

**Topic Area: AFFORDABLE HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS**

Goal: To provide better support, information and intervention for people without housing.

**Suggested Strategies:**

**Intervention**

- Evaluate how services are delivered
- Establish an oversight board which includes consumers and stakeholders
- Evaluate the quality of the housing

**Support**

- Free legal services
- Tenants Rights
- Transportation
- Supportive Services including special needs population

**Information/Re-Education**

- Financial Literacy Education; EITC/Tax Preparation; Credit Repair
- Education-GED, vocational, etc.
- Work Readiness
- Cultural Competency training for providers

**Transition**

- Remove barriers for Affordable Rental Housing
- Vouchers for transportation to sustain employment (private sector)
- Benefits reduced on a sliding scale **OR** provide a set monthly subsidy
- Participate in IDA programs
- Partner with financial institution to develop products for this population

Accountability Measure(s):

- Individual Participant Plan Agreements for 100% of consumers
- Transportation for shelter/motel consumers to service providers- estimated cost is \$50,000 annually
- Establish formal Memorandum of Understanding between social service providers, faith based community organizations and other stakeholders
- Evaluate intervention approaches in 90 days, 6 months and 12 months
- Establish an Advisory Council that is comprised of 50% consumers and 50% stakeholders; put measures in place to ensure barrier-free participation.