

**Iowa Change Leadership Vision Council  
North Star Work Group (NSWG)**

August 26, 2021

9:00 – 10:30 am

Attendees: Ana Clymer, Stephanie Hernandez, Greg Bellville, Marlo Nash, Andrea Dencklau, Kelli Soyer, Kristie Oliver, Katie Henry

**Results:**

1. Next steps identified for advancing the housing strategy.
2. Progress indicator is chosen for financial security.
3. Population-level target statement is drafted for financial security.
4. Pathway for completion of NSWG's portion of the Results Action Plan, with a timeline, is established (Meeting w/ Director Garcia planned for Sept. 24)
5. Action Commitments are made and documented.

**Materials:**

1. Agenda
2. Powerpoint deck
3. NSWG Strategy Template

**Agenda:**

- **Meeting Overview and Check In**
  - How are you?
  - Do you have a question or comment about the results for today's meeting?
- **Housing strategy development – next steps**
  - Insights and learnings from housing outreach – Stephanie, Kristie, Greg, Kelli
    - 14 regions in the state – approximately 500 calls/day that are answered by 3 staff members
      - Once on an intake list, it can still take approximately 26 days to obtain housing
    - Another program focus is homeless veterans
    - Screening tool used to determine housing need
      - VI-SPDAT – Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool
    - Duplication of services – lots of coordinators/case managers who provide same services – systems need to become vulnerable and understand when to step back
  - Generating ideas specific to using ARPA funds
    - What are your criteria?
  - Developing the next steps for the housing strategy
    - Meet again in a couple of weeks to prepare for meeting with Director Garcia on 9/24.
- **Progress indicator and target discussion for financial security**

- **Putting result in the center to determine next steps: financial security**
  - **Discussing the pathway for completion of the NSWG's portion of the Vision Council Results Action Plan**
  - **Action commitments and Check Out**
    - What is one commitment you can make in support of this work between now and the Work Group's next meeting?
      - **Updates from previous commitments**
        - Anna spoke with Dave Stone from United Way – recommended other coalitions to look into
          - [OpportUNITY Housing Workgroup \(Luke Lynch, OpportUNITY, l.lynch@unitedwaydm.org\)](mailto:l.lynch@unitedwaydm.org) Central Iowa coalition of housing advocates convened by United Way/OpportUNITY
          - Statewide Housing Coalition (Jon Murphy, lobbyist, [jon@lobbyiowa.com](mailto:jon@lobbyiowa.com)) Statewide coalition that works on affordable housing policies at state level
          - <https://nationalequityatlas.org/indicators>
        - Greg met with Michele, which lead to the meeting with Tim, Cody & Ashley
      - **Commitments made from today's meeting**
        - Marlo will find some data on homelessness
        - Andrea will look into Early Childhood Iowa and the Polk County House State Trust Fund
        - Kristie will speak with John Murphy and Four Oaks
        - Kristie will also reach out to agencies to obtain statements about children being ready to return home, but parents don't have home to return to
      - **Other agencies to look into for more information**
        - Institute for Community Alliances
        - Iowa Finance Authority
        - Housing Trust Fund
        - Opportunity Housing Work Group
        - Central Iowa Coalition
        - <https://www.frameworksinstitute.org/publication/why-arent-kids-a-policy-priority-the-cultural-mindsets-and-attitudes-that-keep-kids-off-the-public-agenda/>
- **Adjourn**