

Whiteboard Notes – 10 Year Plan

1. Needs/Gaps

- Transition from street – refuge to learn living skills, e.g. BEAS Bathurst model.
- Furnished supported housing to assist transition.
- Accessing support when needed.

2. Prevention

- Budget management.
- Shopping.
- Day to day home management.

3. Exiting D & A Services

- Mental health units → Centrelink connection
- Hospitals → Pathways
- Exit planning - hospitals not following through

4. Exiting from gaol

- Difficult to get cross agency planning prior to release
- Statutory Depts- JJ, Corrective Services etc are supposed to be working on a “No exit into homelessness” policy- Paula will try and contact person responsible for Throughcare, Corrective Services

5. Rehabilitation facilities

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6. Policy/Advocacy relating to correctional facilities and existing pathways – is this policy or lack of program?

New approaches are being piloted/about to roll out

Need to be aware of new models beginning in other regions, observe and see if can be duplicated elsewhere. Evaluation of pilots is vital and then can see if demonstrates great outcomes, limited impact, impact short term so need to identify ways forward, level of demand

7. Increased need for suitable affordable long term housing.

- Social housing, private sector, business, innovative models

8. Fix chronic homelessness.

9. Fix issues relating to homelessness due to DV.

10. Working poor/vulnerable people and families and communities → identify stressors.

11. Changes in State Planning processes and financial contributions. WESRoC have been advocating on behalf of growth councils in regard

to stand off about processing of Development Applications and infrastructure costs.

12. Access to health services, i.e. dental, mental.

Solutions to Needs/Gaps

- There is a need to look at what already may work in other areas and programs/models that have evidence they work/evaluation.
- Identify progressive responses/demonstration project : opportunity to explore in Nepean area.
- Issue raised about social housing vs breaking welfare cycle especially young people.

Future Resources for Taskforce

- Shelter NSW – presentation.
- Correctional facility pathways presentation.
- Housing vulnerabilities data.
- Housing NSW analysis of LGA's and vulnerability.

Data/Research that looks at prevention strategies → learning opportunities.

Needs/Gaps (Contd.)

- Young people becoming parents whether engaged with services or not.
- Aboriginal communities.
- Refugee women with large families escaping DV. Challenges with language and coping and adjusting in a new country.
- Young people generally – housing models.
- Restoration of family units/criteria to access housing.
- Elderly people in private rental not able to pay their rent.
- Older women that lose financial stability following death of male partner/income partner.

- Domestic squalor/hoarding and dementia.
- Single people on low incomes.
- People with pets- difficult to access private rental
- Granny flats and secondary suite model.