

**Housing Opportunities Action Council (HOAC)
Ten Year Plan to Address Homelessness
DRAFT Prevention (Mental Health) Work Plan, 17-19**

Intervention Area 3: Prevention (Mental Health)	Overarching Goal: Advance efforts that help residents maintain healthy, affordable housing and prevent housing instability and homelessness.
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Impact Indicators:

Strategy:

- 3.6. By July 2019, increase capacity to provide mental health treatment and detox services in Benton County.
- 4.4. By July 2019, strengthen partnerships with local Law Enforcement and Mental Health to ensure mental/behavioral health and other support needs of persons experiencing homelessness are addressed with appropriate interventions.

Problem:

Milestones:

Dates:

Activities	Performance Indicator	Target Date	Owner
ACTION TEAM FORMATION			
1. Convene planning team of agencies providing mental/behavioral health interventions (HOAC Mental Health Action Team).	Planning team minutes and names of participants.	July – September 2017	HOAC Mental Health Action Team (MHAT)
2. Review, edit and approve draft work plan to guide implementation efforts and			

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track progress, aligned with other community efforts.	Approved Final Work Plan.	Ongoing	
3. Solicit consultation and technical assistance from other communities/resources.	# of technical assistance contacts.		
PARTNER INVENTORY & ASSESSMENT			
4. Research and better understand interventions in both Benton County and neighboring counties (e.g. Benton County jail diversion/sequential intercept project, Lincoln County mental health / jail diversion program, etc.).	Final planning inventory outlining current interventions in Benton County and neighboring counties.	September – November 2017	HOAC MHAT, Benton County Healthy Communities Team
5. Determine need for HOAC MHAT liaison to track, connect, and advocate for mental/behavioral health interventions that address unique issues related to homelessness implemented by other agencies, advisory groups, etc. in Benton County.	# and content of updates provided by MH liaison.	November 2017	
MENTAL HEALTH/LAW ENFORCEMENT PILOT PROJECT			
6. Assess interest and capacity of local Law Enforcement and Mental Health to strengthen partnerships to ensure mental/behavioral health and other support needs of persons experiencing homelessness are appropriately addressed.	Assessment meeting minutes.	January 2018	HOAC MHAT, Key Partner Agencies, BCHD MHADDAC, BCHD HC Team
7. Identify planning components specific to homelessness in law enforcement/mental health project(s) being facilitated by other partners, align with work plan metrics and performance indicators.	Approved Implementation and Evaluation Plan.	March 2018	
8. Make recommendations and monitor improvements in addressing the needs of homeless residents in law enforcement/mental health initiatives.	Final evaluation results report.	April – October 2018	

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PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION			
9. Share law enforcement/mental health pilot collaboration results and recommendations for implementation across the system.	# of shares (presentations, meetings, agencies, etc.)	November-December 2018	HOAC MHAT, MHADDAC
10. Assess capacity for implementation across the system or expansion to include additional Law Enforcement agencies. Include analysis of funding and sustainability opportunities available through OHP and other private/public sources.	Final analysis of funding and sustainability opportunities.	2019	HOAC

Sector Alignment Opportunities:

Explore universal care coordination alignment opportunities with law enforcement. See [Intervention Area 2, Comprehensive Care Coordination](#). Ensure alignment with Parks & Recreation and Natural Areas & Parks efforts to mitigate and address issues with illegal camping sites on public owned property (4.3.).

Recommended HAOC Infrastructure Changes:

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