

Englewood Civic Center 1000 Englewood Parkway Community Room, 2nd Floor Englewood, CO 80110

AGENDA

Tri-Cities Study Session on Homelessness December 13, 2023 ♦ 6:00 p.m.

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- 1. Introductions (30 min)
- 2. History of Tri-Cities Homelessness Policy Group Devin Granbery (5 min)
 - City Manager Granbery provided a history of the Tri-Cities Homelessness Policy Group since the inception in 2018. Granbery shared the group's first mission was to promote coordination amongst and between the cities of Littleton, Englewood, and Sheridan.
- 3. Genesis of Tri-Cities Action Plan Tim Dodd (10 min)
 - Deputy City Manager Tim Dodd provided a presentation on the development and layout of the Tri Cities Action Plan. The plan was created to address the root causes of homelessness in the region. The Plan was prepared after information was gathered from a Denver University Study, a PESTLE Analysis, and stakeholder interviews completed about homelessness in the Tri Cities region.
- 4. Overview of Action Plan Mike Sandgren (10 min)
 - Arapahoe County Homelessness Services Coordinator Mike Sandgren presented an overview of the Tri Cites Action Plan. He explained the four categories of the Action Plan: Building a strong foundation; Workforce Development; Single Adult system; Family system.
- 5. Progress/Status Update Mike Sandgren (10 min)
 - Arapahoe County Homelessness Services Coordinator Mike Sandgren provided a status update on the implementation of the Action Plan, the financials contributed to the plan from city, county and state partners, and the impact the plan is having and is projected to have in the future.
- 6. Action Plan Project Spotlight: Bridge House/Ready to Work Melissa Green (10 min)
 - Bridge House CEO Melissa Green and Director of Community Relations Scott Medina provided an overview of Bridge House's Ready to Work program, a workforce solution to homelessness. Medina offered a distinction between the Ready To Work program and navigation, both of which will be provided at the Englewood location.
- 7. Navigation Center Elizabeth Watts (10 min)
 - Littleton Management Fellow Elizabeth Watts provided a summary of the navigation center RFP process and outcome.

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- 8. Website and Lived Experience Elizabeth Watts(10 min)
 - Littleton Management Fellow Elizabeth Watts explained the layout and pages of the Tri Cities Homelessness website. https://www.tricitieshomeless.com/
- 9. Safe Parking Initiative Overview & Group Discussion Mayor Tara Beiter-Fluhr, Councilmember Gretchen Rydin, Mike Sandgren (25 min)
 - Arapahoe County Homelessness Services Coordinator Mike Sandgren provided a background of the Colorado Safe Parking Initiative. Sandgren fielded questions about safe parking (see attached). Staff received a general consensus to move forward with a feasibility study to explore a Safe Parking Pilot Program for the Tri Cities area.
- 10. Suggest Expansion of Committee Focus to Affordable Housing 30% AMI and Below Councilmember Gretchen Rydin (15 min)
 - Council Member Gretchen Rydin discussed the Tri Cities Homelessness Policy Group's next step to explore increasing deeply affordable units at the Supportive Housing to 30% AMI range. The group received a general consensus to move forward.
- 11. General Discussion (15 min)