

Long-Term Public Health Strategic Outlook

Mid-term Strategic Initiatives



OUTREACH

- ▶ Expand public health outreach to be proactive, 24/7, and citywide
- ▶ Launch Citywide Encampment Response and service Engagement (CERVE) Team
- ▶ Create community-led engagement teams*



SERVICE NAVIGATION

- ▶ Expand drop-in problem-solving*
- ▶ Create access to web-based resource list*
- ▶ Increase access to low-threshold daytime spaces*



LOW-THRESHOLD SHELTER + HOUSING

- ▶ Provide new model of low-threshold, transitional shelter + housing at six sites in Boston through FY23*
- ▶ Launch Shelter Transformation – Phase 1



PERMANENT HOUSING

- ▶ Increase access to rapid re-housing*



HARM REDUCTION

- ▶ Expand access to medications for opioid use disorder at low-threshold shelter + housing sites*
- ▶ Launch Long Island Facilities Preservation Project and explore expanding access to treatment continuum through recovery campuses.



RECOVERY SUPPORTS

- ▶ Continue wrap-around teams on the street

ADDITIONAL DELIVERABLES

- ▶ Update dashboard
- ▶ Conduct citywide audit to identify sites for housing + recovery services*
- ▶ Engage community around plan

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OUTREACH

- ▶ Coordinate across outreach teams to maximize impact



SERVICE NAVIGATION

- ▶ Policy agenda: Treatment and corrections systems should ensure individuals leave with a plan for shelter or housing and with identification
- ▶ Continue efforts across Boston to expand access to essential recovery and homeless services*



LOW-THRESHOLD SHELTER + HOUSING

- ▶ Identify and sustain locations for low-threshold, transitional shelter + housing in Boston
- ▶ Launch Shelter Transformation – Phase 2
- ▶ Policy agenda: Work with the State to expand low-threshold shelter + housing across Massachusetts



PERMANENT HOUSING

- ▶ Make Street 2 Home a permanent pathway for chronically unsheltered
- ▶ Increase permanent supportive housing in Boston for individuals with substance use disorder
- ▶ Work with State to increase permanent supportive housing across Massachusetts for individuals with substance use disorder
- ▶ Partner treatment programs and housing search agencies



HARM REDUCTION

- ▶ Roll out mobile methadone in Boston*
- ▶ Collaborate with community health centers to expand harm reduction and move towards expanding to all health care settings*
- ▶ Policy agenda: Work with the State to improve continuity through treatment system for unsheltered individuals with substance use disorder



RECOVERY SUPPORTS

- ▶ Bring wrap-around teams from the street to support newly housed individuals and advocate with the state to expand these teams across Massachusetts (policy agenda)*
- ▶ Create low-threshold work opportunities
- ▶ Create job + life skills training for newly housed individuals



WORKFORCE

- ▶ Launch initiative to support and grow diverse behavioral health workforce
- ▶ Build the harm reduction skills of the workforce
- ▶ Policy agenda: Partner with federal and state government to increase behavioral health reimbursement

ADDITIONAL DELIVERABLES

- ▶ Launch anti-stigma campaign
- ▶ Assess and improve equity in access and outcomes
- ▶ Develop public-private partnership with the business community
- ▶ Collaborate to create regional agenda for harm reduction + recovery supports

CERVE team = Citywide Encampment Response and service Engagement team

DHCD = MA Dept of Housing and Community Development

EHS = State Executive Office of Housing and Human Services

PSH = permanent supportive housing

SUD = substance use disorder

LI = Long Island

EC = Engagement Center

SSP = syringe service program

HR = harm reduction

* = signal actions that directly promote decentralization