

Advisory Council for Homelessness, Mental Illness and Substance Abuse

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Council Briefing

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Advisory Council

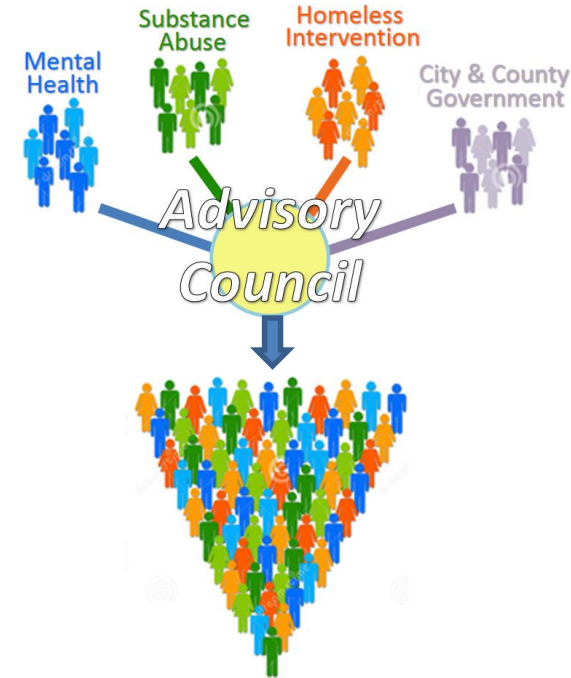
The Advisory Council was formed by City leadership to reduce the duplication of local resources in Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Homeless Intervention.

- **Advisory Council Priorities**

- The **Mission** of the Advisory Council is to bring community leaders together to identify and support the programs, practices and financial models that will work for our community to address community concerns of homelessness, mental illness and substance abuse. The Advisory Council will gather and analyze examples from other communities, learn from their successes and failures, and implement solutions for our community.

- **Advisory Council Accomplishments**

- 3yr., \$2.1 Million Dollar SAMHSA Grant secured by BHC-NC housed at Charlie's Place Recovery Center
- Reviewed other City initiatives Housing First, Albuquerque Paid Community Service Workers Program
- Agree the next steps have a cost





Homelessness in Corpus Christi

***U.S. Homeless Population 549,928**

(321,400,000 U.S. Pop)

***Texas Homeless Population 23,678**

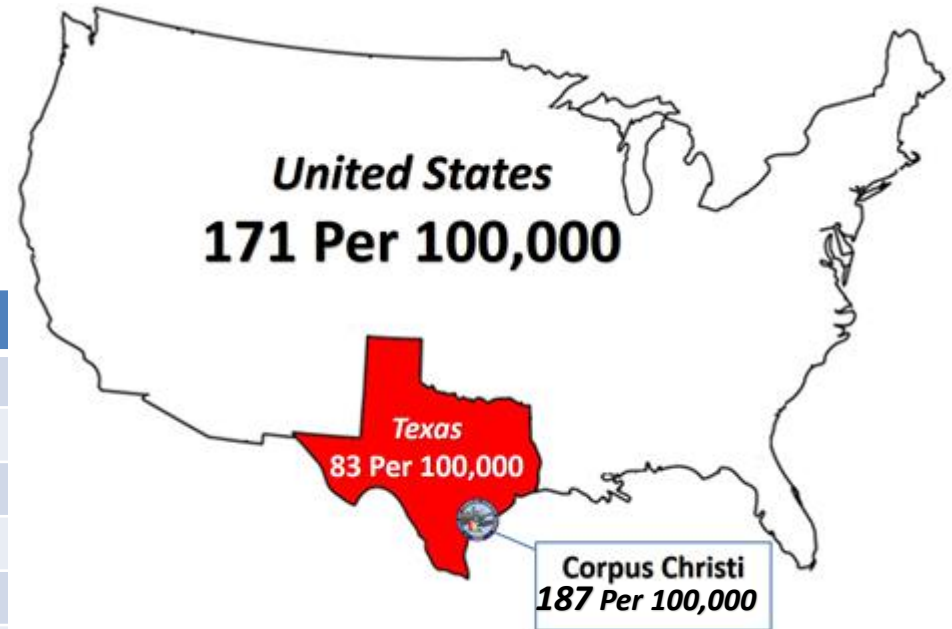
(28,240,245 State Pop)

****Corpus Christi Homeless Population 611**

(325,733 City Pop)

CC 2017 Point in Time Survey *Stand Outs*

Male	70%
25-64 Years Old	70%
No Children	91%
Staying in an Emergency Shelter	53%
1 st Time Homeless in 3 Years	39%
Living in Place not Meant for Human Habitation	37%
Homeless Longer than 1 Year	28%



**2016 Point in Time Survey*

***2017 Point in Time Survey*



Community Environment

Corpus Christi has a number of local resource providers who are involved in helping the Homeless, but not all providers are created equal! Each provider has specific funding mandates, priorities and skills that *can* be amplified if successfully coordinated.

Local Government

- Ordinances & Laws
- Zoning
- Program Funding

Mental Health

- Counseling
- Education
- Emergency Shelter

Homeless Charities

- Feeding
- Temporary Shelter
- Financial Assistance

Substance Abuse

- Drug & Alcohol Treatment
- Inpatient Treatment
- Detoxification
- Recovery Housing



1. Ordinances
2. Zoning
3. Funding



Recommendation #1

Coordinated Entry

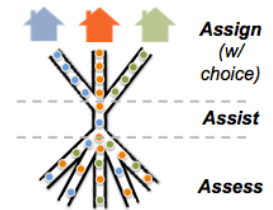
- **Coordinated entry** is a process developed to ensure that all people experiencing a housing crisis have fair and equal access and are quickly identified, assessed for, referred, and connected to housing and assistance based on their strengths and needs.
- **Required to continue receiving continuum of care funding and to be eligible for Emergency Solutions Grant-TDHCA**
- **Working with City and Texas Homeless Network to implement before January 2018**
- **4 key components**
 - Access
 - Assessment
 - Prioritization
 - Referral
- **Create System change**

Coordinated Entry System

Without CES



With CES





Recommendation #2



Parks & Recreation Homeless Workers Program

- ***Based on The City of Albuquerque's "There's a Better Way" Program***
- ***Workers will pickup trash and beautify the City***
- ***Other local agencies can support***
- ***This Concept CAN work in conjunction with the Community Service Workers program the Parks & Recreation Department has established with the Municipal Courts.***
- ***Pilot Program For less than \$100,000! (5 workers 1 day per week)***



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There's a Better Way

Signs



- 'Call 311' Signs Posted - 47

Jobs & Work



- Day Jobs Given - 2,732
- Connected with Employment Services Hospitality Center for additional work - 306 people
- Blocks Cleaned - 543
- Litter Removed - 149,401 pounds

Service Connections



- Received Housing - 20 people
- Engaged with Mental Health or Substance Abuse Service - 185 clients

Calls & Donations



- Assistance Calls to 311 - 17,885; 96 percent getting connected to services.
- Community Donations to Program - \$61,971



Recommendation #3

Tent City / Tiny Homes

- *City Locations*
- *City could partner by providing land and CDBG funding to build bathrooms and showers*
- *Partner with businesses to build tiny home community on city donated land*
- *Popular solution for homeless veterans*
- *Those who will benefit should participate in the build*
- *Rent would be charged and be very reasonable*





Recommendation #4

Family Reunification Program

Based on Municipal Reunification Programs Across the Country

- Denver, Portland, San Francisco

Corpus Christi is geographically Isolated from other Municipal Resources

- Corpus Christi's Beach Atmosphere is Attractive to Homeless in other Cities
- There are many more seasonal employers in Corpus Christi than other cities

Reuniting Homeless with Supportive Family Outside of Corpus Christi

- Must prove established support in new location
- Must abide by program guidelines: (TBD)
- One time use only



SAMHSA Grant provides up to \$15,000 annually for 1 Part Time City Employee to facilitate the Homeless Advisory Committee.

This is an eligible expense under Emergency Solutions Grant

	Cost	Annual # Needed	Total Program Cost	Notes
High End Bus Tickets	\$350	30	\$10,500	5% of Point in Time Count
	\$350	60	\$21,000	10% of Point in Time Count
Low End Bus Tickets	\$200	30	\$6,000	5% of Point in Time Count
	\$200	60	\$12,000	10% of Point in Time Count



Homeless Solutions

Thank you
