Introduction to MDHI & Efforts for Local Planning on Homelessness Coordinated at a Regional Level

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What is MDHI?

• **Mission**: Leading and advancing collaboration to end homelessness in our region

• **Metro Denver Continuum of Care (CoC)** - a regional system that coordinates services and housing for people experiencing homelessness

• **Region Includes**: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson

• **Coordinates the Point-in-Time (PIT), Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), OneHome (Coordinated Entry System), The State of Homelessness Report, Annual NOFA**
Coordination years in the making – *local planning coordinated at a regional level*

HMIS (Homeless Management Information System), Coordinated Entry, local planning & progress

Public and elected will to coordinate regionally on local solutions

Expanded resources for homelessness

Context for Regional Coordination – Why Now?
The Rollout

- There will be three phases
- Different set of stakeholders involved, centered on regional coordination with Built for Zero framework
- Phases occur at the overall regional level & the local level to meaningfully include the right individuals & communities
Phase 1 – Convening of Elected Officials

Who
Mayors, County Commissioners, City Council Members, and City Managers in seven county region, select State/Federal partners

Why
The critical role that must be played at a regional level

Foundation that has been built over the past three years at the local, regional, and statewide levels

Actions that can be taken by leaders to help clear the path for reductions grounded in equity

When
March 18, 2021 8:30-11:30 via Zoom for invitees, livestream Facebook

Outcomes
Pledge to coordination of local planning at regional level with MDHI using Built for Zero framework
Built for Zero Framework

Movement of more than 80 communities, proving it is possible to measurably end homelessness, one population at a time
REAL RESULTS.

A data-driven movement is redefining what is possible in ending homelessness.

84 communities are participating in Built for Zero

14 communities have ended veteran or chronic homelessness

129,602 individuals housed by Built for Zero communities since 2015

49 communities have achieved a measurable reduction

83 communities have achieved quality real-time data
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HIDE THE LIST

- Albuquerque, NM
- Anchorage, AK
- Arlington, VA ★
- Atlanta, GA
- Bakersfield, Kern County, CA
- Baltimore City, MD
- Baltimore County, MD
- Bergen County, NJ ★
- Burlington/Chittenden County, VT
- Central Virginia, VA ★
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg, NC
- Charleston County, SC
- Chattanooga, Tennessee/Southeast Tennessee, TN ★
- Chester County, PA
- Clark County, OR
- Clark County, WA
- Colorado Buffalo-Fremont County, CO
- Colorado Rio Blanco County, CO
- Colorado Rio Grande Valley, CO
- Columbia Boone County/Missouri Balance of State, MO
- Cook County, IL
- Detroit, MI
- District of Columbia, DC
- El Paso City and County, TX
- Eugene, Springfield-Lane County, OR
- Fairfax County, VA
- Fayetteville/Pittsburg Northwest Arkansas, AR
- Fort Worth-Arlington-Ft. Worth County, TX
- Fresno/Madera County, CA
- Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness, MO
- Guilford County, NC
- Gulfport/Biloxi Gulf Coast, MS ★
- Honolulu, HI
- Jackson/Rankin, Madison Counties, MS
- Jacksonville-Duval, City Counties, FL
- Kansas/Bu Douglas County, KS
- Lake County/North Chicago, IL ★
- Lancaster City & County, PA ★
- Madison/Dane County, WI
- Martin County, CA
- McHenry County, IL
- Metro Denver, CO
- Mid-Wilmette Valley Homeless Alliance, OR
- Middlesex County/Counties, MA
- Minneapolis/Hennepin County, MN
- Montgomery County, MD ★
- Nashville/Davidson County, TN
- Nassau, Suffolk Counties, NY
- Nevada County, CA
- Newark/Essex County, NJ
- Newnan/Coweta County, GA ★
- North Central Florida, FL
- Northern Colorado, CO
- Phoenix/Mesa/Maricopa County, AZ
- Pikes Peak, CO
- Placer County, CA
- Pontiac/Royal Oak/Oakland County, MI
- Richmond/Contra Costa County, CA
- Richmond/Henrico, Chesterfield, Henrico-Hanover Counties, VA
- Riverside City & County, CA ★
- Roanoke City/Tellico Plains, VA
- Rockford/Winnebago, Boone Counties, IL ★
- Sacramento City & County, CA
- Saint John's County, FL
- San Diego City & County, CA
- Santa Fe City, NM
- Spokane City and County, WA
- Springfield, MA
- St. Louis City/St. Louis County, MO
- Tallahassee-Leon County, FL
- Tennessee Valley, TN
- Texas Balance of State - Abilene, TX
- Tucson/Pima County, AZ
- Virginia Balance of State - Petersburg, VA
- Virginia Balance of State - Valley Homeless Connection, VA
- Washington County, OR
- Washoe County, NV
- Washtenaw County, MI
- Watsonville/Santa Cruz City & County, CA
- West Palm Beach/Palm Beach County, FL
- Western Virginia, VA
- Winston-Salem/Forsyth County, NC
- York County, OR
Phase 2 – Local Briefing & Planning

What
• Convening at community levels for local planning

Who
• Community Coordination Teams (mostly established): Providers, MDHI, Community Solutions, etc.
• Community Briefing Groups: Parallel group of elected officials and designees with coordination assistance from DRCOG

Outcomes
• Move communities towards progress on Built for Zero benchmarks in coordination with local planning efforts
• Create ongoing cadence of briefings and back and forth communication between two groups to create opportunity for path clearing
A Familiar Framework for Regional Coordination

Homeless Coordination Team

- Providers
- Community Lead
- Housing Authority
- Data Lead

TAC (Technical Advisory Committee)

- City Managers
- TBD
- Appointees

MDHI/CS

DRCOG

Subregional Forums
Phase 3 – Non-Participating Providers and Partners

**What**
- Convening at regional level to orient other key partners

**Why**
- Orient the non-participating providers and partners in regional coordination
- Gain initial buy in to coordination

**Who**
- Non-HMIS providers, community groups, new partners, housing authorities, especially organizations serving BIPOC communities

**When**
- Early summer 2021

**Outcomes**
- Create tangible action steps for these stakeholders to engage in regional and local efforts
Questions?
• MDHI State of Homelessness Report
• DOLA Playbook
• Point in Time Interactive Dashboard
• Built for Zero and Community Solutions
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