**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 GuidesApartment List and Landlord Contact Information |
| **Housing Prioritization Meetings *Semi - monthly***  | **Glenda Helman****Robin Kees** | Permanent Supportive HousingRapid 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 discussionHousing Work GroupSelf-Sufficiency Work GroupBehavioral Work GroupHabitat 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 ServicesEastern Regional Jail211 |
| **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 MembersCommunity at-largeCivic OrganizationsChambers 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 UnitCatholic Charities WV – Immigration and Refugee ServiceCatholic Charities WV – Promise House Family Resource CenterCity of MartinsburgCommunity Networks, Inc.Faith Community Coalition for the Homeless Good Samaritan Free ClinicHabitat for Humanity of the Eastern Panhandle | Partnership for Affordable HousingShenandoah Community HealthStarting PointsTelamon Corporation United Way of the Eastern PanhandleVeterans Affairs Medical CenterWV Coalition to End Homelessness |