



City of Austin

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Carlos Rivera, Director HHSD
Betsy Spencer, Director NHCD

DATE: July 15, 2014

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 20140320-048

On March 20, 2014, the City Council approved a resolution directing the City Manager to:

- Work with the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) and other community partners to establish a working definition of “Housing First” Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) for the Austin Community;
- Establish the required qualifications for consideration to operate and/or develop a Housing First PSH community;
- Prepare a formal City of Austin Solicitation for a Housing First PSH Project; and,
- Work with the Leadership Committee [on PSH Finance] and other stakeholders to establish targets for the number of Housing First units to be delivered and serviced by the community over the next five years through additional solicitations or other mechanisms.

The resolution called for these items to be conducted, reviewed and/or reported back to Council by June 30, 2014, or within 90 days.

Since the adoption of the resolution, staff has met with the Leadership Committee on PSH Finance monthly and worked closely with ECHO and other stakeholders to develop these and other recommendations and deliverables, including the Independent PSH Evaluation which was required in the first PSH Strategy Resolution passed by City Council in March 2010. The PSH Evaluation has required a great amount of cross-agency data sharing and an extraordinary amount of coordination and analysis.

Given the vast amount information requested by both of these related resolutions and the time it has taken to complete the Independent PSH Evaluation, staff is requesting a deadline of July 31, 2014 to complete the work and report back to Council with a written brief. This

brief will finalize both Resolutions: 20140320-048 and 20100325-053; the Resolution that passed in 2010 calling for 350 units of PSH over the next four years.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Carlos Rivera at 512-972-5010 or Betsy Spencer at (512) 974-3182.

Cc: Marc A. Ott, City Manager

Bert Lumbreras, Assistant City Manager