

Red Wing Community Planning Session on Homelessness and Housing Instability: Summary of Community Discussion #2

- Held Monday, November 1, 6:00 – 7:30 PM at 419 Bush St., Red Wing
- After welcomes and introductions, we reviewed the vision document developed from meeting #1. Revisions have been made to the document based on comments from the group on 11/1.
- Facilitators then reviewed the homeless response systems maps that were developed by topic work groups that met in between the October and November meetings. Participants were given an opportunity to ask questions and make clarifications.
- Participants were asked to brainstorm solutions to better align the existing system with the proposed vision:

What strategies or actions can be taken to better align the existing system with our vision? Consider:

- ✓ Are we using a **Housing First** approach? Are people quickly connected to permanent housing?
- ✓ Is the homeless response system **person-centered**? Is it driven by the person's needs and strengths? Are resources designed to address the needs of the whole person?
- ✓ Are there opportunities for **community-wide** engagement? Are housing developers/property managers involved? Are roles for volunteers and others who work with people experiencing homelessness clear?
- ✓ How **accessible** are resources? Is there a clear process for accessing resources? Is everyone well-informed about the resources and how to access them?
- ✓ How can we work more **collaboratively**? Is there any unnecessary duplication of efforts? Is the system **well-resourced**? Are services fully funded? Are there gaps in services?

Participants wrote responses on post-it notes which were organized into categories within their respective topics (affordable/supportive housing, emergency shelter and homeless prevention). These strategies have been collected and incorporated into a single document listing proposed strategies to date.

- Next steps:
 - Participants were invited to work group sessions to take place before the next large group meeting. At the work groups, we will be prioritizing strategies and developing next steps. Meetings will be held virtually at the dates and times listed below and are open to anyone. You can also register at the links below:

- [Affordable/Supportive Housing Work Group](#): Monday, Nov 15, 2 PM – 3:30 PM
 - [Homeless Prevention Work Group](#): Friday, November 19, 10 AM – 11: 30 AM
 - [Emergency Shelter Work Group](#): Thursday, Dec 2, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
- The large group will reconvene on Monday, December 6, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM at 419 Bush St. We will be working towards completing the plan to address homelessness and housing instability in Red Wing.
 - The homeless study and information about meetings are available here: <http://mn-redwing.civicplus.com/1072/Homelessness-and-Housing-Instability>