

Update to Detroit Community Partners and Stakeholders

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Status and Next Steps for the Strategic System Improvement Plan for Detroit's Homelessness Response System

A [Strategic Plan Oversight Commission \(SPOC\)](#) was formed in 2023, with 5 people representing the City of Detroit, the Homeless Action Network of Detroit, and the Detroit Continuum of Care and 5 people with lived experience of homelessness. The SPOC was charged with guiding the planning processes for the development of a new five-year Strategic System Improvement Plan for Detroit's homelessness response system.

The Plan has been developed over the course of 2023 and early 2024, driven by input from system partners, people with lived experiences of homelessness, service providers in the homelessness system, and other community stakeholders.

SPOC has now reviewed and approved the content of the Plan, which embraces a Shared Vision:

Through this Strategic System Improvement Plan, the City of Detroit, HAND, and the Detroit CoC are pursuing their shared vision of an equitable, just future which ensures housing stability for every Detroiter.

The Plan document is now undergoing final formatting and layout, preparing it for public release later this Spring.

As soon as it is in final form, the Plan will be made available at the City of Detroit's [Homelessness Strategic Planning Project webpage](#), where you can also find a wide range of materials and documents related to the planning activities that resulted in this Plan.

We'll also send out an additional Update to Detroit Community Partners and Stakeholders to make sure the community is aware of the Plan's release.

The Plan Focuses on 8 Improvement Action Areas

To drive progress toward its vision, the Plan features eight Improvement Action Areas focused on system-wide improvements and on strengthening core elements of the homelessness response system:

- 1. Establishing the Structures Necessary for Plan Implementation**, to develop effective governance and project management structures that ensure effective implementation of all plan activities.
- 2. Leading the System toward Equity and Justice**, to uplift the perspectives and leadership of people with lived experience of homelessness and to ensure programs and services are designed and implemented with a leading focus on equity and justice.
- 3. Enhancing Staffing and Capacity Across the Homelessness Response System**, to ensure housing and service providers get the support, training, and compensation they need to provide high-quality, individualized services.
- 4. Advocating for Resources to Expand System and Improve Quality of Programs**, to expand and improve federal, state, and local funding to both prevent and resolve experiences of homelessness.
- 5. Building Upon Existing Improvement Efforts**, to sustain focus on apply lessons learned from improvement efforts focused on coordinated entry system, youth homelessness, and Veteran homelessness.
- 6. Strengthening and Reimagining Shelter**, to improve facilities and programs so that people receive the same level of holistic, trauma-informed services, and case management across programs.
- 7. Expanding Housing Supply and Building an Effective Rehousing System**, so that people are quickly connected to safe, stable, and affordable housing when they experience homelessness.
- 8. Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness**, to reduce the number of people sleeping outside and connect them to housing and services solutions.