**Interagency Planning Process for 150 units of Supportive Housing**

Goal:

Fund supportive housing development for 150 units of supportive housing in CT to house chronically homeless individuals and families throughout CT.

Strategies:

1. **Target supportive housing to those who are most costly and most in need**

Data systems for identifying who are the chronically homeless and for prioritizing people based on chronicity for PSH.  Definition of chronic should include overall length of homelessness including institutional cycling to truly capture the full set of folks.

1. **Increase access to supportive housing**

Universal Application for all new PSH units that come on line

Coordinated outreach/inreach systems – Mobilize the entire service system (shelter, jails, hospitals, etc.) to identify, outreach, and refer eligible individuals and families.

Systems troubleshooting – to reduce barriers to housing entry. Facilitated taskforce i.e. long-term shelter stayers task force or FUSE meetings which are key to making sure people were not bottlenecked in the system by bureaucracy.

1. **Decrease the time it takes to get into PSH**

Move enough chronically homeless people out of shelter in order to create a flow in the system that will reduce the overall wait time into housing… 100 in a 100 days concept. Enough PSH units need to be available within a short period of time that are targeted to long term stayers/chronic homeless.

1. **Leverage Mainstream Funds**

Use of affordable housing development dollars for integrated projects

Ability to leverage other funds as needed

**Implementation Questions and Timeline**

1. Define who the housing is for (4 to 5 target populations) by looking at need and impact.

1. Long term shelter stayers/street homeless
2. Jail-shelter frequent users
3. Hospital frequent users
4. Families (possibly child welfare involved/at risk of separation)

*Across all groups prioritize (active) substance users and people dual disorder and veterans*

1. Based on the target population(s), define the housing structure(s) that will work best with each population.

*Do we want the ability to integrate supportive housing into larger scale projects?*

1. Define the best funding mechanism that can create the type of housing needed.
2. Review past initiatives (Next Steps) to see what worked and what could be improved this time around
3. What are the key elements of the process that worked well?
4. What were challenges in the process, in the RFP, in development?
5. What did we like that came out of the Next Steps process?
6. Are there things that we would change moving forward?
7. What projects are currently in the development pipeline?
8. What are the training and capacity building needs of developers/providers?
9. Develop Timeline Mapping Backwards from RFP Release Date
* Target RFP Release Date - July 1, 2011
* Planning session in 2 weeks
* Develop concept and recommendations - April 2011 Interagency mtg
* Write/revise RFP – May/June 2011
* Capacity Building/Training – April – June 2011
* Predevelopment Activities – April – July 2011