

Welcome!

Community Plan to End Youth Homelessness in Polk County



ENDING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS



Meeting Objectives

- Progress Report—What have we done so far?
- Initial Findings
- Plan Outline
- Timeline



Progress:

- 3 Youth Advisory Board meetings
- 22 youth engaged in process, including 2 youth facilitators
- Name
- Engaged over 60 stakeholders
- 25 meetings with individuals



Progress, cont.

- 10 work group meetings
- Articulated population
- Polkcares.org
- Attended/presented at Omaha Homeless Symposium--Met with HHS and HUD regional directors who offered support



Progress, Cont.

- Engaged with Technical Assistance through HomeBase in San Francisco
- Read through hours upon hours of research, data, and other community plans
- Developing systems map
- Solutions are forming



Findings

Youth want:

- More beds
- Mentors who can relate to their experiences
- Opportunities to develop skills, strengths, and relationships
- Safety from violence and sexual assault
- People who truly listen and follow through



Findings, cont.

- Our community is strong in many ways
- Causes of youth homelessness are complex and often intersectional- strategies must be comprehensive
- Young people are exiting institutions without permanency



Findings, cont.

- Providing support and services to youth looks different than providing to adults
- Often youth need more time with supportive services
- Youth experience different barriers to housing



Findings, Cont.

- There are few housing options available that meet needs of developing youth- particularly true for youth who are most vulnerable
- People of color and people who identify as LGBTQ are overrepresented in homeless population



Findings, Cont.

- Strategies to end youth homelessness must be comprehensive and include the whole community



Plan Outline

Introduction

Background on youth homelessness

How plan was developed

Purpose and scope of plan

Key Findings

Data

Causes

Characteristics/subpopulations

Strengths and Gaps



Plan Outline, cont.

The Plan

Vision and Principles

Indicators

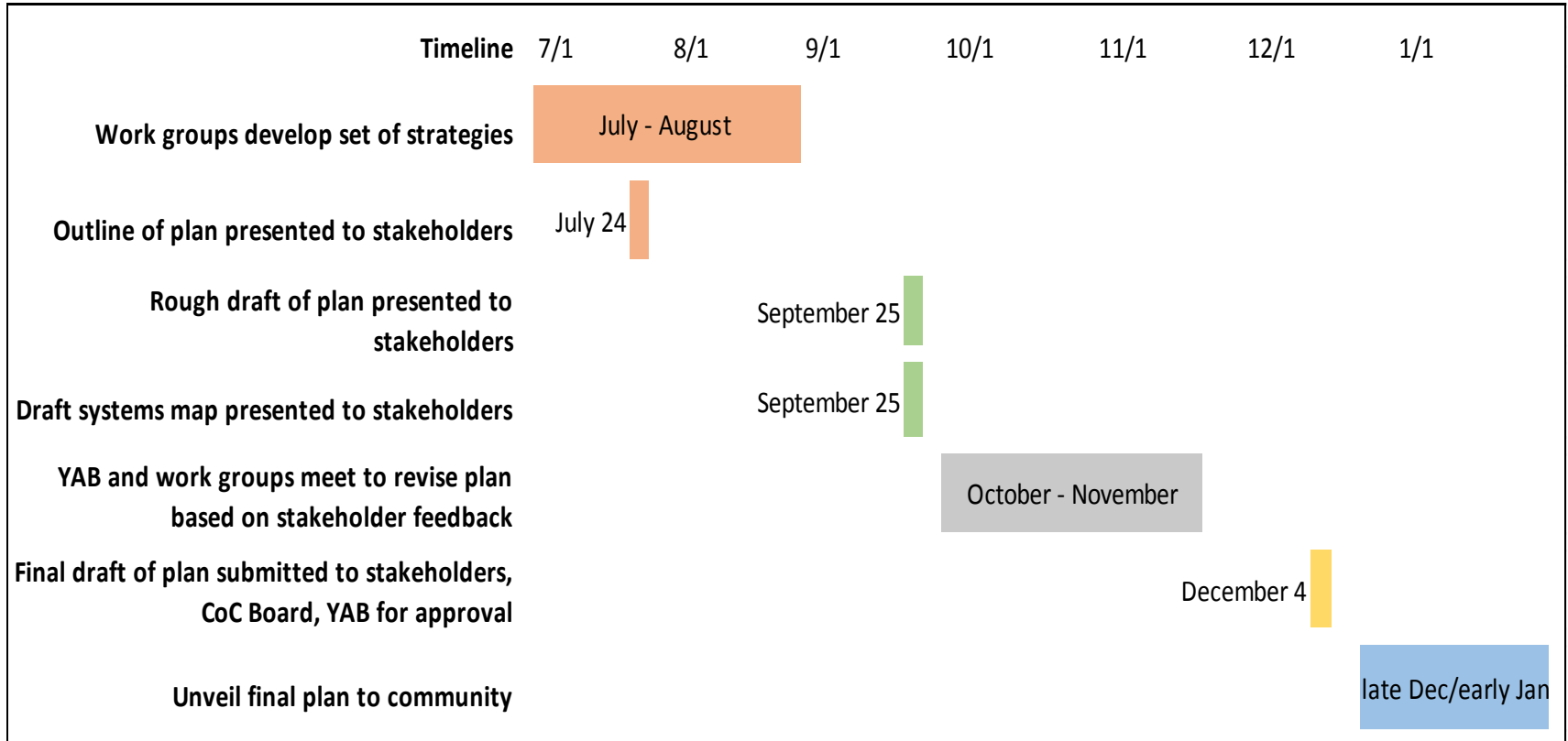
4-6 Sets of Strategies with action steps

Benchmarks and timelines

Additional recommendations



Timeline



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Stakeholder Meeting Dates

Monday, September 25, 12- 1:30 p.m.

Monday, December 4, 12 – 1:30 p.m.



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Final Thoughts

- Please jot down any thoughts, questions, ideas or recommendations that will help us keep moving forward



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