

**S3 Housing Connect:**  
**Initial Work Plan: Goals, Committee Descriptions, Activities**  
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**Goals:**

1. To support the establishment of a low-barrier shelter.
2. To identify existing services and support for the homeless as well as gaps in those services and supports, and bring those resources into a coordinated, community wide plan.
3. To increase the availability of and access to affordable housing for individuals and families exiting homelessness
4. To engage the public and private sectors by providing information, developing educational materials, conducting forums, and promoting opportunities for service
5. To seek remedies to gaps in services and housing by identifying and seeking resources to meet the need
6. To create a series of measurable goals and timetables to motivate and guide the plan

**Committees:** There are six committees that correspond with the six goals of ***S3 Housing Connect:***

1. The overall goal of the Low Barrier Shelter Committee is to support the establishment of a low barrier shelter. Initially, this will mean helping to support the opening of a “white flag” shelter for the 2017-2018 winter months. On a longer term basis, the committee is tasked with helping identify suitable sites for a permanent, year-round shelter. The committee is expected to interact with the Service Provision Committee to ensure essential linkage between outreach, shelter, and permanent housing is reflected in the shelter operating plan. Additionally the committee will assist and support the development of volunteer activities and needed in-kind services for shelter and work with the Community Engagement Committee to solicit such items.
2. The overall goal of the Service Provision Committee is to identify existing services and support for the homeless as well as gaps in those services and supports, and bring those resources into a coordinated, community wide plan. The committee is tasked to focus on key areas such outreach and engagement with the unsheltered homeless; coordinated intake and assessment; prevention and diversion, and; other social services
3. The overall goal of the Housing Committee is to increase the availability of and access to affordable housing for individuals and families exiting homelessness. The committee is tasked to ensure the ongoing as well as expanding opportunities for rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing specifically. The committee is to consider developing community-wide landlord engagement and retention strategies, as well as the need for new construction for affordable permanent housing.

4. The overall goal of the Community Engagement Committee is to engage the public and private sectors by providing information, developing educational materials, conducting forums, and promoting opportunities for service. The committee is tasked to develop a public relations campaign about the work and needs of **S3 Housing Connect** including activities such as public service announcements, community events, and volunteer recruitment. The committee is also tasked to explore the creation of additional job opportunities for those moving from homelessness to housing.
5. The overall goal of the Resource Development Committee is to seek remedies to gaps in services and housing by identifying and seeking resources to meet the need. The committee is tasked to help identify and secure needed funds, both cash and in-kind, from both public and private sources.
6. The overall goal of the Data and Metrics Committee is to create a series of measurable goals and timetables to motivate and guide the plan. The committee is tasked to utilize the NC Homeless Management Information System and possibly other data sources to develop reporting out mechanisms and a dashboard for the website. The committee is asked to determine and validate baseline numbers and draft measurable goals for review and approval by the governing body. The committee is directed to adopt the definition of homelessness by HUD for its work.

Initial Tasks: To be undertaken by a working group comprised of city staff, consultant, and intern

1. To create a sustainable governance structure reflecting diverse community sectors that will formulate, energize, and perpetuate the mission
2. To develop resource guide(s) for the homeless and wider community
3. To develop a written plan with stated goals and timetables for 2018 work of **S3 Housing Connect**