

WASHINGTON LOCAL HOMELESS COUNCIL

UNIQUE ISSUES, LOCAL GOALS/AREAS OF FOCUS

Chair: Carol Hollowell

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The Washington County LHC is one of 11 local homeless councils comprising Utah's BOS CoC. The mission of the LHC is to make homelessness in Washington Co. rare, brief, and non-recurring. The council seeks to achieve this mission by aligning its strategic plan to that of the State of UT. The Washington Co. LHC is made up of stakeholders with representation from St. George, Washington, Ivins, and Hurricane Cities. Participation in the Washington Co. LHC is open to all homeless service providers, government agencies, elected officials, and public/private partners interested in furthering the LHC's mission. Membership is diverse and equitable across all industries and inclusive for a comprehensive approach to serving the community.

UNIQUE ISSUES

- Emergency Shelter at Max Capacity
- Affordable Housing Inventory
- Cost of Living vs Employment Wages

LOCAL GOALS AND AREAS OF FOCUS

- Work together to make homelessness in Washington County rare
 - The Washington County LHC has worked towards decreasing the number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time
- Work together to make homelessness in Washington County brief
 - The Washington Co. LHC has worked towards decreasing the days spent for individuals and families in emergency shelters
- Work together to make homelessness in Washington County non-recurring
 - The Washington County LHC has worked towards decreasing persons returning to homelessness

COC ALIGNMENT/INVOLVEMENT

The Washington County LHC actively participates in the Balance of State Continuum of Care (BOS CoC) by coordinating and participating in the Washington County Point in Time (PIT) Count annually, participating in Coordinated Entry, actively participating in all trainings required by the State of Utah, actively participating in using the Utah Homeless Management Information System (UHMIS), and attending associated board meetings. LHC members participate on various working committees and assist the BOS CoC at the local level to ensure policies align with the state's framework.

BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE