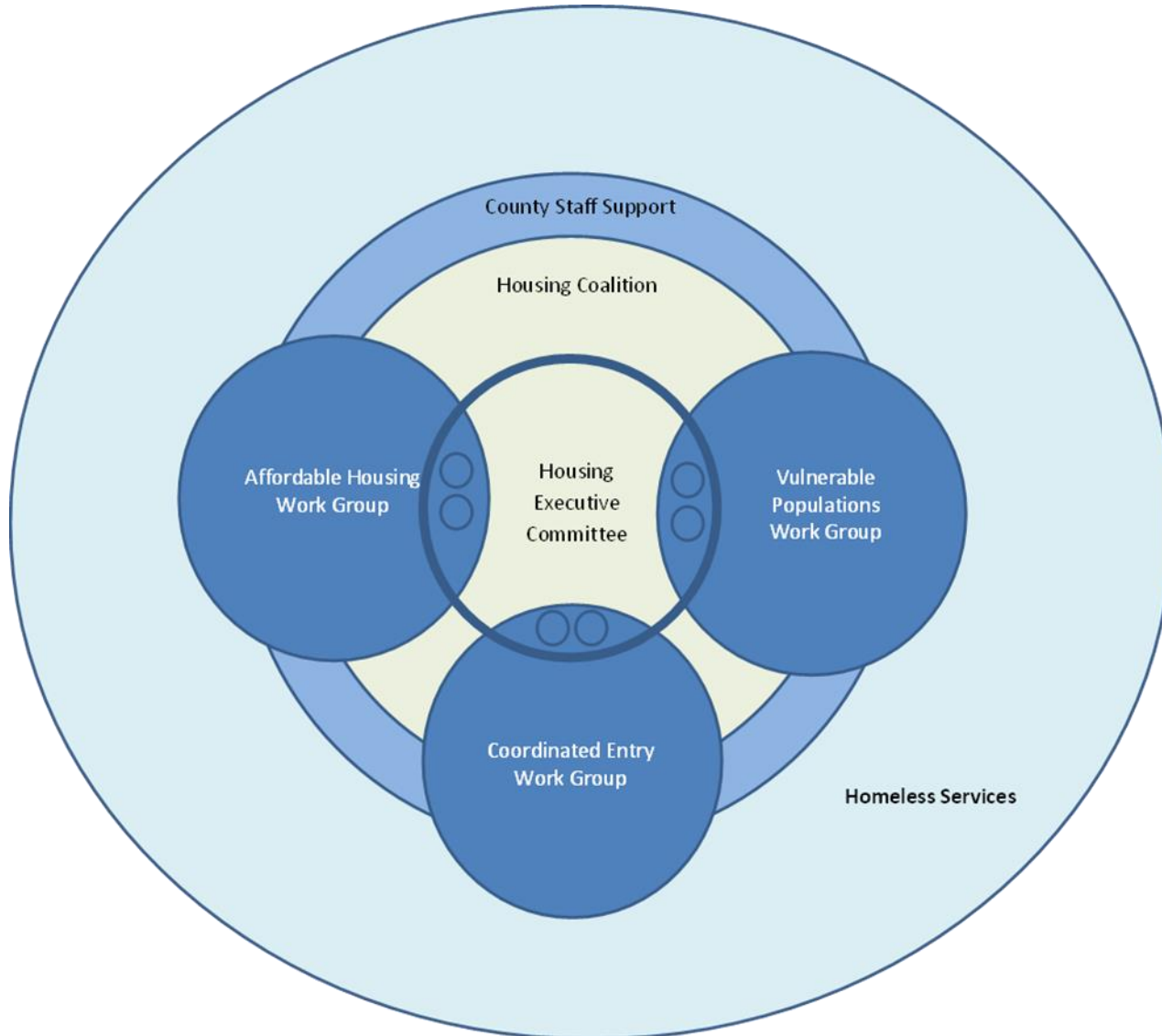
- Expand Grant Writing and Management capacity
- Develop line staff meeting schedule and structure
- Develop and share quarterly reports of key data points with HHSAB

2016 Work Plan Priorities

Increase Community Awareness and Discussion

- Develop a "Continuum of Care" or group of expanded stakeholders to meet quarterly and contribute to planning process
- Develop Resource Guide template and process to update and distribute
- Expand use of County Housing website platform

Housing Coalition Structure



Coordinated Entry Work Group

- **Coordinated Entry** means:
 - Coordinated Entry streamlines intake, assessment, and referral for all clients seeking housing resources using a consistent tool, process, and dedicated staff
 - Households are referred to local housing programs and community resources based on a comprehensive understanding of the household's needs and each program's specific requirements, target population, and available services
- **Work Plan activities:**
 - Develop and strengthen partnerships with community organizations
 - Develop and refine system framework
 - Collect and track relevant data
 - Identify system gaps
 - Develop and establish a Vulnerability Assessment Tool to prioritize services based on vulnerability
 - Work towards utilizing CE for everyone seeking housing resources – close side doors

Affordable Housing Work Group

- **Affordable Housing** means:
 - Residents are paying approximately 30% of their income towards housing costs
 - Housing is sustainable after any assistance/subsidy ends OR Housing subsidy/assistance is permanent (i.e. Housing vouchers or external funding source is subsidizing rent between fair market value and what the household can afford)
 - Individuals and families have access to housing that is safe, decent, and is appropriate for the size and makeup of the household
- **Work Plan activities:**
 - Complete a Housing Inventory and make recommendations around development opportunities
 - Research Master Leasing Models
 - Explore Damage Pool for participating landlords
 - Explore City and County ordinances that may encourage or inhibit development or operation of affordable housing by private developers
 - Identify development opportunities that would increase affordable housing inventory available to low-income families

Vulnerable Populations Work Group

- **Vulnerable Populations** may include:
 - Domestic Violence Survivors
 - Youth and Young Adults
 - Veterans
 - Individuals with Behavioral Health Challenges (Mental Health and/or Addiction)
 - Chronically Homeless
- **Housing and Support Services** are critical in the stabilization of vulnerable populations
- **Work Plan activities:**
 - Learn about low barrier shelter models and/or expanding existing shelter capacity to serve vulnerable populations
 - Develop proposal for funding with McKinney Vento funds (Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless)
 - Explore what is needed to bring SOAR (Social Security Navigation) to Grays Harbor

What are you hoping to get out of the Coalition?



Action Steps

- Consider attending future Coalition meetings
- Consider other community stakeholders who may be a fit for the Housing Stakeholder Coalition
- Ask clarifying questions, seek more information, provide specific feedback
- Sign up to participate in a Topic Work Group(s) based on interest and/or experience

Tentative 2016 Coalition Calendar

- **April**

- Introduction: Purpose of Coalition
- *Education*: 10 Year Plan
- *Discussion Activity*: What are your goals from the Coalition?
- *Action*: Members understand purpose of the coalition and may commit to a work group

- **July**

- *Education*: Funding and decision-making process mapping
- *Work group reports*: Reflection on 2016 Priorities, where are we at?
- *Discussion Activity*: What questions do we have?
- *Action*: Identify gaps (information, membership, services, etc.) and delegate who will seek more information about addressing them

- **October**

- *Education*: Available community resources/gaps
- *Work group reports*: recommendations around 2017 priorities
- *Discussion Activity*: How will we know if the 10 Year Plan is successful?
- *Action*: Set 2017 work plan priorities within framework of 5 strategies

Your Feedback is Encouraged!

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www.healthygh.org/housing for full text of
10 Year Plan