



Draft Communities Supporting Safe & Stable Housing Investment Plan Themes from Public Comments (received from May 11 - May 31, 2012)

Good Neighbor Plans	Codes of Conduct
	Where is obligation of agencies and clients to ensure rights of the neighborhood? Provider accountability: much of the responsibility is placed on the neighborhood, rather than the provider
	Lack of clear, specific language
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	Questions about implementation, cost, effective service delivery, understandings of mutuality
Survival Services Should Be Priority	Social services / case management are not needed by all and are expensive
	No mention of shelter, immediate needs
	Not enough shelter/housing for the families (identified in new coordinated entry system)
Conflicting Messaging	Not consistent with federal plan
	At odds with other plans
	Not part of the Ten-Year Plan
Housing First	Emphasis missing
	Glad it was included
	Harm Reduction was not included
	Criminal history
Homeless Population	Changes in population: where's the data to support the changes?
	Data to support demographic needs; geographic region needs
	More attention to needs of chronically homeless
Population Specific Comments	Youth/Young Adults: Support needed for both specific services; also recognize need to effectively serve youth of color, LBGT and sexually exploited youth. More housing needed. Housing models need to include shelter, low-barrier housing, transitional.
	Chronically homeless and complex issues – mental illness, substance abuse should be prioritized. More emphasis needed on this population group, including those who are disabled, seniors.
	Domestic Violence: Need for all providers to have basic level of competence screening/responding to DV.
Resources	MORE needed. Assumption that there would be no new resources was disappointing.
Leveraging Resources	Specifically McKinney – policy that City dollars leverage McKinney
	Look at totality of City programs, actions & activities (e.g. neighborhood investments – community centers/gym in Belltown)
	Youth/Young Adult: Look at totality of funding/investments in an integrated fashion (Families & Ed Levy, Youth Violence Prevention, SYEP, etc.)
Investment Principles	Cost to provide services to meet standards, especially smaller agencies
	Need more measurable standards; clarity for what they mean
Housing	Housing is...More than health care ... Housing is public safety
	Concerns about safety within housing projects; management practices
Health Care	Suggestions for additional health, behavioral health needs for all and specific population groups.
Engagement & representation	HUD included?
	Homeless clients' voices in the plan?
	People excluded (Interfaith TF); not notified about the plan