

Stop, Start, Continue: Small Group Exercise:

1. When it comes to ending homelessness, what things will you STOP doing?

STOP

- thinking in my mind that someone else is doing the work, or expecting someone else to do the work.
- catering to the delivery agencies and start catering to the clients.
- looking for a perfect plan.
- feeling over-whelmed, or hopeless about the problem.
- trying to guess what the motivations of policy makers are and continue work in an educated and collaborative fashion
- assuming all 7 cities in Alberta/Canada have the same plights of homelessness.
- working on our own on these issues.
- using just numbers when reporting. Breathe life into reporting
- feeding the sorrow systems
- just reporting on numbers. Talk about faces, stories, etc
- being critical about the lack of and effective use of community data
- sorrow system
- blaming chief, council, leadership, others
- being fearful of other people's action and/or responses
- feeling helpless....for what happened and set up correct situations
- feeling hopeless. Policy is not set in stone
- accepting status quo
- being so hard on sector colleagues
- making decisions without data
- looking for reasons and new idea, it won't work
- admiring the problem
- aboriginal issues and "all"
- catering to agencies that are not client-focused nor evidence-based
- "us – them" conversations
- "dragging people along"
- focus on outputs, start focus on outcomes

2. What will you START doing?

START

- taking ownership of the issue and to work on next steps.
- building community vision and getting started with inviting others on board with the community vision.
- put the key elements together, present what is important.

- work on getting a homelessness count for Saskatoon.
- feedback to policy makers and follow up.
- looking at root causes of homelessness
- seeing a multifaceted approach to ending homelessness
- create a regional summit on aboriginal homelessness
- networking Sol Gen and Human Services across government re: homelessness agenda
- better communication of what is going on behind the scenes
- documenting open data. What is effective, share across the province
- use data for sense making decisions
- look at HUBS/research
- make use of academic researches
- disseminating results about aboriginal homelessness
- break denial the aboriginal homelessness is the same as others
- the MB long term plan and move plan forward
- build capacity to take leadership role in data
- continue to network
- combine economic and social arguments – articulate
- use data to make decisions
- have faith in the vision we have for the future
- follow the heart
- educating – even aboriginal peoples
- greater transparency
- addressing the not issues that contribute to trigger homelessness
- getting better at analysing data in all areas. Focusing, relevance, etc.
- develop a belief in trust, respect for our “house” our body, our self
- develop the housing first concept to actualize self empowerment (choice, de-colonization, healing)
- conversation around the role and responsibilities of conversation and commentary
- start a conversation around community based healing
- getting the whole system in the room
- access existing data (common language)
- look for ways to make new ideas work, not for reasons they won't
- doing something
- celebrating communicate success broadly – start the choir
- cultivate the media (on Tues)
- increase prevention
- proactively self opportunities and communication
- committee working alone – need to get others in community involved
- using info to explain what we are doing, tell people's stories
- focus on healing
- advocating for investment in things like healing
- focusing on next steps, next evolution of the plan
- 8 is great “new beginnings”
- making really hard decisions
- having successful clients share their stories

3. What is valuable enough that you will continue doing because it is central enough to ending homelessness?

CONTINUE

- -building the community momentum.
- -build on the partnerships, and adapt them to do what needs to be done.
- -build on human nature to help our neighbours, to show what we are made of and have faith and trust in our fellow citizens to do what is right.
- -not lose our sense of urgency
- -consumer/client focused
- -keep advocating for our community
- -following the Provincial 10 year plan
- -keep compassion at the forefront
- -to collaborate and share information, data, support research
- -remembering root causes of homelessness
- -keep momentum/profile on issue
- -advocate
- -create awareness
- -keep community on side
- -keep profile
- -collaborate and build capacity
- -keep eye on the goal and try not to get discouraged
- -keep impacting policy so impact generation positively
- -continue to drive forward with importance of data
- -Government of Alberta will continue to ensure that the homelessness plan will be a shared responsibility across government departments
- -expanding aboriginal presence (awareness, teachings, staff) within the sector
- -develop/increase skill sets to better “be there” for people needing seminars
- -increase collaborative approach
- -collaborate agreement on a data base and indicators to measure progress over time in collectively addressing issues
- -more self involved to be helpful for self
- -community-based initiatives and significant part of system
- -seek to understand, respect and support each other
- -building relationships
- -share ideas that are working
- -align resources
- -working with passionate people – local champions
- -continue to push systemic change
- -continue professional development
- -continue emphasis on people with higher needs
- -continue to focus attention on affordable housing
- -continue to raise awareness (bumper stickers)
- -continue to make hard decisions
- -continue coordinated intake, start looking at other new ways of connecting with people with high needs
- -continue to foster relationships with landlord community

- Continue to make program expectations clear (service guidelines, practice them consistently with service providers)