



**DELAWARE INTERAGENCY
COLLABORATIVE TO
END HOMELESSNESS**

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The Delaware Interagency Collaborative to End Homelessness

RECAP OF PHASE 1 REPORTS

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HOW WE GOT HERE

- 1. Collaborative Engagement:** Regular cross-agency meetings from May to September 2025. Identified service gaps, fragmentation, and capacity issues
- 2. Data + System Assessment:** PIT data/statewide trends, funding, and program mapping across agencies
- 3. Community Voice (“Unhoused, Not Unheard”):** Statewide listening sessions (all 3 counties, over 10 jurisdictions), digital survey, outreach campaign
- 4. External & Expert Input:** University of Delaware conference, best practices, Blueprint alignment.

This wasn't just agency-driven – it was informed by data, providers, and people experiencing homelessness

WHAT WE DELIVERED

A Clear, Actionable Phase 1 Roadmap: Focused on immediate system improvements and long-term infrastructure

- 1. Reaching People Where They Are:** Expanding outreach and improving coordinated intake
- 2. Emergency Shelter & Navigation:** Hope Center expansion, align funding, and maintain low-barrier access
- 3. Exits & Long-Term Stability:** Creation of permanent housing, streamlining rapid re-housing

Today is about moving from recommendations to implementation

SUBCOMMITTEES

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MISSION

1. Align Collaborative focus areas with specialized leaders across Delaware
2. Establish 10 subcommittees to drive implementation

HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM	SUPPORTING THE CONTINUUM
Prevention	Community Education & Advocacy
Street Outreach & Engagement	Data & Outcomes
Coordinated Entry	Youth Homelessness
Shelter Capacity & Operations	Code Purple
Transitional & Supportive Housing	Cycle Breaking Tools

3. Subcommittees structured across the homelessness continuum: sequential workstreams and parallel support functions

Prevention

This Collaborative Subcommittee will make recommendations and create solutions to prevent homelessness before it begins through 1.) early intervention; 2.) person-centered support, services and eviction prevention; and 3.) innovative problem-solving in order to divert and prevent people from entering the shelter continuum, preserve stability and foster pathways toward long-term housing security.

Chairs: Rep. Johnson and Secretary Moultrie

Street Outreach & Engagement

This Collaborative Subcommittee will make recommendations on 1.) compassionately connecting with individuals experiencing homelessness by offering consistent outreach; 2.) personalized support; and 3.) pathways to stability by linking individuals to essential resources, safe shelter and long-term solutions.

Chair:

Coordinated Entry

This Collaborative Subcommittee will make recommendations to 1.) increase the efficacy of local unhoused entry systems; 2.) foster greater coordination between shelters and unhoused services; and 3.) create a community-centered pathway which connects people to resources and supports.

Chair: Director Heckles

Shelter Capacity & Operations

This Collaborative Subcommittee shall endeavor to create low-barrier, sustainable solutions in order to 1.) maximize Statewide shelter capacities through efficient operations and community partnerships; 2.) create or update shelters for safety and accessibility for all who seek assistance; 3.) identify Statewide gaps; and 4.) balance operational excellence with human-centered support.

Chair: Carrie Casey

Transitional & Supportive Housing

This Collaborative Subcommittee will make recommendations and suggest innovative solutions which will 1.) help individuals transition from homelessness to permanent housing by fostering partnerships and community engagement with essential service providers and 2.) create affordable, accessible transitional and supportive housing communities throughout Delaware.

Chair: Susan Kent and Sarah Keifer

**Community
Education &
Advocacy**

This Collaborative Subcommittee will work toward 1.) decreasing disproportionality in unhoused services and programs; 2.) advocate for policies that align with community needs; 3.) combat oppressive practices; and 4.) work to destigmatize homelessness through community education.

**Chairs: Sen. Lockman and
Cerron Cade**

**Data &
Outcomes**

This Collaborative Subcommittee will create and identify data systems and outcome trends for unhoused individuals and review programs and services located in Delaware in order to meaningfully capture the extent of unhoused needs and the effectiveness of current systems.

**Chairs: Rachel Stucker and
Brandy Naumann**

Youth

This Interagency Collaborative to End Homelessness Subcommittee will aim to prevent and eliminate youth homelessness in Delaware by 1.) creating partnerships between DSCYF, DOE, other State entities and non-profit organizations by streamlining processes; 2.) creating meaningful policies and best practices; and 3.) recommending programs that emphasize early prevention and immediate stabilization.

Chair: Steve Yeatman

Code Purple

This Collaborative Subcommittee will evaluate and make recommendations regarding 1.) emergency (Code Purple) shelter needs and challenges; 2.) system and policy effectiveness; and 3.) partner coordination needed to adequately staff and support Code Purple throughout the State.

Chair: Carrie Casey

**Cycle Breaking
Tools**

This Collaborative Subcommittee will make supportive services recommendations regarding needs of special populations (re-entry, exiting medical institutions, SUD recovery, disabled, victims of domestic violence, etc.) that are 1.) necessary to become sheltered or housed; 2.) evaluate current systems and services to recommend improvements or streamlines; and 3.) fostering partnerships between agencies and service providers.

**Chair: Commissioner Taylor and
Secretary Linke Young**

CHAIR/DSHA RESPONSIBILITIES

Chairs/Co-Chairs will:

1. Lead subcommittee members towards advancing/implementing initiatives
2. Scheduling the meetings (monthly/bi-monthly, at your discretion)
3. Sharing Zoom/Teams links
4. Attend quarterly Collaborative meetings and present subcommittee updates

DSHA will:

1. Ensure meetings are posted to the public calendar
2. Opportunities for public comment are provided
3. Produce meeting minutes



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NEXT STEPS

1. DSHA will send the Chair(s) the list of subcommittee members who have accepted the invitation
2. Schedule the first subcommittee meeting in the next two weeks
3. DSHA will schedule the first quarterly Collaborative check-in meeting



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QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

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PUBLIC COMMENT

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