

THE COALITION FOR THE NEEDY

One-Year Strategy for Advancing the Ten Year Plan (2006-2007)

1. Improve Data Collection and Analysis

- a. Develop a better understanding of the needs of homeless families in OKC.
- b. Conduct/participate in housing needs assessment for HIV/AIDS (HOPWA study). Include HIV/AIDS service providers. Invite those participants to HOPWA training in June.
- c. Upgrade housing inventory of emergency shelters, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing by conducting mid-December site visits to:
 - i. Determine which programs serve the homeless, per HUD's definition
 - ii. Determine which programs qualify as transitional housing and which qualify as emergency shelters
- d. Point in Time improvements
 - i. Use phone surveys and site visits to update service/bed capacity (see above). Follow up with a call or email to confirm exact numbers on the actual PIT date.
 - ii. Enter street/meal site data live during PIT with a bank of on-site laptops.
 - iii. Obtain SPSS/SAS (statistical software) to calculate results

2. Develop New Programs

- a. Employment:
 - i. WestTown Resource Center employment services
 - ii. Workforce/WIA
 - iii. Begin dialog with private employment agencies.
- b. Research rapid re-housing and shelter diversion as possible strategies to decrease family homelessness.
 - i. Form a committee with representatives of organizations that serve families.

3. Continue On-going Efforts in Key Areas

- a. Continue to support improvements in discharge planning from healthcare, corrections and juvenile system institutions.
- b. Continue to promote and develop permanent supportive housing
 - i. Training
 - ii. Regular review and problem-solving of CEC/North Care project

4. Organizational Improvements to Coalition for the Needy

- a. Elect vice chair
- b. Update bylaws
- c. Update and support committee structure