Navigation Center

We, either independently or in partnership with another city, should offer a Navigation Center for homeless residents which will include access to temporary, emergency shelter beds and support services. The Navigation Center would be accessible to Westminster (and partner city) residents and individuals with verified community connection who will benefit from the services provided.

Support services will be established and coordinated by the designated services provider. Navigation Center staff will have knowledge of on-site and community resources and be prepared to provide appropriate linkages.

Housing Continuum

We recommend a more effective housing continuum approach. The Navigation Center may assess the appropriate entry point on a housing continuum with intent that all persons eventually migrate to a more self-sustaining permanent housing solution. Persons may enter potentially at the temporary emergency homeless shelter or at any other appropriate point on the housing continuum.

Funding

We recommend that we seek on-going funding sources with Orange County, State, Federal, non-profit, and private entities. This includes partnership with at least one neighboring city as a prerequisite for Orange County funding and efficiencies of scale.

Designated Access Point

We recommend that we create Designated Access Points. Designated Access points are designated Westminster personnel and non-profit organizations who are well informed on our homeless programs and will be authorized to refer our homeless to the Navigation Center located at the Emergency Homeless Shelter.

We recommend that the city consider implementing a staff position to coordinate homeless services in the city, interfacing with police, city departments, elected officials, non-profit organization, the faith community and the business community.

Regional approach/coordination

Exploration should be done to partner with surrounding cities and Orange County to create solutions for, utilize other programs and gain access to funding, to address homelessness.

Rental Housing

Create a pathway for access to currently available services at levels beyond our city like HUD and other programs.

Supportive

Should be addressed within the Housing Continuum recommendation

Community Engagement

Enact steps to engage the community to end homelessness. These could be done through direct contact as well as larger marketing strategies.