

Addressing Chronic Homelessness In the County of El Dorado

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Introduction

Attempts to Address Chronic Homelessness:

- * Nomadic Shelter & Warm Room
- * Hangtown Haven
- * Opportunity Knocks

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Key Issues

- * Insufficient available affordable housing
- * Lack of knowledge regarding services
- * No structure to address chronic homelessness
- * Untreated mental illness and substance use disorder

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Literature Review

- * Definition of Chronic Homelessness
- * Mental Illness
- * Substance Use Disorders
- * Co-Occurring Disorders
- * Others

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Solutions

- * Housing First
- * Assertive Community Treatment
- * Integrated Treatment Model
- * Long Term Model of Care

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Methodology

Point in Time Data: January 2015:

- * Chronically Homeless = 58
- * Homeless Families (112 individuals) = 39
- * Mentally Ill = 79
- * Substance Use Disorders = 96
- * Veterans = 20

Total = 269

(Numbers are not unduplicated)

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Methodology

Homeless Survey:

- * Trained Volunteers
- * Incentives – meals, care packages
- * Canvassing of the County

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Results

Statistics & Data Analysis:

- * Data Driven Decision Making
- * Inferences to County at large
- * Survey Instrument

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Recommendations

- * Community Involvement
- * Engaging the Chronically Homeless
- * Housing the Chronically Homeless
- * Treatment Model
- * Staffing
- * Step Down Approach