

WALLA WALLA COUNTY 5-YEAR HOMELESS HOUSING PLAN – GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGY DETAIL

I. Goal: End homelessness in Walla Walla County in 5 years or by December 31, 2020.

Objective A: Implement diversion assistance to prevent homelessness.

Strategy 1: Successfully identify and divert all applicable households.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Provide training to coordinated entry staff on appropriate diversion interventions and how to administer these supports.	Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH)	January 2016	03/07/16 Melissa Espinoza, Neighborhood House; 04/15/16 Caleb Luther, Love Overwhelming
b) At each Pathways Home site, pre-screen all households for diversion assistance and administer any needed supports.	Pathways Home (i.e., coordinated entry)	August 2015	Ongoing-occurring at each Pathways Home site
c) Provide a "warm hand-off" when clients are referred from one entity to another (i.e., the referring agency will call the receiving agency advising of the client referral).	Pathways Home (i.e., coordinated entry), referring agencies	August 2015	Ongoing-occurring within housing provider network

Strategy 2: Assure the efficient and effective operation of coordinated entry.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Discuss coordinated entry at monthly Housing Providers/Ending Family Homelessness meetings and implement modifications as needed.	Pathways Home (i.e., coordinated entry), Housing Providers/Ending Family Homelessness Partners, DCH	August 2015	Discussed monthly, standing agenda item
b) Discuss coordinated entry at monthly Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee meetings and implement modifications as needed.	Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee, DCH	September 2015	Discussed monthly and modifications implemented as needed

Strategy 3: Use financial resources currently invested in shelter and transitional housing to create 200 diversion subsidies.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Limit or discontinue funding for shelter and transitional housing programs with county and/or state monies.	DCH	January 2016	County did not award any funding to shelters in January 2016; in January 2016, Comprehensive Mental Health converted 8 of their 13 transitional housing beds to permanent supportive housing beds
b) Allocate funding for diversion via Walla Walla County's annual Coordinated Homeless Housing Funding RFP.	DCH	September 2015	Diversion assistance identified as a priority in 2016 CHHF RFP and funding allocated
c) Award diversion projects via Walla Walla County's annual Coordinated Homeless Housing Funding RFP.	DCH	January 2016	Identified as priority, need to locate funding options to provide increased support for Diversion program.

STRATEGY 4: LOCATE OR CREATE LOW BARRIER SHELTER FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS SUCH AS SINGLE WOMEN AND FAMILIES OF ALL CONSTELLATIONS.

TASK	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a. IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR FISCAL OPPORTUNITIES and FACILITIES TO PROVIDE LOW BARRIER SHELTERS. Focusing on shelters serving single women, families of all constellations.	Council on Homelessness (COH), DCH	July 2017	Begin implementation process July 2017.
b. Examine and modify as appropriate ordinances that relate to shelter needs and resources including the use of non-shelter structures (e.g., non-profits and churches).	COH, DCH	July 2017	Began process in August 2017
c. DEVELOP DATA AND REPORTING METHODS TO MONITOR SHELTER NEEDS AND SHELTER CAPACITY COUNTY-WIDE.	COH, DCH	July 2017	

Objective B: Provide rapid re-housing and accompanying case management services for all non-chronically homeless households.

Strategy 1: Shift resources from emergency shelter and transitional housing to create 125 new rapid re-housing subsidies.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Limit or discontinue funding for shelter and transitional housing programs with county and/or state monies.	DCH	January 2016	County did not award any funding to shelters in January 2016; January 2016, Comprehensive Mental Health converted 8 of their 13 transitional housing beds to permanent supportive housing beds
b) With "freed up" funds, purchase rapid rehousing subsidies/services via Walla Walla County's annual Coordinated Homeless Housing Funding RFP.	DCH	September 2015	Funding granted to BMAQ, STAR Project via 2016 CHHF RFP
c) Award rapid rehousing projects via Walla Walla County's annual Coordinated Homeless Housing Funding RFP.	DCH	January 2016	Awards granted, contracts in place January 2016
d) Convene and engage affordable and market-rate landlords in an effort to make 125 units accessible to households who have screened out of housing and are homeless as a result. Possibly implement a campaign where landlords commit to a specific number of units.	DCH, area housing providers, landlord community	April 2016	Star Project-Master leasing (18 units) Landlord survey sent May 2017 Ongoing quarterly WWHA hosted Fair Housing Training for Community Landlords October 29, 2015

Strategy 2: Provide 150 additional new rapid rehousing subsidies for single adults.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Fund and award rapid rehousing projects through Walla Walla County's annual Coordinated Homeless Housing Funding RFP.	DCH and contracted agency(ies)	January 2016	Awards granted in January 2016 to Housing Authority, STAR Project, BMAC/HEN
b) Expand access to housing for single, difficult to house individuals with felony convictions through foundations, public and private grant funding. Continue to develop partnerships with Department of Corrections to secure support vouchers for those exiting institutions.	STAR Project	Ongoing	CHHF money awarded to STAR Project in January 2016 to serve Level 1 sex offenders in "STAR House" (11 beds total); DOC providing vouchers for Level 1 sex offenders exiting institutions for entry into STAR House, now titled Fields Transitional Services/Joe's Place #1 beginning July 2017

Strategy 3: Maintain existing rapid rehousing subsidies for families with children.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Fund and award existing rapid rehousing projects through Walla Walla County's annual Coordinated Homeless Housing Funding RFP.	DCH and contracted agency(ies)	January 2016	Ongoing
b) Allow for program entry leniency when serving intact families and fathers with children for whom emergency shelter does not exist. Serve these populations with 2163 or Homeless Housing funds, which will allow for leniency concerning the definition of homelessness.	DCH and contracted agency(ies)	January 2016	Ongoing

c) Apply for HUD McKinney-Vento funding through Washington State Department of Commerce as a part of the Balance of State.	Blue Mountain Action Council	Fall 2015	Applied for funds in October of 2015, October 2016, pending for 2017
d) Apply for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program funding from the Washington State Department of Commerce.	Walla Walla Housing Authority	June 2016	Ongoing, TBRA has been confirmed for 2017-2018
e) Expand access to housing for families (those who have a member with a felony conviction) through foundations, public and private grant funding.	STAR Project	Ongoing	Ongoing with Star Project

Strategy 4: Demonstrate to landlords that households will have the supports they need to be successful tenants. If necessary, invest financially in these supports.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Convene with local landlords and inquiry about supports needed.	DCH, rapid rehousing providers, landlord community	October 2015	WWHA hosted Fair Housing Training and convened community Landlords October 29, 2015
b) Provide any such reasonable supports.	DCH, rapid rehousing providers	November 2015	SSVF & BMAC ARE PROVIDING DOUBLE DEPOSITS
c) Fund any such reasonable supports.	DCH, rapid rehousing providers	January 2016	SSVF & BMAC ARE PROVIDING DOUBLE DEPOSITS

Strategy 5: Increase affordable housing for the non-chronically homeless by initiating a vote for a one-tenth of one percent sales tax or Emergency Housing Levy as decided by the community of Walla Walla allowable per ESHB 2263 and as passed by the Washington State Legislature in June of 2015.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Coordinate with Walla Walla County Assessor and others (e.g., school districts) to determine the best time to bring this issue before a vote of the people.	DCH	September 2015	Affordable housing work group-WW Valley Home Fund is in progress and meeting

				bi-weekly. Ballot measure is set for 4/2018
b)	Convene monthly meetings with Coordinating Committee and develop plans and strategies for use of funds.	DCH	September 2015	Committees are meeting bi-weekly, starting in March 2017
c)	Convene monthly with Coordinating Committee and develop public education strategy.	DCH	November 2015	Committees are meeting bi-weekly, starting in March 2017
d)	Brief Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners on concept.	DCH	April 2016	Set to presented to BOCC in Jan 2018
e)	Obtain Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners' approval to bring issue to a vote.	DCH	June 2016	January 2018
f)	Start public education.	DCH	3 months prior to vote	February 2018
g)	Vote on ballot measure.	DCH	TBD	April 2018

Strategy 6: Assure the efficient and effective operation of coordinated entry.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Discuss coordinated entry at monthly Housing Providers/Ending Family Homelessness meetings and implement modifications as needed.	Pathways Home (i.e., coordinated entry), Housing Providers/Ending Family Homelessness Partners, D DCH	August 2015	Policies implemented August 2015, revised to BMAC 2017
b) Discuss coordinated entry at monthly Coordinated Entry/Advisory Committee meetings and implement modifications as needed.	Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee, DCH	September 2015	Discussed at monthly meetings with CE providers. Focusing on having active working priority list within HMIS
c) Provide a "warm hand-off" when clients are referred from one entity to another (i.e., the referring agency will call the receiving agency advising of the client referral).	Pathways Home (i.e., coordinated entry providers) and referring agencies	August 2015	Reviewed at each housing providers meeting and at monthly CE meeting

Objective C: Help at-risk and unaccompanied homeless youth, 13-17 years of age, reach their highest potential through the provision of services and supports including temporary shelter.

Strategy 1: Provide individualized wrap-around services to at-risk and homeless youth so they can be diverted from homelessness or exit homelessness as quickly as possible.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Pre-screen and divert youth from entering the homeless system whenever possible.	Pathways Home (i.e., coordinated entry),	August 2015	Implement youth CE through Teen Center, opening September 2017
b) Create a 'youth center' whereby youth can access multiple services at one location.	Blue Mountain Action Council	September 2017	Starting September 2017
c) Provide short-term shelter stays for youth lacking permanent housing options.	Blue Mountain Action Council, Catholic Charities Walla Walla	September 2017	Starting September 2017
d) Assure youth receive needed services and supports based on their unique circumstances.	Blue Mountain Action Council, Catholic Charities, Children's Home Society, Health Center at Lincoln	September 2017	Starting September 2017

Strategy 2: Seek appropriate funding for the construction of a youth shelter.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Local homeless funds will be utilized to the extent feasible and appropriate.	Youth Alliance Leadership Team	2016	COMPLETED-2.2 MILLION RAISED AS OF JULY 2017

Strategy 3: Assure the efficient and effective operation of coordinated entry.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Discuss coordinated entry at monthly Housing Providers/Ending Family Homelessness meetings and implement modifications as needed.	Pathways Home (i.e., coordinated entry), Housing Providers/Ending Family Homelessness Partners, DCH	August 2015	POICIES IMPLEMENTED AUGUST 2015, REVISED IN JANUARY 2017
b) Discuss coordinated entry at monthly Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee meetings and implement modifications as needed.	Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee, DCH	September 2015	DISCUSSED AT MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH CE PROVIDERS. FOCUSING ON HAVING WORKING PRIORITY LIST WITHIN HMIS

c) Provide a "warm hand-off" when clients are referred from one entity to another (i.e., the referring agency will call the receiving agency advising of the client referral).	Pathways Home (i.e., coordinated entry), referring agencies	August 2015	DISCUSSED AT MONTHLY HOUSING PROVIDER MEETINGS AND CE MEETINGS
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Objective D: Maximize resources in an effort to meet the behavioral and primary healthcare needs of homeless households.

Strategy 1: Become involved in the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance's (WLIHA) efforts to create a Medicaid benefit to purchase services for residents living in supportive housing.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Maintain ongoing contact with the WLIHA for purposes of remaining informed on this issue.	DCH	August 2015	Medicaid foundational support-Medicaid waiver 1115 in process of implementation
b) Share opportunities for advocacy with Walla Walla Council on Homelessness.	DCH	August 2015	Completed July 2017- Work group meeting July 6, 2017
c) Respond promptly when advocacy action is requested by the WLIHA.	Members of the Walla Walla Council on Homelessness	August 2015	Completed July 2015

Strategy 2: Create a patient advocacy program that brings together primary and behavioral healthcare providers (who serve people with the greatest needs) and housing providers to establish pathways for "warm hand-offs" when people leave acute medical care. Create release of information systems to allow for providers to deliver team-oriented care.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Meet with Comprehensive Healthcare on how to successfully implement.	DCH	January 2016	GCACH-transitions groups/bi-directional groups in progress. Projects due August 17, 2017 Plan to take recommendations to WW work group

b)	Develop plans with, Comprehensive Healthcare, Family Medical Center, Providence Saint Mary Physician Group, Serenity Point, and Walla Walla Clinic to discuss care coordination.	DCH	March 2016	
c)	Meet with Blue Mountain Action Council, Comprehensive Healthcare, and Walla Walla Housing Authority on issues.	DCH	April 2016	
d)	Develop plan and process for information transfer.	DCH	June 2016	
e)	Test process.	DCH	September 2016	
f)	Revise plan and process.	DCH	November 2016	
g)	Implement plan.	DCH	January 2017	
h)	Evaluate results.	DCH	July 2017	

Objective E: Provide opportunities for homeless, formerly homeless and at-risk households to increase their income through employment and/or educational offerings. For those unemployed, help them manage/maintain their income through protective payee services.

Strategy 1: Create employment programs that help targeted households earn income and gain work experience.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a)	Research resources needed to create an employment related social enterprise.	Walla Walla Housing Authority and other parties yet to be identified	January 2016 Ongoing with BMAC, needs increased funding
b)	Provide job training opportunities tied to the employment incentives of the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA).	WorkSource Walla Walla and/or Blue Mountain Action Council WorkSource Affiliate	TBD
c)	Employ recent federal policy changes (WIOA and HEARTH) to engage and partner with effective, specialized employment services to keep households who are in housing programs employed and stably housed.	WorkSource Walla Walla and/or Blue Mountain Action Council WorkSource Affiliate	TBD
d)	Partner with the Department of Labor Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and American Job Center (AJC)/One-Stop to offer multiple employment related services to homeless/formerly	WorkSource Walla Walla and/or Blue Mountain Action Council WorkSource Affiliate	TBD

homeless/housing subsidized households with a range of employment needs.			
e) Help targeted population find and apply for jobs, practice for interviews, and ensure they know how to make good impressions.	IMPACT! Life Transitions Program	September 2015	
f) Educate employment and education sectors on homeless resources so they can become navigators and help people access diversion and housing resources.	Pathways Home (i.e., coordinated entry)	November 2015	

Strategy 2: Increase protective payee services available in Walla Walla County.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Encourage non-profit or private entities to increase provision for protective payee services.	COH	2016	CAPECO is providing some Payee services to WW, but have not been able to make contact with CAPECO for further follow up Limited Payee services with Comprehensive Healthcare and Valley Residential Services

Objective F: Become a national leader by harnessing community energy and interest and directing efforts towards permanent housing solutions.

Strategy 1: Identify ways that community members and businesses can invest their time, energy, passion, and resources helping people exit homelessness by interviewing providers, people who are homeless, and community members.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Convene meeting and establish a plan to conduct survey effort.	COH	2016	At WWCOH meeting in November 2016 it was decided that adequate

			interest was present in the community and therefore the council decided to forgo the survey and move directly to engaging community members who were interested in addressing homelessness
b) Establish and agree upon a survey instrument and a timeline for implementation.	COH	2016	Opted to forgo in November 2016
c) Implement survey.	COH	2016	Opted to forgo in November 2016
d) Compile results of survey.	DCH	2016	Opted to forgo in November 2016
e) Based on results, work with United Way of Walla Walla County to generate identified volunteer opportunities.	COH, United Way of Walla Walla County	2016	Opted to forgo in November 2016
f) Encourage interested volunteers to access volunteer opportunities through United Way's Get Connected website.	COH	2016	Opted to forgo in November 2016

Strategy 2: Increase landlords' understanding of the needs of people who are homeless. Ask them what they need from the greater community to "take a chance on someone" and move them out of homelessness.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Host landlord forum and provide information on reasonable accommodations and renting to high barrier households.	Walla Walla Housing Authority, Blue Mountain Action Council	October 2015	Fair Housing Survey October 2015 Landlord survey sent May 2017 Schedule landlord forum for 2017

b)	Collaborate with Walla Walla Police Department's Crime Free Rental Housing in an effort to connect with landlords, obtain information from them and increase landlords on "interested landlord list."	COH	2016	WWCDCH has requested to present at next year's Crime Free Rental seminar 2018
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Strategy 3: Expand Walla Walla's ambassador program to create system navigator roles to support people who are navigating the homeless, healthcare, educational, and/or employment systems. Station these trained volunteer navigators at churches, schools, grocery stores, and libraries.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Provide input to Walla Walla Police Department on Ambassador Program's implementation and encourage ongoing efforts and expansion of program.	COH	December 2015	Implemented in summer of 2015
b) Provide resource training and accompanying materials to local soup kitchens leads so they can act as navigators to those whom they serve.	DCH, Pathways Home (i.e., coordinated entry)	2016	Ongoing each year from May-November Needs implementation & marketing

Strategy 4: Establish portals of entry for community members who want to volunteer their time to end homelessness.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Increase communication efforts regarding volunteer opportunities through United Way's Get Connected website.	United Way of Walla Walla County	September 2015	Ongoing-Occurs with United Way's Warming Center & Alliance for the Homeless each year
b) Generate/provide volunteer opportunities.	United Way of Walla Walla County & Alliance for the Homeless	September 2015	

Strategy 5: Consolidate all homeless funds, available through local governments, agencies and foundations, and create a single portal of entry by which these funds will be allocated on an annual, coordinated funding cycle.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Convene with all local entities that fund homeless programs and share concept.	DCH	2016	Completed July 2017
b) Establish a plan of action for consolidating homeless funds.	DCH, United Way of Walla Walla County, Blue Mountain Community Foundation, Sherwood Trust	2016	Completed July 2017
c) Share established plan with any potential grantees and community at large.	DCH	2016	Completed July 2017
d) Implement plan.	DCH, United Way of Walla Walla County, Blue Mountain Community Foundation, Sherwood Trust	January 2017	Completed July 2017

Objective G: Maximize collaboration and coordination of homeless service provision through data collection.

Strategy 1: Assure that housing providers are using the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) consistently, that data is of high quality, that all providers are Walla Walla County Interagency Data Sharing Agreement signatory parties, and data is used for evaluation and planning purposes.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Discuss HMIS regularly at Homeless Providers/Ending Family Homelessness meetings and follow-up as needed on issues or concerns.	DCH, HMIS program users, Washington State Department of Commerce	Ongoing	Ongoing
b) Assist new housing providers in establishing themselves as HMIS users and include them in the data sharing agreement.	DCH, new HMIS program users, Washington State Department of Commerce	Ongoing	Ongoing-Training July 7, 2017 for new and current users; Catholic Charities, YWCA, WWDCH, Comprehensive Healthcare, Field Transition Services

c) On monthly basis, check the Homeless Management Information System for data quality.	DCH, HMIS program users	Ongoing	Ongoing
d) Use data as needed for program evaluation and planning purposes	DCH	Ongoing	Ongoing
e) Assure the goals of the 5-Year Plan are being met by analyzing and reviewing existing HMIS data annually.	DCH and COH	November 2016	Need to develop new reporting methods from commerce for easier monitoring

Objective H: Inform the county and community of best practices related to ending homelessness.

Strategy 1: The Walla Walla Council on Homelessness will be informed on evidence-based practices related to homelessness and will hold “dig deeper” discussions at council meetings on topics such as healthcare and employment opportunities for persons who are homeless.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Plan and hold “dig deeper” discussions at quarterly council meetings.	DCH and COH	2016	Meetings have been moved to bi-monthly starting July 2017
b) Research and learn about best practices related to homelessness and inform and advise county on potential implementation from learning gleaned.	COH	2016	Ongoing
c) Make the public aware of best practice models.	COH	January 2017	WWDCH has been present for multiple engagements in 2017 to discuss best practices for addressing homelessness

II. Goal: End chronic homelessness in 1 year or by December 31, 2016.

Objective A: Engage and provide permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless population.

Strategy 1: Maintain existing permanent supportive housing units and increase units by 22 for chronically homeless adults.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Maintain current permanent supportive housing units for families with children.	Blue Mountain Action Council	Ongoing	Ongoing
b) Convert all or a portion of existing transitional housing beds (currently provided by Comprehensive Healthcare and the Walla Walla Housing Authority) to qualify supportive housing that aligns with evidence based practices.	DCH, Comprehensive Healthcare, Walla Walla Housing Authority, Valley Residential Services	January 2015	Transitioned beds converted from transitional to PSH in 2016
c) Consider whether a portion of the Housing Authority's subsidies can be project-based to house a percentage of the 35 people who are chronically homeless.	Walla Walla Housing Authority	2015	Funding approved for 12 Chronic Homeless Vouchers 2016-2017. Housed 14 in 2016.
d) Advocate for ongoing funding for the Housing And Recovery through Peer Services (HARPS) program currently administered by Comprehensive Healthcare (Walla Walla Center).	COH	TBD	Contract was renewed for 3 rd year in 2017
e) Use resources currently invested in shelter and transitional housing to pay for rental subsidies and robust services in supportive housing.	DCH	January 2016	

Strategy 2: Require all supportive housing to use housing first and harm reduction models so supportive housing serves the populations that need it most.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Examine existing supportive housing programs' screening and tenancy criteria to identify barriers and determine why turnover is high.	DCH, Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee, Comprehensive Healthcare & Alliance for the Homeless	November 2015	Ongoing-reviewed at monitoring times

Strategy 3: Dedicate the 2016 allocation of 2060 Affordable Housing funds in the Consolidated Homeless Housing RFP to rental assistance vouchers for the chronically homeless population.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
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a)	Determine funding available and set-aside for this purpose.	DCH	September 2015	12 vouchers awarded
b)	Document this as a priority in the RFP Narrative for the 2016 Coordinated Homeless Housing Funding Application.	DCH	September 2015	Completed

Strategy 4: Engage the chronically homeless through street outreach and provide them with permanent supportive housing.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Continue providing existing street outreach including applying for ongoing funding, i.e., Housing And Recovery through Peer Services (HARPS) and Walla Walla County's Behavioral Tenth of 1% funds.	Comprehensive Healthcare (Walla Walla Center), Alliance for the Homeless	September 2015	Ongoing- HARP's from Comprehensive healthcare performs street outreach week to City Sleep Center
b) Assist and link people who are homeless and congregating in the downtown core areas to services that meet their personal needs including permanent supportive housing.	Walla Walla Police Department, Comprehensive Healthcare (Walla Walla Center), Pathways Home (i.e., coordinated entry), area service providers	Ongoing	Ongoing-Ambassador program provides services daily from May-November each year
c) Expand street outreach by applying for additional, applicable funding.	Comprehensive Healthcare (Walla Walla Center), Walla Walla Police Department	TBD	Funding applied for when made available annually
d) Improve interagency coordination amongst street outreach entities and coordinated entry providers in an effort to efficiently and promptly house the chronic homeless population.	Ambassadors Program Comprehensive Healthcare (Walla Walla Center), Walla Walla Police Department, Pathways Home (i.e., coordinated entry)	2016	Needs to be implemented

Strategy 5: Increase affordable housing for the chronically homeless by initiating a vote for a one-tenth of one percent sales tax or Emergency Housing Levy as decided by the community of Walla Walla allowable per ESHB 2263 and as passed by the Washington State Legislature in June of 2015.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
a) Coordinate with Walla Walla County Assessor and others (e.g., school districts) to determine the best	DCH	September 2015	Affordable housing work group is meeting bi-weekly to prepare

	time to bring this issue before a vote of the people.			for 4/2018 ballot measure
b)	Convene monthly meetings with Coordinating Committee and develop plans and strategies for use of funds.	DCH	September 2015	In process
c)	Convene monthly with Coordinating Committee and develop public education strategy.	DCH	November 2015	In process
d)	Brief Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners on concept.	DCH	April 2016	Completed fall of 2016
e)	Obtain Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners' approval to bring issue to a vote.	DCH	June 2016	Pending approval on survey/ results early fall 2017
f)	Start public education.	DCH	3 months prior to vote	February 2018
g)	Vote on 0.1% sales tax.	DCH	TBD	April 2018

Strategy 6: Assure the efficient and effective operation of coordinated entry.

TASKS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY(IES)	START DATE	STATUS
c) Discuss coordinated entry at monthly Housing Providers/Ending Family Homelessness meetings and implement modifications as needed.	Pathways Home (i.e., coordinated entry), Housing Providers/Ending Family Homelessness Partners, DCH	August 2015	Policies implemented August 2015 Revised to BMAC in January 2017
d) Discuss coordinated entry at monthly Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee meetings and implement modifications as needed.	Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee, DCH	September 2015	Discussed at monthly meetings with CE providers. Focusing on having working priority list within HMIS
e) Provide a "warm hand-off" when clients are referred from one entity to another (i.e., the referring agency will call the receiving agency advising of the client referral).	Pathways Home (i.e., coordinated entry), referring agencies	August 2015	Reviewed at each housing providers meeting and at monthly CE meeting

