

# Utah Homelessness Council (UHC)

Agenda Item 4.b. - Executive Summary

## Purpose:

- Decision
  - Informational
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**Meeting Date:** February 8, 2024

**Subject:** Strategic Plan Implementation Committee

**Submitted by:** Office of Homeless Services (OHS)

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## CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTS

Strategic Plan, Utah's Plan to Address Homelessness:

<https://jobs.utah.gov/homelessness/homelessnessstrategicplan.pdf>

Strategic Plan Implementation Recommendations:

<https://jobs.utah.gov/homelessness/ohsplanrecommend.pdf>

## SUMMARY

The State of Utah Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness calls for the creation of the Joint Strategic Plan Implementation Committee recognizing the implementation of the strategic plan goals requires continued planning and assessment from regional and local partners, as well as leadership and support from state agencies.

During the plan implementation process the Utah Office of Homeless Services (OHS) will work with stakeholders, including a diverse group of adults and youth with lived experience of homelessness, to identify plan priorities for implementation and define concrete next steps towards achieving the plan goals. The following recommendations and action steps are meant to assist with this process. (Strategic Plan Implementation, Page 2)

1. Create a Joint Strategic Plan Implementation Committee which includes adults and youth with lived experience of homelessness, to take ownership and leadership of and accountability for, the strategic plan implementation.
2. Collaboratively prioritize strategies into short-, medium-, and long-term timeframes, considering available resources, impact, and support for each.
3. Select initial strategies for implementation, based on capacity, and assign responsibility to a lead entity or smaller task force.
4. Convene annual plan update session to report on progress of goals to allow for accountability and create ongoing opportunities for stakeholder feedback.

## **IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES ROADMAP TO IMPLEMENTATION**

- Adults and youth with lived experience of homelessness should be involved at every stage of the planning and implementation process.
- Equity, including racial equity, should be assessed at every stage of the planning and implementation processes for each goal. Please find further recommendations for implementing measures and practices that ensure racial equity here.
- The Utah Homeless Services Officer, in partnership with, the Utah Homelessness Council, the Utah Homeless Network, and people with lived experience, should engage state and local entities to participate in innovative planning and budgeting processes for all recommendations related to increasing investments and resources.
- OHS and other stakeholders should support Continua of Care and Local Homeless Councils across the state in efforts to increase funding, infrastructure, and reach for their HMIS and coordinated entry systems and partners who use them. This will assist with furthering both robust data tracking as well as rapid placement into permanent housing for the most vulnerable populations of people experiencing homelessness in Utah.

## **JOINT STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION SUBCOMMITTEES REQUIRED**

- Health Care (Goal 2)
- Prevention/Discharge (Goal 3)
- Cross System Initiatives (Goal 5)

The State Homeless Coordinator has confirmed participation of the following members:

Wayne Niederhauser	Utah Homelessness Coordinator
Tricia Davis	Office of Homeless Services
Nune Phillips	Department of Health and Human Services
Tonya Hales	Department of Health and Human Services
Emily Willis	Governor's Office of Planning and Budget
Beau Mason	Department of Public Safety
Eric Barker	Department of Corrections
Rebecca Banner	Department of Workforce Services
Sarah Nielson	Department of Workforce Services, Communications Division
Jeff Ojeda	Utah State Board of Education
Brian Higgins	Lived Experience
Molly Wheeler	Utah League of Cities and Towns
Heather Hogue	CoC - Mountainland
Peggy Green	CoC – Balance of State
Jen Campbell	CoC – Salt Lake County
Steve Hunter	Utah Association of Counties

A meeting of the Strategic Plan Implementation Committee is scheduled for February 2024.