NEW MEXICO'S PROGRESS IN ENDING HOMELESSNESS

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ZERO: 2016

In 2014, New Mexico was selected to participate in the national Zero: 2016 Initiative

By joining Zero: 2016, we committed to ending veteran homelessness by December 2016 and chronic homelessness by December 2017

The Mayors of Albuquerque, Las Cruces & Santa Fe have also joined the Mayor's Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness

RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MEET THOSE GOALS

Transitional Housing

- Grant Per Diem Programs (VA)
- Continuum of Care Transitional Housing Programs (HUD)

Rapid ReHousing

- Supportive Services for Veteran Families (VA)
- Continuum of Care Rapid ReHousing Programs (HUD)

Permanent Supportive Housing

- VA Supportive Housing (VA)
- Continuum of Care PSH Programs (HUD)
- Linkages (State of NM)
- Housing First Program (City of Albuquerque)

NEW MEXICO COORDINATED ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

- All households experiencing homelessness complete the same common assessment
- Common assessments are entered into an online database
- Based on their answers, each household receives a score
- The score is used to determine level of vulnerability and most appropriate housing resource
- As a result, we have a real-time, by-name list of those experiencing homelessness which can be prioritized by vulnerability
- When participating housing programs have an opening, they pull from the by-name list in order of priority

NEW MEXICO COORDINATED ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

4,308 household have completed a common assessment and been entered into the Coordinated Assessment System since October 1, 2014

HOW DO WE DEFINE "ZERO"

- For the first time, we have comprehensive and up-to-date data about people experiencing homelessness in NM over time
- This allows us to measure our progress in ending homelessness in new ways
- Zero: 2016 uses a functional definition of zero, where zero means that more people become housed each month than become newly homeless.

PROGRESS IN ENDING VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

Total Number of Homeless Veterans in the Statewide Coordinated Assessment System as of 7/31/16 =

124 veterans

Newly Identified & Housed Homeless Veterans By Month									
	February 2016	March 2016	April 2016	May 2016	June 2016	July 2016			
Newly Identified	35	25	24	39	59	37			
Housed	22	21	12	11	26	34			

PROGRESS IN ENDING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

Total Number of Chronically Homeless Households in the Statewide Coordinated Assessment System as of 7/31/16 = 837 Households

Statewide Chronically Homeless Households*									
	February 2016	March 2016	April 2016	May 2016	June 2016	July 2016			
Newly Identified	53	57	60	65	76	104			
Housed	14	23	16	17	22	15			

*does not include chronically homeless households with a veteran

WHAT IS NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS OF ENDING VETERAN & CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

- Use existing resources as effectively as possible
- Monitor progress regularly and adjust strategies as needed
- Invest in Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid ReHousing, which are two proven solutions to homelessness
- NMCEH is advocating for \$4.5 million in new, recurring state funding to expand Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid ReHousing statewide