

Community Consultation
August 30th 2007
3:30 to 5:30 pm
Council Chambers

Audience All persons, groups or organizations who have an interest or mandate in the advancement of the Housing First Strategy

Purpose To provide input into the identification and prioritization of existing and emerging needs in the community for households who are homeless or at-risk of being homeless within the context of the Housing First Strategy

What is the Housing First Strategy?

Housing First is an approach to ending homelessness that centers on providing homeless people with housing quickly and then providing services as needed. What differentiates a Housing First approach from traditional emergency shelter or transitional housing approaches is that it is “housing-based,” with an immediate and primary focus on helping individuals and families quickly access and sustain permanent housing. This approach has the benefit of being consistent with what most people experiencing homelessness want and seek help to achieve.

The Housing First Strategy strives to achieve the following goals:

- Assist **households** at risk of homelessness to retain housing
- Improve access to and connect **households** that are homeless with the system of community and mainstream services; and
- Support **households** experiencing homelessness to obtain and keep long term housings.

Note Households refers to and includes:

Those at risk. This refers to individuals or families who pay too high a proportion of their income for housing or who live in unacceptable housing or housing circumstances

The hidden homeless. These are individuals or families living in locations not intended for human habitation (eg abandoned buildings) and/or continuously moving among temporary housing arrangements provided by strangers, friends or family.

Those in Shorter or Crisis Shelter . This refers to individuals or families who are in and out of emergency and/or transitional housing and do not return once they transition to the next steps in the continuum of Housing and Supports, or once they secure stable housing (one-or two-time users). Individuals or families who access shelters multiple times through the year, seeking assistance, but who are not necessarily able or ready to form the long term connections necessary to move to housing stability are considered to be **episodically sheltered**.

Those Living on the Street refers to individuals or families living on the street who lack secured housing. Individuals or families who live on the street for a predominant period of time over the course of a year(s), and who only access services in exceptional circumstances are considered to be ***chronically homeless***

Those in long term or supportive housing. These are Individuals or families with secured supportive housing, who may not have the necessary skills to live without some type of support (ie financial, advocacy, life management etc).

Each submission/presentation must answer one or more of the following questions:

1. What is the existing or emerging need that you have identified?
2. What is the Strategy to address the existing or emerging needs?
3. Who are the Stakeholders that should be included in this strategy?
4. What is the impact on the Community if this need is addressed?
5. How will the community know that the need has been addressed?
6. How will the impact be measured?

How can You make a Submission/Presentation?

An electronic copy of this package is available at

www.greatersudbury.ca

Written

If you are unable to attend but would like to provide a written submission, please send your documentation to

Attention Nancy Dubé Chair of the Community Advisory Committee/co
Luisa Valle, Director Social Services
199 Larch Street, 9th floor
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Sudbury, ON
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Re Community Consultation

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Electronic Copies can be sent to: **Community.Consultation@greatersudbury.ca**

To Appear before the Community Advisory Board

Please call 674-4455 ext 3565 and request to be placed on the Community Consultation presenter list. You will have 10 minutes to present your priority.

Note Last date for submissions or to be placed on the Presentation list is August 27th
2007

Agenda

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Nancy Dubé,
Chair of the Community Advisory Committee

- Previous Priorities and Overview

2. **Housing First Strategy**

Luisa Valle
Director, Social Services

3. **Community Consultation**

Reading of any Written submissions

Community Advisory Committee Rep

- Reminder to Presenters the time limit

Audience presentation

4. **Prioritization of Ideas**

Adjournment

Nancy Dubé

Next steps:

The Community Advisory Committee will review the priorities on September 11th 2007, complete the Community Plan Update and submit to Service Canada for September 30th 2007.

Submission Template

Each Submission or Presentation must answer one or more of the following questions (grey area's are mandatory):

This request is (please select the appropriate type)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Verbal Presentation	<input type="checkbox"/> Written Submission
Name (First and Last)	
Contact information (mailing address)	
Email Address	
Telephone number	
Fax number	
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act The information on this form (including personal information) will become part of the public record, unless you expressly request the removal of your personal identity information.	
Question # 1 What is the existing or emerging need that you have identified?	

This existing or emerging need that you have identified above fits the Housing First Strategy under which category (please select the most appropriate)

- Assist households at risk of homelessness to retain housing
- Improve access to and connect households that are homeless with the system of community services
- Support households experiencing homelessness to obtain and keep long term housings.

This existing or emerging need that you have identified above impacts which household within the Housing First Strategy (please select the most appropriate)

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Question #2 What is the Strategy to address the existing or emerging needs?

Question #3 Who are the Stakeholders that should be included in this strategy?

Check appropriate box	Area	Stakeholder
	Federal Government	
	Provincial Government	
	Municipal Government	
	Aboriginal Community	
	Homeless agency sector (ex Shelters, core services, life skill services, employment development sector, mental health, addiction ect)	
	Mainstream agency sector	
	Private Sector (ex financial institutions, private companies, industry and business associations, charitable trusts)	
	Other Sector (ex faith communities, service clubs, foundations, unions etc)	

Question #4 What is the impact on the Community if this need is addressed

Question #5 How will the community know that the need has been addressed?

Question # 6 How will the impact be measured?

Other comments

EXAMPLE SUBMISSION

Each Submission or Presentation must answer one or more of the following questions:

This request is (please select the appropriate type)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Verbal Presentation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written Submission
Name (First and Last) <i>Great Idea</i>	
Contact information (mailing address) <i>123 fourth Street Sudbury On P3W 2E2</i>	
Email Address someaddress@ontheweb.com	
Telephone number <i>705-555-1234</i>	
Fax number <i>705-555-1234</i>	
Question # 1 What is the existing or emerging need that you have identified?	
There needs to be a spot where chronically homeless clients can go and stay for as long as they need that does not make demands on them	
This existing or emerging need that you have identified above fits the Housing First Strategy under which category (please select the most appropriate)	
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Question #2 What is the Strategy to address the existing or emerging needs?

The City of Greater Sudbury should build a Safe Haven targeting the chronically homeless.

Question #3 Who are the Stakeholders that should be included in this strategy?

Check appropriate box	Area	Stakeholder
	Federal Government	
✓	Provincial Government	Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
✓	Municipal Government	Community Development
✓	Aboriginal Community	Friendship Center
✓	Homeless agency sector (ex Shelters, core services, life skill services, employment development sector, mental health, addiction ect)	life skills mental health and addiction
	Mainstream agency sector	
✓	Private Sector (ex financial institutions, private companies, industry and business associations, charitable trusts)	companies with a corporate responsibility for marketing addictive products
	Other Sector (ex faith communities, service clubs, foundations, unions etc)	

Question #4 What is the impact on the Community if this need is addressed

Chronically Homeless will not be sleeping on the streets or under bridges but will have a safe place to go and they don't have to be sober or not stoned

Question #5 How will the community know that the need has been addressed?

Mentally ill and addicted people would transition from the street into shelter at the time they would be ready to accept help.

Question # 6 How will the impact be measured?

Chronically Homeless people will be accessing services they didn't before.

Other comments

If the City is building a new shelter there needs to be consideration for the people who are not ready to deal with their issues but who need protection from the elements.