



## Agenda Item Summary

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Continuum of Care (CoC) Strategic Action Plan Presentation**

**Presenter:**

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**Description:**

Detailed strategies adopted by the Keys to Home Homeless Continuum of Care

**Recommended Action:**

Hear the presentation

**Prior Board Motions:**

10/8/2024- Motion directing staff to engage certain stakeholders and to facilitate a workshop focusing on housing providers currently not working with the Continuum of Care (CoC).

**Fiscal Note:**

NA

**Strategic Guide:**

Housing

**Background:**

On October 8, 2024, the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners approved the following motion: 1. To accept the report and ask the Continuum of Care (COC) to come back in the Spring or late Winter with a plan of what they are going to do to adopt some of the recommendations in the report. 2. Staff to work towards joint meetings with the 4 counties listed in the report which are Levy, Bradford, Gilchrist, and Putnam in the coming year. The County is to help facilitate an engagement workshop with affordable housing providers not engaged with the COC, Emergency Service Providers, and the disengaged people who have left the COC, and any other appropriate participants to have some dialogue and collaboration with the COC about what the challenges are and develop a revised action plan for Alachua County and the surrounding Counties. An update is to be provided based on the engagements. 3. Continue to contract with the Street Outreach team in the amount of \$350,000 in coordination with GRACE Marketplace and the COC.

In response to the BoCC's directive, the CoC has adopted a Strategic Action Plan that incorporates engagement efforts aimed at various stakeholders including the general public, specifically in the area

of Alachua and Putnam Counties, individual meetings with Alachua County Commissioners, CoC General Membership Meetings and targeted stakeholders to include public safety, federal and state partner agencies.

Additionally, the CoC's information gathering included two workshops for the Leadership Council.

The Strategic Plan has adopted several overarching strategies to impact homelessness in its district. Some of the strategies are as follows:

- Ensure that all service providers within the CoC implement Housing First
- Work to move residents of encampments into housing
- Encourage community-wide planning
- Expand use of Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) with small agencies, faith-based providers, and non-funded agencies
- Enhance governance and facilitate improvements of HMIS, Data and Performance
- Expand CoC membership
- Provide housing and outreach services in a consistent manner
- Expand available alternative housing models
- Provide ongoing education to prevent at-risk people from losing housing
- Improve landlord relationships
- Expand diversion options and develop standards
- Expand prevention options and develop standards
- Enable hospitals/crisis stabilization units do not discharge people into homelessness
- Enable jails/prisons to not discharge people into homelessness
- Enable the foster system to not discharge youth into homelessness
- Enable the school system to connect student households with homeless services when needed
- Prioritize services of veteran households