**Housing Work Group Strategic Action Plan**

2016-2018

**Vision:** All persons in Morgan, Berkeley and Jefferson Counties have safe, appropriate and affordable housing.

**Mission:** To foster availability of housing through education and advocacy.

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| **Goals** | **Action Steps and Timetable** | **Committee/Person(s) Responsible** | **Resources Needed** |
| **Reduce homelessness and the risk of homelessness**  **Help families and individuals remain in safe, decent and affordable housing** | **Collaboration with Self-Sufficiency Work Group *Ongoing***  Calendar of dates, times and locations for:   * Successful Renters Program (**SRP**) * Money Matters (**MM**) * WV Treasurer’s Get A Life Program (middle/high school) (**WVGALP**) | **Kathie Campbell**, Stephanie Clark, Rosa Eggleton, Ellie Johnson, Jason Mansfield, Jennie Shriner, Ben Smith, Nan Stevens | **SRP** - Student referrals and instructors  **MM** – Referrals and outreach  **WVGALP** – WV Treasurer’s Office and School(s) Participation |
| **Collaboration with Behavioral Health Work Group *Ongoing***   * Share information on available housing resources | **Ariel Place,** Ellie Johnson, Jason Mansfield, Cosby Potter- Davis, Christin Rice, Ben Smith | Street Guides  Apartment List and  Landlord Contact Information |
| **Housing Prioritization Meetings *Semi - monthly*** | **Glenda Helman**  **Robin Kees** | Permanent Supportive Housing  Rapid Re-Housing |
| **Unmet Housing Needs and Service Delivery Gaps *Ongoing***   * Review information collected from Regional Resource Connection * Identify gaps in meeting needs and seek opportunities for collaboration * Immigrant, multi-cultural services * Foster Care (**MODIFY**=**M**entoring & **O**versight for **D**evelopIng **I**ndependence with **F**oster **Y**outh) and Chafee Referrals * Rental housing for Veterans – identify additional Landlords | **Brittany Young, Ellie Johnson & Ben Smith**  Housing Work Group Members | Monthly discussion  Housing Work Group  Self-Sufficiency Work Group  Behavioral Work Group  Habitat for Humanity |
| **Legal Aid Education in Morgan County *Ongoing*** | **Audrey Morris,** Nan Stevens | WV Legal Services |
| **Homebuyer Education and Credit Counseling *Ongoing***   * Partnership for Affordable Housing * Telamon Corporation | **Rosa Eggleton**  **Jennie Shriner** | Promotion of services and referrals |

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|  | **Community Reentry after Incarceration *TBD***   * Identify housing and other resources to assist people with state and federal criminal records and their families as they reenter the Eastern Panhandle community * Disseminate information | **Cosby Potter-Davis**  Housing Work Group Members and collaboration with Behavioral Health and Self-Sufficiency Work Groups | WV Legal Services  Eastern Regional Jail  211 |
| **Increase community and political knowledge of local housing needs, resources and solutions** | **Point in Time Survey *January – Annually***   * Conduct survey on homelessness in tri-county * Inform public and elected officials | **Jason Mansfield,** Housing Work Group Members, Morgan and Jefferson County agencies | Volunteers |
| **Point in Time Survey Planning** ***Ongoing***   * Create a steps/action calendar * Determine donation/contribution needs from community at-large * Identify collection sites. Create and distribute flyers. Utilize e-mail blasts to promote. | **Jason Mansfield,** Ellie Johnson, Glenda Helman, Robin Kees, Audrey Morris, Jennifer Painter | Housing Work Group Members  Community at-large  Civic Organizations  Chambers of Commerce |
| **Outreach Activities *Ongoing***   * Invite new members to participate in Housing Work Group * Inform/engage elected officials, community leaders and business community in addressing housing needs. | Housing Work Group Members | Housing Fact Sheet |
| **Housing Fact Sheet *Fall - Annually***  Develop and disseminate tri-county housing fact sheet to include related demographics on homelessness, people at risk of homelessness, poverty, housing affordability and homebuyer statistics. | **Nan Stevens**, Kathie Campbell, Karin Dunn, Mary Ann Head, Glenda Helman, Robin Kees, Nancy Strine, Dan VanBellegham | Census, HAP homebuyer data, EP BOR- MRIS home sales, Point in Time Survey results |
| **Fair Housing Month Awareness and Education *Annually – April***   * Promote Fair Housing awareness through distribution of posters, news articles, PSA’s * Inform Lenders, Realtors, Home Builders Associations, Local Governments, Landlords Association, County Magistrates | **Nancy Strine** | Posters, news articles, PSA’s, Proclamations etc. for distribution  Attendance at meetings |
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|  | **Homeownership Month Promotion *Annually – June***   * Promote homeownership financing opportunities through distribution of posters, news articles, PSA’s | **Nancy Strine**, Karin Dunn, Rosa Eggleton, Jennie Shriner, Nan Stevens | Posters, news articles, PSA’s, etc. |
| **National Hunger and Homelessness Week *Annually - November***   * Promote awareness of homelessness through news articles, local government proclamations, news articles, PSA’s, etc. | **Glenda Helman** | Churches, Elected Officials, Media |
| **Increase housing resources and the capacity of nonprofit housing providers** | **Berkeley County Cold Weather Shelter *TBD***   * Project funding, development and operation | **Cosby Potter-Davis**  Housing Work Group Members | Mentors |
| **Project Funding Opportunities *Ongoing***   * Monitor and share information about grant opportunities available to nonprofit organizations for housing and related projects | **Penny Porter**  Housing Work Group Members | Project ideas |
| **Community Solution Items *Ongoing***   * Subsidized housing waiting lists * Family crises shelters * Lack of assisted living units for the elderly * Home repair | **Penny Porter**  Housing Work Group Members | Housing Work Group Members |

**Organizations represented on the Housing Work Group:**

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| Berkeley Medical Center – Behavioral Health Unit  Catholic Charities WV – Immigration and Refugee Service  Catholic Charities WV – Promise House Family Resource Center  City of Martinsburg  Community Networks, Inc.  Faith Community Coalition for the Homeless  Good Samaritan Free Clinic  Habitat for Humanity of the Eastern Panhandle | Partnership for Affordable Housing  Shenandoah Community Health  Starting Points  Telamon Corporation  United Way of the Eastern Panhandle  Veterans Affairs Medical Center  WV Coalition to End Homelessness |