

Grand Rapids/Wyoming/Kent County CoC – MI506 Strategic Priorities and Goals

Explore and address root causes of racial inequity in the homelessness response system

a. Outputs

- i. Coordinate review of disaggregated data with Data Analysis Committee.
- ii. Collaborate with the Housing Stability Alliance to identify root causes of racial disparities in the system
- iii. Perform a gaps analysis to identify where additional resources are needed
- iv. Use data in meaningful way to identify disparities

b. Indicators

- i. Prioritize the mitigation of root causes of racial disparities into the upcoming strategic planning process
- ii. Test recommended strategies to decrease disparate outcomes

Increase access to and supply of permanent housing

a. Outputs

- i. Outreach campaign to private landlords regarding program participation, forms of rental housing assistance, Housing Choice Vouchers, etc.
- ii. Coordinate with organizations not receiving CoC funds and/or not currently engaged

b. Indicators

- i. Increase in the number of households accessing permanent housing
- ii. Decrease in the number of households experiencing homelessness

Improve Coordinated Entry System

a. Outputs

- i. Utilize Coordinated Entry for prevention resources
- ii. Increase transparency around available housing resources and eligibility criteria
- iii. Strategic pairing of an appropriate housing resource at the time of crisis bed intervention
- iv. Increase staff/capacity for individualized assessment and case management and/or increase support for those experiencing unsheltered homelessness

b. Indicators

- i. Coordinated approach for consumers to access prevention resources established
- ii. Updated Coordinated Entry Policy adopted by Steering Council
- iii. Reduce length of time homeless from baseline of beginning of March (onset of pandemic)
- iv. Process established to share available resources and made publicly available (i.e. public google doc/resource dashboard made available)