



Ending Homelessness in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community

Update on Affordable Housing and
Associated Services

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Agenda

- Fairfax County Housing Blueprint
- Updates
 - Housing Options Task Group
 - Housing Locator Program
 - HOST – Housing Opportunities Support Teams
- Q&A



Fairfax County Housing Blueprint

- Endorsed in January 2010 by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.
- Focuses on providing housing for those with the greatest need.
- Reflects the need for affordable housing from people who are homeless to first-time buyers.



Fairfax County Housing Blueprint

■ Goals

1. End homelessness in 10 years.
2. Provide affordable housing options to those with special needs.
3. Reduce the waiting lists for affordable housing by half in 10 years.
4. Produce workforce housing sufficient to accommodate projected job growth.



Fairfax County Housing Blueprint

- FY 2011 progress to date
 - Agreement to provide housing for extremely low-income persons with mental illness and/or substance abuse who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
 - Use of Family Unification Program Vouchers.
 - Acquisition of units by nonprofit partners for homeless individuals and families.
 - “Bridging Affordability” program.



Update: Housing Options Task Group

- Collaborates across various county agencies, nonprofits, faith-based communities and housing developers.
- Evaluates how to reach the goal of ending homelessness in 10 years through viable housing options.
- Creates 10-year plan annual housing goals.



Update: Housing Options Task Group

- Progress during the past year
 - Development of five housing options differentiated by the housing program type and intensity level of the associated services.
 - Presentation of annual housing goals and related four-year action plan to Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Housing and Development Committee on Jan. 19.



Update: Housing Options Task Group

- Housing options
 - Permanent supportive housing (PSH) with
 1. 24-hour care with staffing.
 2. Intensive supports.
 3. Moderate supports.
 - Permanent housing (PH) with
 4. Time-limited supports.
 5. No supports beyond those typically available to any community member.

Update: Housing Options Task Group

FY 2010 Unit Target Outcome

Type of Housing and Associated Supports	Unit Target Goal FY 2010	Units Completed in FY 2010 ¹
PSH – 24-Hour Care	0	0
PSH – Intensive Supports	11	10
PSH – Moderate Supports	5	8
PH – Time-limited Supports	108	85
PH – No Supports	0	0
Total	124	103

10-Year Plan Unit Target To-Date

Type of Housing and Associated Supports	Unit Target Goal	Units Completed To Date (End of FY2010)
PSH – 24-Hour Care	58	0
PSH – Intensive Supports	430	10
PSH – Moderate Supports	430	8
PH – Time-limited Supports	975	85
PH – No Supports	757	0
Total	2,650	103



Update: Housing Locator Program

- Represents housing specialists whose focus is finding stable, affordable housing for people who are homeless.
- Expects to move more than 150 low-income homeless families into housing over the next year.
- Helps homeless clients access programs to open up new housing options to many people who once had none.



Update: HOST

■ Where we were

- Agency and geography centered service availability and provision.
- Agencies collaborated on high-level thinking, but not on ground-level service provision.
- Locating affordable and appropriate housing seen as a difficult or impossible task.
- A person had to become homeless before supportive services could be provided.

Update: HOST

- Where we are now
 - Access to same intake and services regardless of where clients enter the system.
 - Unprecedented levels of partnership and collaboration.
 - Locating and maintaining affordable and appropriate housing is a priority.



Update: HOST

■ Success stories

- Over 900 people have received the services and supports they need to prevent and end their homelessness.
- 84 percent of the people who exited the program secured permanent housing.



Update: HOST

■ Challenge

- Homeless Placement and Rapid Re-Housing program (HPRP) has helped launch and implement HOST:
 - More than \$1.7 million allocated to be provided over 3 years.
 - Close to \$1.3 million spent in the first 10 months.



Update: HOST

- Challenge
 - At this rate, financial assistance available through HPRP will be exhausted in approximately 5 months.



Update: HOST

■ Solution

- The opportunity to keep hundreds and even thousands of people in their homes is dependent on the community as a whole investing in homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing.



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Questions?*

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