

## Agenda Item 2: Purpose and Mission of the Homeless Leadership Network

**Action Needed:** Action

**Background:** Now that the 10 Year Plan is in the process of adoption by local governments, the newly-constituted Homeless Leadership Network needs to agree on a purpose and mission for this group.

**Points of Consideration:**

- The following phrases or sentences describing possible missions for the Network are taken from the 10 Year Plan document:
  - ‘..share a commitment to improving the quality of life for all our citizens...’
  - ‘..vision that no one in Pinellas County should be homeless...’
  - ‘..improv(e) the quality of life for homeless individuals and families and those at risk of becoming homeless...’
  - ‘..eliminat(e) barriers to housing and services...’
  - ‘..find ethical and economical solutions...’
  - ‘..develop(e) unified and comprehensive services that demonstrate best practices in housing and service delivery...’
  - ‘..be able to demonstrate returns for our forthcoming investments...’
  - ‘..demonstrate commitment to work together to develop and enact this plan...’
  - ‘..motivate others to get involved and support this effort...’
  - ‘..provide the additional support and structure needed to regenerate, improve, harmonize and complete this system of care...’
  - ‘..strong accountability standards...’
  
- The following are the goals adopted in the 10 Year Plan:
  - Establish a system for plan implementation, oversight, funding administration and evaluation that involves all partners in the plan to end homelessness.
  - Enact and/or lobby for new policy and funding practices that will enable our community to implement our 10-year plan to end homelessness.
  - Strengthen coordination, collaboration and innovation among community partners to remove barriers, break the cycle of homelessness, prevent future homelessness and, ultimately, end homelessness in Pinellas County.
  - Prevent homelessness through comprehensive strategies including education, support and early intervention, and emphasize permanent solutions to homelessness through increased income and access to mainstream resources.
  - Develop a comprehensive, coordinated outreach program, that will include outreach to homeless individuals living in the streets, woods and other public places.
  - Ensure that adequate levels and types of shelter and housing are available, with an emphasis on attainable housing as a first choice.

**Recommendation:** Select key words and phrases, have a small group do final wordsmithing.