

# INTERAGENCY HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2020

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**Working Group Development:** Clutch Consulting has conducted mapping sessions with the current structure of Continuum of Care workgroups to develop new strategic workplans for each committee to follow. This strategy will create a strategic roadmap for improving service delivery and results.

**CoC & MDHA Board Structure:** The Current MDHA Board has created two subcommittees for the creation of new Continuum of Care and MDHA Boards. These boards will split the responsibilities of the current MDHA Board to improve process flows and influence greater results in ending homelessness in the Dallas-Collin County Continuum of Care.

**VASH Voucher Applications:** Three Public Housing Agencies are working with MDHA on applications for new VASH Vouchers for Veteran's Housing. A total of 50 vouchers have been applied for through the VA in Dallas.

**CARES Act Funding:** MDHA is continuing to work with the Texas Division on Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the award and release of CARES Act funding specifically for Continuum of Care service areas. It is expected that the TDHCA Board Meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup> will see these items voted and approved for release of funds.



**City Council Briefing:** Provided update on on-going and upcoming projects and initiatives to Dallas City Council on September 16, 2020.

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**Previous Meeting:** The August meeting of The Dallas Area Partnership included a presentation by Regina Cannon, principal author, of the 2018 Supporting Partnerships for Anti-Racist Communities (SPARC) report.

The SPARC Report can be accessed at: <https://c4innovates.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/SPARC-Phase-1-Findings-March2018.pdf>

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of The Dallas Area Partnership is *tentatively* scheduled for September 24th at 12:00 PM and the agenda still being developed.



**Rapid Rehousing Project:** OHS has received 129 completed applications for move-in that are currently in processing. The applications are the subrecipients documentation for approval to proceed with move-in and reimbursement of costs. Current progress on the project is: 16 move-ins completed; 8 move-ins scheduled this week; 35 move-ins approved by OHS and awaiting execution of the contract; 56 move-ins pending approval of property management and 34 clients awaiting property selection.

**Welcome Center Operations:** The Welcome Center served 67 clients seeking services and made shelter placement for 12 guests the week of September 7th. On Wednesday, September 16th, Parkland Hospital began testing guests on-site for COVID-19 to make shelter placement quicker, as the congregate shelters require a negative COVID-19 test for entry. Onsite testing has led to hotel placement and quarantine until results are received.