

Heading Home

RAMSEY

A Presentation to the City
Council Members

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OUTLINE

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- 2. Who and how do we serve the homeless?**
- 3. What is Heading Home Ramsey working on?**
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WHAT IS HEADING HOME RAMSEY?



- The Heading Home Ramsey Governing Board (HHR) is the Continuum of Care for Ramsey County.
- The Continuum of Care is a community-wide partnership of organizations that represent and serve people experiencing homelessness and formerly homeless people.
- It is inclusive of all resources within the homelessness response continuum.

WHAT IS HEADING HOME RAMSEY? – Continuum



Generally, the homeless response continuum includes services within the following categories:

- Prevention
- Outreach
- Drop-in Center
- Emergency Shelter
- Coordinated Entry
- Supportive Housing
 - Transitional Housing
 - Rapid Rehousing
 - Permanent Supportive Housing

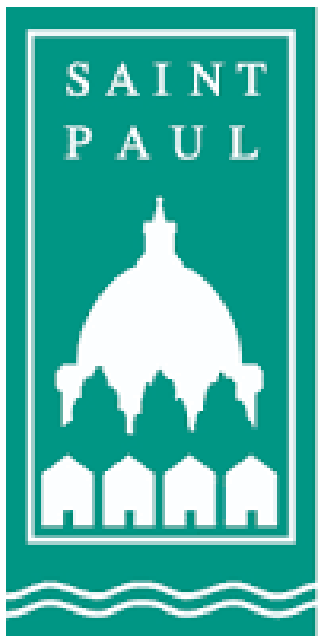
WHO IS HEADING HOME RAMSEY?



The governing board and community members represent the continuum of shelter, housing and service providers serving people experiencing homelessness in Ramsey County.

- Formerly homeless people
- Housing providers
- Service providers
- Federal, state and local government
- Advocacy organizations
- Schools
- Hospitals
- Law Enforcement

Collaboration of Organizations



ModelCities



HOW IS THE WORK FUNDED?



Different funding sources:

- HUD Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- DHS Housing Supports (formerly Group Residential Housing or GRH)
- Pohlad Family Foundation Funds
- Minnesota Housing - Housing Trust Fund (HTF)
- Minnesota Housing - Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP)
- HUD Continuum of Care (CoC)
- Other Federal, State, County, City and Philanthropic funds

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF HHR?

- Operate and plan for the Continuum of Care
- Establish priorities for funding projects and complete applications for funding through a collaborative process
- Implement and monitor Coordinated Entry/Assessment System
- Evaluate outcomes of funded projects to build a better continuum of services for people experiencing homelessness
- Work together to prevent and end homelessness for the Continuum of Care

HUD-PIT vs WILDER SURVEY FOR RAMSEY COUNTY

January 2018 Point-in-Time Count MN-501 Saint Paul/Ramsey

County CoC

Date of PIT Count: 1/24/2018

Total Households and Persons

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total Number of Households	669	267	0	112	1,048
Total Number of Persons	847	448	0	129	1,424
Number of Children (under age 18)	177	186	0	15	378
Number of Persons (18 to 24)	60	63	0	23	146
Number of Persons (over age 24)	610	199	0	91	900

Wilder Survey- October 28, 2018

ALL PEOPLE

1. Total number of people experiencing homelessness, by age and living situation

Age of individual		Emergency shelters	Domestic violence shelters	Transitional housing	Rapid Rehousing ^a	Total in shelters	Total not in shelters	Total
Unaccompanied minors (age <18)	Male	7	0	3	0	10	4	14
	Female	8	0	7	0	15	2	17
	Total	15	0	10	0	25	6	31
Young adults age 18-21	Male	18	0	31	4	53	14	67
	Female	11	8	21	18	58	12	70
	Total	29	8	52	22	111	26	137
Young adults age 22-24	Male	12	0	21	6	39	11	50
	Female	3	7	16	12	38	8	46
	Total	15	7	37	18	77	19	96
Adults age 25-54	Male	260	0	44	8	312	148	460
	Female	80	60	97	58	295	77	372
	Total	340	60	141	66	607	225	832
Adults age 55+	Male	153	0	18	0	171	23	194
	Female	23	7	8	0	38	6	44
	Total	176	7	26	0	209	29	238
Number of minors and adults		575	82	266	106	1,029	305	1,334
Number of children with parents		64	93	195	219	571	22	593
Total number of people experiencing homelessness		639	175	461	325	1,600	327	1,927

CITY OF SAINT PAUL SUPPORT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Needs
 - Countywide engagement to make more affordable housing stock accessible for people with common barriers
 - Inclusive discussions on the need and available resources regarding affordable housing
 - Commitment to ongoing involvement in the affordable housing conversation

CITY OF SAINT PAUL SUPPORT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- 2015 HUD income limit for affordable housing is 80% of AMI (metro area median income), or \$65,800 for a family of 4.
- \$15/ hour = \$31,200 annually, or 47.4% of affordability limit.
- Lack of affordable housing stresses homelessness response continuum
- Coordinated Entry priority lists extremely long – housing is not guaranteed and there is not enough supportive housing
 - Targeting the hardest to serve – many ineligible for the majority of

Ramsey County Comprehensive Plan and Affordable Housing Units Needed 2021 to 2030

New households earning up to 80% of AMI and paying up to 30% of income on housing

- St. Paul = 1,973
- Suburbs = 1,868
- County Total = 3,841

CITY OF SAINT PAUL SUPPORT – LANDLORD ENGAGEMENT

- Since 2016, the number of Renter households has begun to outnumber the number of homeowners
- Supportive Housing Projects require negotiation with private landlords to house individuals and families
- Vacancy rates have been fluctuating between 2% and 4% since 2012

CITY OF SAINT PAUL SUPPORT – LANDLORD ENGAGEMENT

- Needs
 - Incentives for landlords to rent to residents with housing barriers
 - Support for landlord networking and workshop opportunities
 - Support for landlord education
 - Legislative and regulatory reform towards tenant equity
 - Support for tenant training

CITY OF SAINT PAUL SUPPORT – SHELTER

- Lack of shelter
 - People are regularly forced to sleep in places not meant for human habitation due to lack of shelter beds
 - Lack of safe beds for single female adults
 - Families shelter impacts
 - Lack of family shelter beds hides family homelessness within data leading to less resources

CITY OF SAINT PAUL SUPPORT – LEADERSHIP AND COLLABORATION

- Solutions to homelessness on an individual and system wide level require a multifaceted approach
- Diverse stakeholders across sectors engage with homelessness and housing instability in different independent ways
- Needs
 - Better alignment and coordination of how we define and respond to homelessness is essential to improve outcomes for those we serve
 - Consistent, on-going communication will support how well the continuum responds to the needs of the community
 - Engaged and committed leadership will help unify and define strategies, values, and initiatives

Conclusion:

- County and City-wide engagement on the efforts to increase affordable and accessible housing stock to people with common barriers
- Engage and incentivize landlords to rent to people with common housing barriers
- Use available data and tools to educate and expand network of landlords and improve landlord relations
- Invite HHR to have a “seat at the table” for better collaboration with the continuum partners
- Expand shelter resources for youth, families, and single women
- Continue to work together to better improve the homeless response system

Thanks for your time today.
HHR Governing Board



2019 HHR ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

