

MOUNTAINLAND LOCAL HOMELESS COUNCIL

UNIQUE ISSUES, LOCAL GOALS/AREAS OF FOCUS

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The Mountainland Continuum of Care (LHC and CoC) is a coalition of local non-profit and government agencies from Utah, Summit, and Wasatch Counties that work together to find solutions for our area's housing needs. We support housing efforts that range from temporary emergency shelter to affordable home ownership.

UNIQUE ISSUES

- The Mountainland Continuum of Care has unique challenges in that Utah County has two of the largest university populations in the state, competing for low-income housing resources.
- We also have geographic challenges of urban, suburban, and rural area, including areas that have few resources for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- We do not have an emergency shelter in our geographic area, and services are concentrated in higher population areas.

LOCAL GOALS AND AREAS OF FOCUS

- The LHC knows that housing plus services solve homelessness. In the communities, the LHC is focusing on expanding permanent and temporary housing solutions with the accompanying services needed to help individuals reach their maximum level of self-sufficiency
- The CoC/LHC strategic goals include the finding and filling of service gaps along the housing spectrum, strengthen data points to inform funding and other decision-making, meaningfully utilizing the expertise of those with lived experience, and ensuring duplication of services does not exist

COC ALIGNMENT/INVOLVEMENT

Heather Hogue, the Collaborative Applicant from the Continuum of Care is a member of the Utah Homeless Council, the co-chair of the Utah Homeless Network, Winter Task Force for Utah County, Chair of Coordinated Entry for Utah and Summit Counties, Chair of the Point in Time Count committees for Utah, Wasatch, and Summit Counties, a member of the Discharge Planning Committee for the Mountainland CoC, member of the Public Relations Committee for the CoC. She is also a member of the UHMIS steering lead for the unsheltered persons committee for Summit County, and other committees as needed.