



AGENDA
CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 22, 2020
101 W. 8TH STREET
5:30 PM

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The order and times of agenda items listed are approximate and intended as a guideline for the City Council.

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

1. You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: **Jul 22, 2020 05:30 PM Work Session and Special Session at 07:30 PM Mountain Time** (US and Canada)

Topic: 2020/07/22 Special Work Session

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TIME	ITEM	WORK SESSION	ACTION
5:30pm-7:00pm	2.	Strategies to address Housing and Homelessness	Information/Discussion

7:00pm Meeting Set-up

TIME	ITEM	SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING	ACTION
7:30pm	3.	Roll Call	
	4.	Pledge of Allegiance	

ACTIONS AND/OR PRESENTATIONS

7:35pm	5.	Strategies to Reduce COVID-19 Risk	Discussion and/or Action
8:30PM	6.	Adjournment	

**Strategies to Address Housing & Homelessness
Lessons from Other Communities**

Presented by The Built for Zero Team with Guest Jenn Lopez

Glenwood Springs City Council Work Session

July 22, 2020. 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

On behalf of the Built for Zero Team, we would like to invite you to a work session on strategies to address homelessness in our region. Jenn Lopez, a Colorado-based housing and homelessness program consultant, will guide us through some strategies she has successfully implemented in her hometown of Durango, Colorado as well as innovative programs working across the state. The goal of this session is to learn about best practices and explore potential solutions for our own backyard. This work session will begin to identify collaborative roles for local government, the faith community, service provider partners and citizens (those with and without housing) to arrive at the kinds of solutions and community designs that we will all want to live with.

At the end of this presentation, an invitation will be extended asking for volunteers who wish to be involved in contributing to the work of a regional strategy to address housing and homelessness.

Presenters:

The Built for Zero Team is made up of individuals throughout our region that have been trained in a national model whose results demonstrate that zero homelessness is possible. The Built for Zero Regional Team is prepared to act as the steering committee for next steps.

Jenn Lopez is president of a small consulting firm and works throughout the Southwest on affordable housing and homeless programs. Prior to launching this small business, Ms. Lopez was the Director of Homeless Initiatives for Governor John W. Hickenlooper. Jenn worked across state agencies to implement outcome-based policies and programs that prevent and end homelessness in Colorado. Her initiatives included managing the Pathways Home Supportive Housing Toolkit, implementing the first-ever Medicaid Academy to train service providers on ways to bill Medicaid for supportive services, serving as a social innovation bond fellow through the Sorenson Impact Center at the University of Utah, sponsoring the Coming Home Colorado Action Lab series to reduce veteran's homelessness in Colorado and managing a joint underwriting initiative between the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority and the Colorado Division of Housing (CDOH) to increase permanent supportive housing statewide. Her efforts resulted in over 200 million in housing investments and over 530 units of Permanent Supportive Housing investments over 2 years. Prior to this work Jenn had spent several years working a variety of affordable housing programs for small urban centers and rural communities. She has a Master's in Community and Regional Planning and completed the Achieving Excellence Program at Harvard University in 2010.

STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

LESSONS FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES

PRESENTED BY THE BUILT FOR ZERO TEAM
WITH GUEST PRESENTER JENN LOPEZ

JULY 22, 2020



PRESENTATION STRUCTURE

- Put comments and questions in chat
- We will try to address but at the very least we will have a copy of these to inform or respond to
- There will be an ask for those who wish to contribute to the work of a regional strategy to address housing and homelessness. Please type your name, email and organization (if applicable) in the chat.

INTRODUCTIONS

- ***The Built for Zero Team*** is made up of people throughout our region that have been trained in a national model whose results demonstrate that zero homelessness is possible.
 - Debbie Wilde, Facilitator, City of Glenwood Springs
 - Marian McDonough, Director, Catholic Charities
 - Nan Sundeen, Director, Pitkin County Human Services
 - Cristina Gair, Director, West Mountain Regional Health Alliance
- **Jenn Lopez** has worked throughout the state on housing and homelessness for the past 20 years. She resides in Durango where she has been an active participant in that communities' strategies for housing and homelessness.
- Special shout-out to all those working directly with people experiencing homelessness.

MEETING GOALS

Informing

A brief overview of current local efforts re housing for the homeless

Learning

Learning about Durango's journey to developing a homeless strategy

Developing

Outlining next steps to develop solutions that work for us

PREMISE – A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Is Not

An all-inclusive information session about housing and homelessness.

Is

An opportunity to learn from other communities about their collective response to housing and homelessness and related matters.

PREMISE – A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Is Not

Homelessness is not an innate characteristic of a person.

Is

Homelessness is an experience.

PREMISE – A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Is Not

A proposal for any particular action re housing and homelessness.

Is

A call to create a space for collaboration among all those interested and concerned with housing and homelessness.

NEED – A REGIONAL STRATEGY

Fairness Across Places

All people, regardless of where their community is, deserve affordable homes and other vital resources.

Regional Interdependence

All communities within a region need resources – such as the availability of good homes – in order to prosper.

NEED – A REGIONAL STRATEGY

Pitkin	Garfield	Eagle
Pitkin Housing Stability Coalition Fall of 2018	Programs & services – need a coordinated community response	Exploring strategies

KEY GOALS

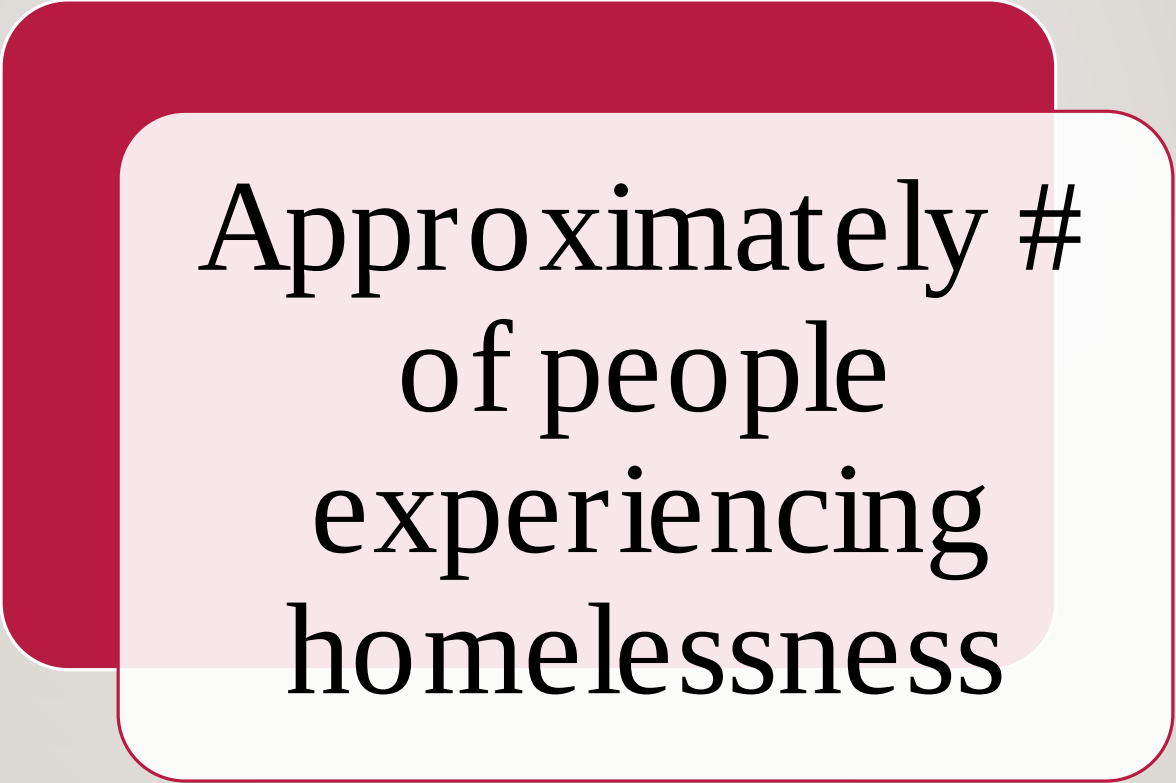
Stop
homelessness
before it
starts.

Identify
individuals at
risk & ensure
they are safe.

Connect
people with
solutions
they need to
quickly exit
homelessness.

Create
access to
long term
structural
solutions.

HOMELESSNESS IN OUR REGION



Approximately #
of people
experiencing
homelessness

CHALLENGES

COVID-19

Health of
homeless
individuals and
the community

Use of Emergency
Resources

Environment
Hazardous Trash
and Waste

Identification &
Response

Lack of affordable
housing with
services

SOME OF THE RESOURCES & EFFORTS IN GARFIELD COUNTY

Continuum of Care

Coordinated Entry

Garfield County Housing Authority, Feed My Sheep, Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, River Center, Carbondale Coalition for the Homeless, many churches, organizations and individuals

Built for Zero Roaring Fork selected as one of six Colorado regions to participate

OUR BUILT FOR ZERO TEAM

The logo for Built For Zero, featuring the words "Built For Zero." in white, bold, sans-serif font, stacked vertically on a solid magenta square background.

**Built
For
Zero.**

- City of Glenwood Springs
- Garfield County Housing Authority
- Pitkin County Human Services
- Mind Springs Health
- Catholic Charities
- Aspen Homeless Shelter
- West Mountain Regional Health Alliance

Built for Zero is a **methodology**, a **movement**, and **proof of what is possible**. Anchored in a commitment to driving to zero, cities and counties have changed how local homeless response systems work and the impact they can achieve.

Aim: To end chronic and veteran homelessness then end homelessness for all

BUILT FOR ZERO RESULTS



PREMISE – THERE IS HOPE

Is Not

Ending homelessness in our communities is not a hopeless goal.

Is

Ending homelessness is possible.

GUEST PRESENTER

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COVID CONTEXT JULY 2020

Homelessness in rural/resort communities- on the rise because of housing costs and low wages.

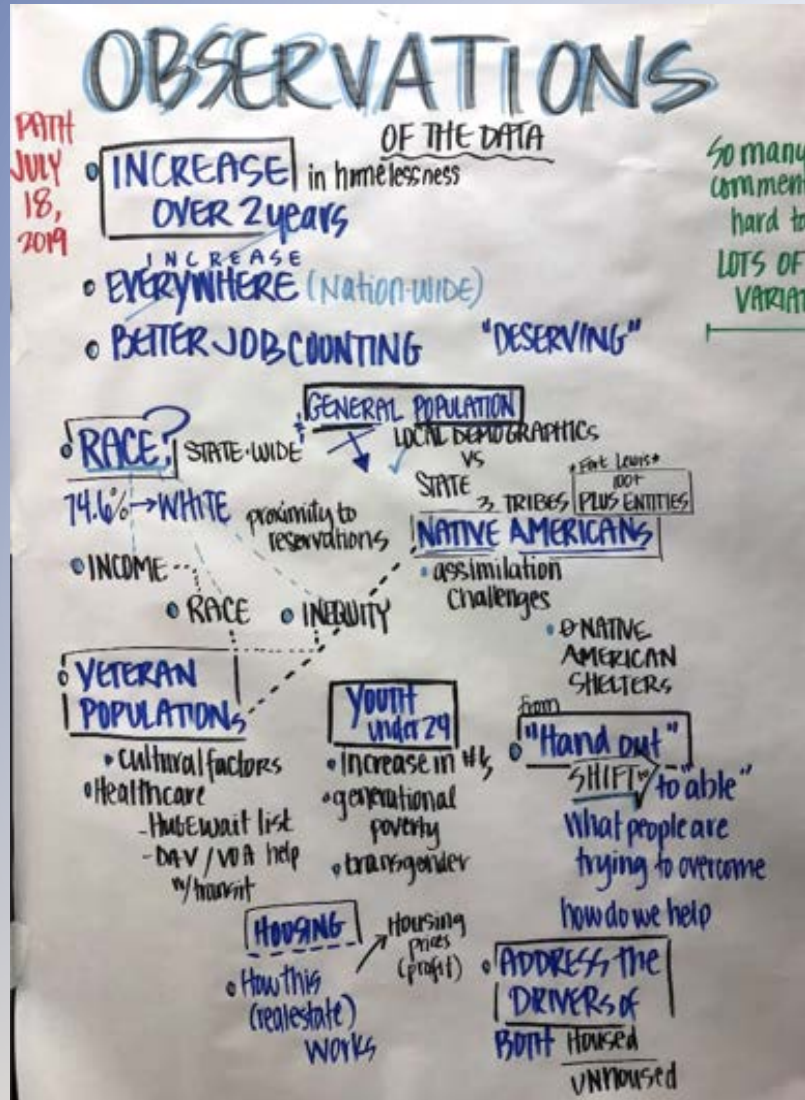
Homelessness is not going away and will actually increase because of COVID's impact on jobs and wage loss-16% of Coloradoans are housing insecure and 300,000-400,000 Coloradoans will be evicted in 2020 due to COVID.

DURANGO'S JOURNEY TO DEVELOP A HOMELESS STRATEGY

JENN LOPEZ, PROJECT MOXIE

COLORADO HEALTH FOUNDATION AND
INTERFAITH ALLIANCE OF COLORADO





Homelessness since the 1980's—housing costs and regional issues



Started more coordinated efforts in 2012 (more funding)—broader coalition than just shelters



Saw increases from 2014 on and camping becomes a huge issue



Durango starts camping ban, advocates push back and ACLU gets involved



Elected's at the time believe limit services and "they" will go away.



Sheriff disagrees and starts supporting more organized camps



Site Visit to Camp Hope in 2017

DURANGO CAMPING CHALLENGES

Fire season—2018 organized camp has to be moved—traumatic for campers

Fire hazards pushes community to look for better solutions

Community leaders open to sanctioned camp idea out of forested areas

Neighbors fed up with camping in their backyards, tensions in community run high

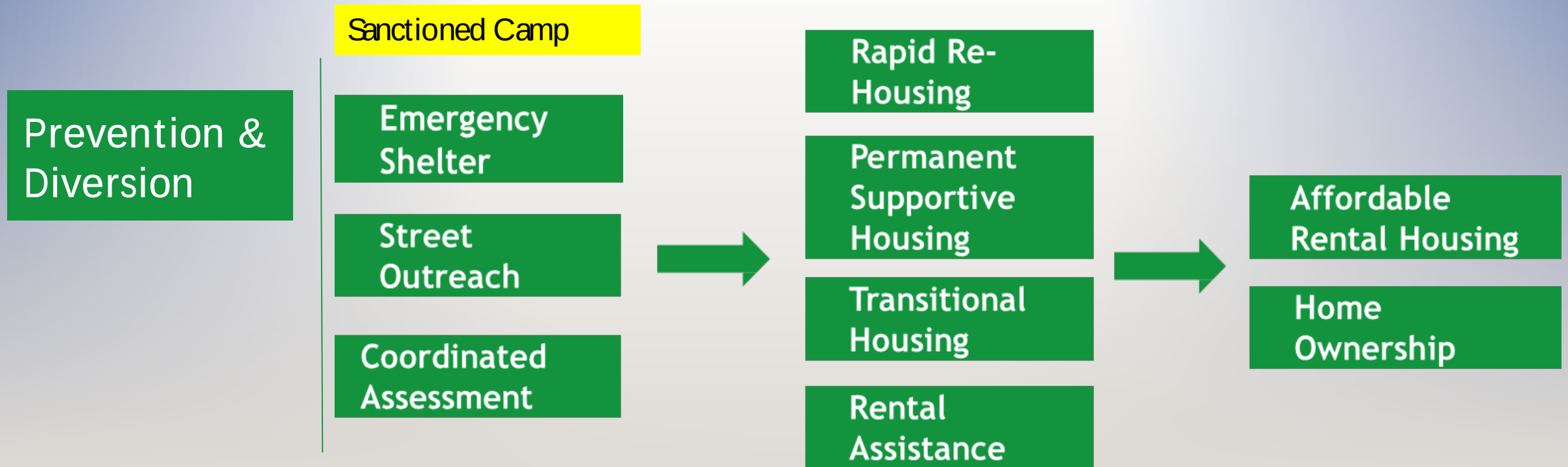
Community unclear if sanctioned camp is valid idea, providers are also unclear, there is no community vision

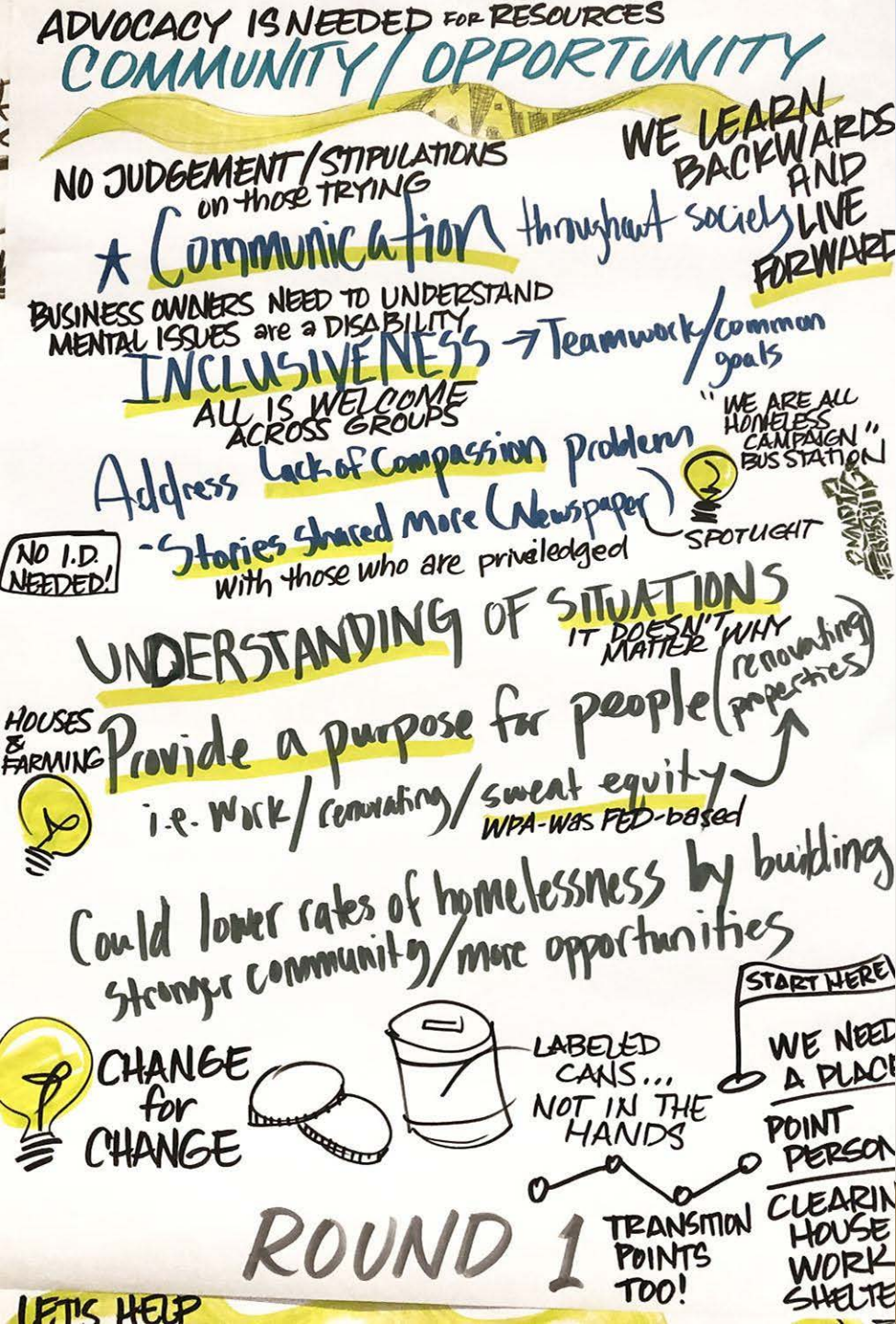
Small group looks at new shelter but too expensive to implement

DURANGO COMMUNITY PLAN IDEA

- ❑ Community had homeless summits in 2016 and 2018 and the idea of a communitywide strategy emerges
- ❑ City and County put out RFP and Athena Group is selected
- ❑ 416 Fire ---all new projects on hold
- ❑ 2019- Project kicks off in April with a community steering committee-PATH
- ❑ Strong alignment with City and County-first time in years
- ❑ Doing nothing new was not working for the community as a whole—ready for change

(Durango) Creating a broad continuum of housing that meets the diverse needs of the community is critical to ensuring everyone has a safe place to call home.





DURANGO THEMES AND FRAMEWORK

- Housing and Shelter: One Size Doesn't Fit All
- Health and Other Support Services: Available, Accessible, Affordable
- Sense of Community: Inclusive and Connected
- Community Conditions: Safe and Clean for All
- Sense of Purpose: Access to Work That Works

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WHAT IS SAFE OUTDOOR SPACE?

- These are designated areas where people living outside can stay and where they can have access to bathrooms, showers and possibly services.
- Having a designated place for people outside is critical because we know that sweeping camps is ill-advised under COVID
- These are also areas where outreach workers can connect with people and share information, encourage social distancing and screen for COVID symptoms with public health partners

HOW DO COMMUNITIES SET UP THESE SPACES?

- There is usually a lead agency that facilitates identification of a site (government owned, parking garage, parking lots etc.
- This agency then ensures that unhoused community members have access to existing on-site bathroom facilities or rental facilities are set-up on site.
- Agency staff mark out spots for tents to ensure proper distancing.
- The agency may provide services or arrange for food services and health checks.

WHY NOT JUST HOUSE THEM IN NEW SHELTER SPACE OR HOTELS?

Ideally, we could find spaces inside.

- Unfortunately, FEMA funds can only be used for high-risk homeless or those showing signs or that have the virus.
- Shelters in many communities are turning people away due to staff shortages.
- Many unhoused community members do not want to go into shelters because they are afraid of exposure.
- Lack of Adequate Resources!

WHAT DOES SETTING UP SAFE OUTDOOR SPACES COST?

For communities that set-up a non-staffed area the costs are minimal, but you still need a local lead agency or the faith community.

If you are renting bathroom facilities and providing staff and/or security, it can cost \$15 to \$20 per person per night.

At a minimum: you will need to secure bathrooms, sinks and showers. If renting this equipment it can run thousands per month.

Food service: Partner with current food providers and arrange for sack lunches and canned goods to be delivered, this keeps costs low.

OPPORTUNITY IS NOW

Moving forward on solutions ASAP is key as funding opportunities are here and they are limited.

Communities want to look at CARES ACT, ESG and the possibility for one more stimulus package.

And the state has 20 million available currently for rental assistance.

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PITKIN COUNTY EFFORTS

- Set up a Safe Outdoor Space, currently temporarily housing 17-22 individuals
 - Peer led
 - Coordinated case management
 - There are sanitation stations, showers, trash cans, etc
- Pitkin County Housing Stability Coalition – a community wide coalition to address homelessness
 - Goals – end chronic and veteran homelessness and find a way to end all homelessness
 - Looking for a permanent location for year-round shelter
 - Participating in the by-name list
 - Resounding interest in long-term regional solutions

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UPDATE

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is an intervention that combines affordable housing assistance with voluntary support services to address the needs of those who have experienced chronic homelessness.

- The Colorado Health Foundation selected West Mountain Regional Health Alliance to be one of six regions in the state to participate in the Housing Readiness Pilot Program
- Development Consultants provided by TCHF are prioritizing and searching for a viable property for PSH in the region
- Mind Springs Health is interested in being the lead services provider

Please send any property or building suggestions for PSH to Cristina Gair
cgair@mountainfamily.org

NEXT STEPS FOR CONSIDERATION

- Next Meeting – DATE August 12, 2:00 PM –via Zoom –time and link will be sent to those expressing interest
 - Discuss Continuum of Solutions
 - Develop Action Teams to address homeless issues
 - In the chat - Type your name, email, organization and any particular area of interest
 - There is \$ for those who have a clear strategy
- Other thoughts and proposals?

THANK YOU!

For more information contact

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City Council
STAFF REPORT
City of Glenwood Springs
July 22, 2020

Agenda Item: Strategies to Reduce COVID-19 Risk

Action Requested:

Department: City Administration

Presented By:

Background Info:

Issues:

Staff Recommendation:

Face Mask Requirements in Glenwood Springs

Updated July 20, 2020

Do I need to wear a mask?

WHERE?	MASK REQUIRED?	SOURCE
IN A RETAIL SHOP?	Yes	State of Colorado EO D 2020 138
IN A RESTAURANT?	Yes, except when seated	State of Colorado EO D 2020 138
ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION?	Yes, including buses, trains, taxis, and ride-sharing	State of Colorado EO D 2020 138
INSIDE AN OFFICE?	Yes, when entering and moving around, and/or interacting face-to-face with public	State of Colorado EO D 2020 138
AT A PLACE OF WORSHIP?	Yes, unless officiating a religious service	State of Colorado EO D 2020 138
AT A WORKOUT FACILITY?	Yes, except when exercising alone, with others from the individual's household. Per CDPHE ³ , when swimming, the mask should be removed in the water and worn at all other times.	State of Colorado EO D 2020 138
ON A HIKING/BIKING TRAIL?	No, unless safe social distancing is not possible	City of Glenwood Springs PHO #2, 2020
AT HOT SPRINGS?	Yes, as required by the business	Business requirements and/or State of Colorado EO D 2020 138, whichever is more restrictive
WALKING AROUND TOWN?	No, unless safe social distancing is not possible	City of Glenwood Springs PHO #2, 2020

Who is exempt?

- Persons under the age of two¹;
- Individuals who cannot medically tolerate a face covering², or persons for whom face covering would cause impairment due to an existing health condition¹
- Individuals who are hearing impaired or otherwise disabled or who are communicating with someone who is hearing impaired or otherwise disabled and where the ability to see the mouth is essential to communication²;
- Individuals who are seated at a food service establishment²;
- Individuals who are exercising alone or with others from the individual's

¹ City of Glenwood Springs Public Health Order No. 2, Series 2020 (June 5, 2020)

<http://cogs.us/DocumentCenter/View/6645/Second-Amd--Health-Order-2020-2---Face-Coverings-signed-003>

² State of Colorado Executive Order D 2020 138 (July 16, 2020)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KQPWakSWyOY7utsi2rbkaWKw9Ugo6Nlq/view>

³ Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment Mask Q&A (July 16, 2020)

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household and a face covering would interfere with the activity²;

- Individuals who are receiving a personal service where the temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service²;
- Individuals who enter a business or receive services and are asked to temporarily remove a face covering for identification purposes²;
- Individuals who are actively engaged in a public safety role such as law enforcement, firefighters, or emergency medical personnel²;
- Individuals who are officiating at a religious service²; or
- Individuals who are giving a speech for broadcast or an audience.²