

BEAR RIVER LOCAL HOMELESS COUNCIL

UNIQUE ISSUES, LOCAL GOALS/AREAS OF FOCUS

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The BRLHC will enable homeless provider agencies to serve the homeless and those at imminent risk of homelessness in the Cache, Box Elder, Rich County geographic area. The BRLHC works to ensure that people who experience homelessness or are at imminent risk of homelessness will have access to community and system resources to resolve their immediate housing crisis and facilitate their transition from homelessness to stability in permanent housing as rapidly as possible. Homelessness in the Bear River area will be rare, brief, and non-recurring. CoC meets weekly and reports monthly to the BRLHC.

UNIQUE ISSUES

- BRLHC covers three counties spreading from Utah borders with Nevada to the west, Idaho to the north and Wyoming to the east
- There are no existing homeless shelters in any of the three counties comprising the BRLHC
- There is an absence of permanent supportive housing in the BRLHC

LOCAL GOALS AND AREAS OF FOCUS

- Promote alignment and coordination across multiple systems of care to support people experiencing and at risk of homelessness
 - CoC meetings, WAB Warming Center and improved communication with law enforcement has assisted coordination in Cache
- Ensure Emergency Services are Client-Centered, Low Barrier, and Housing-Focused
 - Support of Warming Center, information on Code Blue improved client focus, are low barrier, resulting in shelter for avg 15
- Increase Community Awareness of Homelessness
 - Transforming Communities Institute, USU SW, Utah Public Radio, local papers, Userve grant, outreach efforts are underway

COC ALIGNMENT/INVOLVEMENT

Through BRAG, have Coordinated Entry lead to guide weekly meetings and participate in the CoC Coordinated Entry Workgroup. Includes CAPSA, BRAG, Warming Ctr, local non-profit leaders. Report monthly to the BRLHC at large. We have a Point-In-Time (PIT) Count lead who works with BRAG and are also seeking a co-lead for continuity to guide local efforts. In person and online training in place for PIT count in January and are working to expand teams in Box Elder county. Coordinate with USU Social work department to enlarge outreach teams. Ongoing efforts to expand faith based organization reporting around PIT. For LHC, have representation from CAPSA and New Hope, DV shelters, to report and inform.

BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE