

# Salt Lake County Collective Impact on Homelessness

## Endorsement of Shared Vision and Outcomes



### RESOLUTION of the COLLECTIVE IMPACT ON HOMELESSNESS STEERING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, we have a common vision to provide housing and services as quickly as possible to those who are at risk for homelessness or homeless;

WHEREAS, we want everyone in our community to have a safe place to live;

WHEREAS, we want our homeless housing and services solutions to be system-oriented rather than agency oriented, and to promote engagement rather than enablement;

WHEREAS, we use our collective expertise, resources and data to continuously improve our homeless housing and services systems so that they are safe, integrated, efficient, and focused on self-sufficiency,

We agree as follows:

#### AGREEMENT 1: PURPOSE OF SHARED OUTCOMES

1.1. The Shared Outcomes represent the consensus of the Salt Lake County Collective Impact Steering Committee and serve as a reference and tool for current and future decision makers at the private, local, state, and federal level.

1.2. The intent of the Shared Outcomes is to guide the alignment of efforts and resources to ensure that the services we provide and the solutions we propose to solve the complex issue of homelessness best address our collective community needs.

1.3. The Shared Outcomes signify support for a redesign of the homeless housing and service system that can only be carried out in partnership with the State of Utah, local governments, service providers, businesses, community leaders, private funders and representatives of individuals who are homeless.

1.4. We agree to work diligently and in good faith to realize the Shared Outcomes – collectively and within our respective organizations and jurisdictions.

1.5. We recognize that reaching the Shared Outcomes will require further rigorous analysis and public review of community needs by other state, local, or private decision-making processes.

#### AGREEMENT 2: ACTIONS TO SUPPORT THE SHARED OUTCOMES

2.1. To achieve the Shared Outcomes, and in recognition of the inherent challenges in doing so across a large number of entities, perspectives, voices and jurisdictions, we agree:

2.1.1. To consider options for continued multi-jurisdictional coordination, collaboration, and communication, including a publically accountable governance structure, to facilitate achieving the Shared Outcomes and adapting them as informed by changing circumstances and data.

2.1.2. To work together to encourage other community members and leaders to align their efforts and resources with the Shared Outcomes, including but not limited to funding and authority necessary to prepare studies and perform work.

2.1.3. To build upon public engagement efforts and to maintain public transparency.

2.1.4. That decisions founded on the Shared Outcomes will be consensus-based and will not supersede the authority of any existing federal, state, and local jurisdictions.

### **AGREEMENT 3: SHARED OUTCOMES**

We recommend these 14 strategically linked outcomes in four key areas of focus as the current priorities for our community:

#### **Outcomes for County Residents Experiencing or At Risk for Homelessness:**

1. We recognize and meet the distinct needs of these at risk and homeless populations:
  - Families with children
  - Transitional-aged youth
  - Single men and women
  - Veterans
  - Domestic violence victims
  - Individuals with behavioral health disorders (including mental health and substance use disorders)
  - Individuals who are medically frail/terminally ill
  - Individuals exiting prison or jail
  - Unsheltered homeless
2. We successfully divert individuals and families from emergency shelter whenever possible.
3. We meet the basic needs of those in crisis.
4. We provide individuals and families with stabilization services when they need them.

#### **Outcomes for the County's Homeless Service and Housing Systems:**

5. Salt Lake County's homelessness rates decrease over time.
6. Coordinated entry and a common, consistent assessment tool provide appropriate, timely access to services across the system. There is no 'wrong door.'
7. Individuals who are homeless have a relationship with a caseworker or similar individualized support.
8. Individuals who exit homelessness will be employed and/or have increased income/financial stability.

#### **Outcomes to Prevent Homelessness:**

9. Salt Lake County's housing supply meets the demand and needs of all residents.
10. People have access to the specific services and supports they need to avoid homelessness.
11. Children, adolescents and adolescents transitioning to adulthood do not experience homelessness.
12. If individuals and families become homeless, we prevent it from happening again.

#### **Outcomes for Communities and Public Spaces:**

13. Neighborhoods that host homeless service facilities are welcoming and safe for all who live, visit, work, recreate, receive services, or do business there.
14. Neighborhoods offering services also offer access to employment, job training, and positive activities during the day.