Chittenden County Homeless Alliance Strategic Plan August 2017

Common Agenda: Homelessness in Chittenden County will be rare and brief.

All people who are experiencing homelessness in Chittenden County who want housing become stably and safely housed through access to a responsive, comprehensive and coordinated system of care.

Situationally Available as Individually Appropriate

People There is a People can Housing is get help sufficient Applicant is acceptable to landlord affordable with back supply of other living rent, housing units situations mortgage (more payments affordable, Applicant has a and more utilities supportive, barriers arising navigation more safe) rental deposit nistory (or lack of people subsidy with vacan[.] rental history), apartments including a risk pool, landlord

Keep people safe and as stable as possible while they are not housed

Children

receive

McKinney-

Vento

(education

stability)

services

Shelter is available to all at all hours

violence

Community
offers
different
types of
shelter:
sober, low
barrier,
daytime and
day sleeping

Populations can be are accessible to people with disabilities families, youth, victims of

People have access to food, showers, laundry and other basic necessities

People are protected against violence and theft, especially when living rough

Good police relationships

Universally Available as Individually Appropriate - Safety planning - Financial counseling

and/or supportive service plan is eliminated

- Connections to jobs, training, child care, health services and mainstream benefits
- Individualized supportive services, both episodic and ongoing (permanent)
- Building social network with positive supportive relationships

Guiding Principles:

- Programs and systems are inclusive and culturally competent
- We engage people with lived experience when we design, implement and evaluate program and systems
- All interactions are trauma-informed
- We provide multigenerational services for families
- We know people by name and we know what their individual needs are
- We use standardized assessment at all doors so that people have fair and equitable access to resources

Common Measures of Progress:

- Number of people experiencing homelessness (Rare)
- Length of time people remain homeless (Brief)
- The extent to which people who exit homelessness to permanent housing destinations return to homelessness (Stable)
- The extent to which people become homeless for the first time (Stable)