So it began...

June 1984
Mayor's Task Force on Street People
Report, Mayor Scotty Baesler
- Continue operating The Salvation Army
- Comprehensive Jobs Program
- Comprehensive Day Center

October 1990
By and For the Community, A Plan Addressing Homelessness in Lexington-Fayette, Kentucky
- Comprehensive 24-hour shelter/facility
- Establishment of a Commission of Housing and Support Services
- Increase transitional housing
- Increase affordable housing
- Revision of education and job training programs
- Enhancement of child development opportunities
Results
Homeless Trends Pre Development of OHPI

And it continued...

January 2013
for the Greater Good, Mayor Jim Gray
- Funding
- Structure
- Facilities
- Services
- Policy Changes
- Further Study

- Homeless Representative x2
- Hope Center Emergency Shelter for Men
- Hope Center Recovery Program for Women
- Lexington Housing Authority
- East End Resident
- Lexington Division of Police
- Eastern State Hospital
- Community Volunteer x4
- Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program
- United Way of the Bluegrass
- Calvary Baptist Church
- New Beginnings Bluegrass, Inc.
- Lexington Public Library Board of Trustees
- Sheriff
- Office of the Mayor
- Steve Kay, Vice Mayor
- UK College of Social Work, Dean
- First Presbyterian Church
- UK Office of the Provost, Financial Model Implementation
- Chaplain
- Fayette County Public Schools Student Support Services
- Central Kentucky Housing and Homeless Initiative
- Volunteers of America
- LexTran
- Bethel Hispanic Church
- Business Owner and Downtown Resident
- Legal Aid of the Bluegrass
- VA Medical Center
- St. James Place
- KY Department of Advocacy
Structure

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“There are numerous organizations in Lexington that provide service or programming for people experiencing homelessness….various divisions within LFUCG also deal with certain aspects of homelessness…through no one person or office is responsible on a day to day basis for thinking about the issue surrounding homelessness and how our community can best address them in collaboration with appropriate partners.”

“In order for LFUCG to take a more active role in addressing homelessness and the impact it has on our community, we recommend that the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention principle function be to focus on housing and homeless issues...planning coordination, advocacy, and awareness...office would not provide direct support services...serve as an objective source of information and assist in problem solving for difficult situations.”
Coordinate
Facilitate
Educate
Advocate

No Structure
How the Structure Works

Example 1: Encampments

Issue Brought to Council → Council defers to OHPI → OHPI places on the Advocacy agenda → OHPI drafts SOPs and iterates with Advocacy Committee → SOPs are taken to full Board → SOPs are presented to Council and the Mayor for supporting resolution → SOPs are adopted → SOPs are enacted on a system level → Reports on each Board agenda

Additional Partners
- LFUCG Code Enforcement
- Lexington Police Department
- LFUCG Division of Law
- LFUCG Division of Environmental Services

Example 2: COVID-19 Pandemic

Issue Brought by Health Department → Health Department defers to OHPI → OHPI gathers appropriate Partners → OHPI drafts response plan → OHPI communicates to City leadership on funding gaps and solutions for community → Partners adopt response plan → Plan implemented → Plan updates communicated via OHPI to elected officials, partners, and public

Additional Partners
- Division of Emergency Management
- Lexington-Fayette County Health Department
- Private Businesses
- LFUCG Division of Grants and Special Programs
- Motel 6
- Bluegrass Extended Stay
How the Structure Works

Example 3: High Utilizers

Program Performance and Evaluation Committee reviews annually.

Issue identified in Advocacy Committee.

OHPI charged with gathering data.

OHPI puts together a small work group to address data and solutions.

Solution presented back to Advocacy Committee for design and funding vote.

OHPI maintains small work group for individualized care.

OHPI releases RFP.

Results

Homeless Trends Post Development of OHPI

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Additional Partners

- Lexington Police Department
- LFUCG Community Paramedicine Program
- Kentucky Division of Adult and Protective Services
- University of Kentucky Healthcare
- Bluegrass Continuity of Care Providers
- Fayette County Attorney’s Office
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Providing quality behavioral health care that offers
Recovery & Hope

Presenter: Jackie Long
Director of Housing and Grants

Homelessness Prevention and Strategies for small cities and communities

Mountain Comprehensive Care Center
606-886-8572 | www.mtcomp.org
Building on lessons from larger jurisdictions

What Resources are Available

• Balance of State Continuum of Care
  – Permanent Supportive Housing
  – Rapid Rehousing
  – Street Outreach
• Emergency Solutions Grant
• HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance
• ARPA funds (up to the local decision makers)
• Private Foundation Grants
KEYS TO SUCCESS

• Coordination
• Collaboration
• Partnerships

Now What?
Identify the Root Causes

- Mental Illness
- Drug use/abuse
- Lack of jobs
- Exits from Jails
- Lack of affordable housing
- Lack of emergency shelter

- Ask the question: Does our community see more first time homeless or chronically homeless?

Action Steps for Cities

- Internally, determine the city’s issues/needs surrounding homelessness.
- Designate a lead person for the response to homelessness.
- Determine what resources, if any, the city can designate for homelessness response.
- Invite community stakeholders to participate in discussions.
- Encourage collaboration among stakeholders, including city government.
- Participate in the KCount.