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Update for the All Continuum of Care Meeting

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Plan 2.0 Vision

Our goal is to **prevent homelessness whenever possible** and to provide an **integrated array of housing and services** in an effective and cost-efficient manner.

When everyone has access to a safe, decent, and affordable home – homelessness ends in our community.

Our vision is a home for everyone.



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The Plan 2.0 Journey



Plan 2.0 Launch
August 2012



Point in Time Count
January 2013

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“We had no idea of the magnitude of the adventure upon which we were embarking. [You] invited me to be involved in something bigger than myself, adding meaning to my life.

I believe in Plan 2.0 because I believe in the people and process that created it. Plan 2.0 is a noble architecture, built by noble women and men demanding a noble life.”

Connie Bacon

formerly homeless individual and leader in Chicago’s homeless assistance system

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Homelessness in Chicago: 2013 Update

In 2013, overall there was a

4%

decrease in homelessness.

Point-in-Time Data					
	2005	2007	2009	2011	2013
Total Singles	4,038	3,870	3,342	4,253	3,923
Total Persons in Families	2,677	2,052	2,898	2,293	2,353
Total Persons	6,715	5,922	6,240	6,546	6,276

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Homelessness in Chicago: 2013 Update

- ▶ From 2011 to 2013, there has been an increase in the number of people facing **high barriers to housing**.
 - **Veterans** experiencing homelessness increased by **42%**.
 - People reporting a **mental illness** increased by **34%**.
 - People reporting **substance use** increased by **10%**.
 - **Victims of domestic violence** increased by **6%**.
 - **Chicago Public School students** identified as homeless or doubled up increased by **8%**.



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Updated Environmental Scan

- ▶ **24%** of Chicagoans live in poverty, a **17% increase** since 2007.
- ▶ Chicago's unemployment rate is **9.4%**.
- ▶ There is a **shortage of 180,000 affordable rental units** in Cook County.
- ▶ A person would have to earn **\$18.58** an hour to afford a two-bedroom apartment.
- ▶ Recent **across-the-board federal budget cuts** will negatively impact Chicago's homeless assistance system.



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Plan 2.0 Strategic Priorities



1. The Crisis Response System
2. Access to Stable and Affordable Housing
3. Youth Homelessness
4. Employment
5. Advocacy and Civic Engagement
6. Cross-Systems Integration
7. Capacity Building



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Plan 2.0 Implementation

- ▶ Implementation efforts are led by staff at the Chicago Alliance and the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services.
- ▶ The **Plan Advisory Committee** of the Chicago Planning Council on Homelessness oversees implementation and gathers information about progress on a quarterly basis.
- ▶ **Semi-Annual Progress Reports** are released to the public every February and August.
- ▶ **Everyone has a stake in the successful implementation of Plan 2.0!**



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STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1

THE CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM

GOAL

CREATE AN EFFECTIVE CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM THAT PREVENTS HOMELESSNESS WHENEVER POSSIBLE AND RAPIDLY RETURNS PEOPLE WHO EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS TO STABLE HOUSING.

THE CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM: *FIRST YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS*

- Significant progress made on designing the vision, principles, and framework of Chicago's new **coordinated access system**.
- A **new 30-bed interim housing facility** for victims of domestic violence and their children will open in 2014.
- Homeless prevention resources **increased by 11%** from \$2.2 million in 2012 to \$2.44 million in 2013.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2

ACCESS TO STABLE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

GOAL

CREATE AND MAINTAIN STABLE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR HOUSEHOLDS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING OR AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS.

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ACCESS TO STABLE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING
FIRST YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 170 new **Rapid Re-Housing** units were created (8% of seven year goal) to move households quickly out of emergency shelter and interim housing.
- The **Central Referral System** for permanent supportive housing was successfully launched.
- Chicago's TIF Purchase Rehab Program will invest \$5 million in 2013 to create **affordable rental housing**.

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

GOAL

CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE, DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE MENU OF SERVICES FOR YOUTH WHO EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS IN ORDER TO PREVENT HOMELESS YOUTH FROM BECOMING THE NEXT GENERATION OF HOMELESS ADULTS.

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YOUTH HOMELESSNESS
FIRST YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 94 new **low-threshold overnight shelter beds** have opened, increasing the capacity of the youth housing system by 35%.
- A new citywide network of **youth drop-in centers** were created and have already engaged over 600 youth.
- Chicago's first ever **Youth Count** was conducted earlier this month and will provide important data.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4

EMPLOYMENT

GOAL

INCREASE MEANINGFUL AND SUSTAINABLE
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE
EXPERIENCING OR MOST AT RISK OF
HOMELESSNESS.

EMPLOYMENT
FIRST YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The **Plan 2.0 Employment Task Force** is working hard to bridge the gap between the workforce development and homeless assistance systems.
- New city resources will help an additional 225 people experiencing homelessness **access employment services** within three DFSS Neighborhood Service Centers.
- A new partnership with Cabrini Green Legal Aid is helping consumers **clear their criminal records** in order to expand employment and housing opportunities.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 5

ADVOCACY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

GOAL

ENGAGE ALL OF CHICAGO IN A ROBUST PLAN THAT CREATES A PATH TO SECURING A HOME FOR EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

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ADVOCACY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
FIRST YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Significant advocacy efforts resulted in a **4% increase** in state homeless service funding this year.
- Over half of Chicago's 50 wards participated in a successful series of **Plan 2.0 City Council briefings**.
- The Planning Council has embarked on a process to **formalize the structure** of Chicago's Continuum of Care and enhance its governance strategies.

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY 6

CROSS-SYSTEMS INTEGRATION

GOAL

WORK ACROSS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SYSTEMS OF CARE TO ENSURE ENDING HOMELESSNESS IS A SHARED PRIORITY.

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CROSS-SYSTEMS INTEGRATION
FIRST YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The **Rapid Results Boot Camp** helped over 400 chronically homeless individuals and families exit homelessness in just 100 days.
- Stakeholders are working hard to implement the **Affordable Care Act** and help up to 330,00 low-income adults sign up for Medicaid in Cook County.
- Chicago was selected as one of ten cities to participate in HUD's innovative **Dedicating Opportunities to End Homelessness** initiative.

CAPACITY BUILDING

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 7

GOAL

ENSURE A STRONG HOMELESS ASSISTANCE SYSTEM CAPABLE OF IMPLEMENTING PLAN 2.0 GOALS AND HEARTH ACT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.

CAPACITY BUILDING
FIRST YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Chicago invested an additional \$318,000 in HMIS to improve our capacity for **data-informed decision making** and planning.
- The HMIS team enhanced its training and technical assistance capacity, and has trained **864 users** so far this year.
- The Chicago Task Force on Homeless Youth sponsored trainings for 150 providers on **best practices for serving youth** experiencing homelessness.

Summary: Celebrating Plan 2.0's First Year

- ▶ **270** fewer people experiencing homelessness
- ▶ **294** new housing opportunities open or coming online soon
- ▶ **\$11.2 million** committed to Plan 2.0 priorities



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"It was just a year ago that Plan 2.0 was endorsed by Mayor Rahm Emanuel, and La Casa Norte will soon realize its dream of opening two new emergency overnight shelters and drop-in centers for youth experiencing homelessness.

Plan 2.0 implementation is having a real impact on neighborhoods city-wide for those who would otherwise have no place to go."

Sol Flores
*Executive Director, La Casa Norte and
leader in Chicago's homeless assistance system*



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Opportunities to Get Involved

- ▶ **Familiarize yourself** with Plan 2.0. Download your copy and Semi-Annual Progress Reports at www.thechicagoalliance.org.
- ▶ Think about what Plan 2.0 could mean for **your work**.
- ▶ Help us **share Plan 2.0** with the broader community.
- ▶ **Join specialized committees and projects** working on Plan 2.0 priorities.



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Home is the foundation upon which we build our lives.



Together, we will create a community in which everyone has a home.

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