

# REBUILDING LIVES UPDATED STRATEGY

## QUARTERLY REPORT

This report keeps the community posted on the Rebuilding Lives Updated Strategy. Each issue, posted at [csb.org](http://csb.org) and distributed to interested parties, covers significant progress since last quarter and previews the upcoming months.

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The Community Shelter Board's original Rebuilding Lives initiative has meant a new home and a new start for hundreds of people throughout Franklin County. The Rebuilding Lives Updated Strategy (RLUS) is undertaking a comprehensive research and planning process to develop a new plan to connect homeless adults and families to housing and services they need to break the cycle of homelessness.

### Steering Committee Members & Affiliations

Elfi Di Bella, CSB trustee, chair • Owen Bair, CSB Citizens Advisory Council • Jack Brown, U S Department of HUD • Patricia Cash, National City, CSB trustee • Ruben Castilla Herrera, Herrera & Associates • Erika Clark Jones, Columbus Mayor's Office • Denise Cornett, CSB Citizens Advisory Council • Lisa Courtice, The Columbus Foundation • Mark Rutkus, Columbus City Council • Terri Donlin Huesman, Osteopathic Heritage Foundation • Cynthia Flaherty, Affordable Housing Trust • Doug Garver, Ohio Housing Finance Agency/Interagency Council on Homelessness & Housing (ICHH) • Dennis Guest, Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority • William Graves, Ohio Department of Development • Susan Lewis Kaylor, ADAMH • Mary Lou Langenhop, CSB trustee • Douglas Lumpkin, Franklin County Board of Commissioners • Joe McKinley, United Way of Central Ohio • Edward Menge, Columbus State Community College, Southeast, Inc. • Timothy Miller, Crane Plastics Company, CSB trustee • Regina Mitchell Lurry, Africentric Personal Development Shop, Huckleberry House • Debra Plousha Moore, Ohio Health, CSB trustee • Alicia D. Smith, Health Management Associates, Inc., Community Housing Network • Donald Strasser, Columbus Coalition for the Homeless • Melinda Swan, Member at Large • Jim Sweeney, Franklinton Development Association • Jan Wagner, CSCC, Homeless Families Foundation • Tiffany White, St. Mary's neighborhood resident • Kalpana Yalamanchili, Ohio State Bar Association, YWCA Columbus

### STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

On Thursday, November 15, 2007, the RLUS Steering Committee convened its eighth meeting. They also heard the results of discussions held by other key stakeholders from meetings such as the Rebuilding Lives Funder Collaborative Retreat held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and the RLUS Briefing - Community Breakfast held on October 26<sup>th</sup> for philanthropic and business leaders. Based on this input and further deliberation the Steering Committee identified ten priority strategies which are organized under four goals:

- Access - Community resources are available to prevent or end homelessness.
- Crisis Response - Prevent and resolve housing crises as quickly as possible.
- Transition - Guide exits from homelessness to stable housing.
- Advocacy - Leverage public policy to work toward ending homelessness.

The Steering Committee, along with several guests, explored and discussed the recommended plan, including any questions, insights, or improvements needed. The Steering Committee members then voted on the strategies to include in the plan and take out for public comment at the December 2007 'Test Drive'.

## RESEARCH REPORTS

The consultants from New York and Philadelphia have completed their research but are continuing work to finalize the reports on client utilization, shelter, supportive housing and outreach inventory, as well as data matches with other systems of care.

## FINAL REPORT – UPDATED REBUILDING LIVES PLAN

The RLUS Steering Committee will hold its final meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>. The Committee will consider which strategies will be included in the final plan and how the plan implementation should be monitored. A final version of the plan will be issued to the public in the spring.

Rebuilding Lives Updated Strategy Steering Committee Meetings are open to the public.

All meetings will be held at the SERS Building, 300 E. Broad Street, O’Keefe Conference Center, 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Free parking is available in the adjacent garage at the rear of the building.

If you would like to attend, please contact Tiffany Nobles at [tnobles@csb.org](mailto:tnobles@csb.org) or (614) 221-9195.

## COMMUNITY DIALOGUES

### TEST DRIVE FOR NEW PLAN

More than 60 homeless advocates, stakeholders, homeless service providers, and community members with a passion for resolving homelessness participated in a community conversation around the proposed strategies and to test drive the draft RLUS plan. The ‘Test Drive’, as the public event was named, was held at the Franklin County Veterans Memorial on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

### STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

In addition to the ‘Test Drive’, several meetings with stakeholders were held to discuss planning, implementation, and investment options for the new strategies as well as continued support for the ongoing strategies. Meetings included key investment stakeholders, Homeless Families Foundation board of trustees, United Way of Central Ohio’s Basic Needs Impact Council, Access Health Columbus and Columbus Medical Association/Foundation.

### STAFF TRAINING DISCUSSION

As a continuation of the Wages and Compensation Discussion, CSB Partner Agency executive directors and human resources directors gathered on January 18<sup>th</sup> at Maryhaven to discuss co-creating/co-managing a Management Institute for supervisors and managers. The group of approximately 20 discussed the skills set of an effective and efficient manager. Participants volunteered to lead identified subgroups in planning for and presentation of specific training modules. A follow-up meeting to discuss planning progress will be held in May.

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