

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 27, 2017

Honorable Members of the Human and Social Needs Committee:  
Councilmember Casey Thomas, II (Chair), Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano  
TO (Vice Chair), Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine R. Caraway, Councilmember Omar Narvaez,  
Councilmember Mark Clayton, Councilmember B. Adam McGough

SUBJECT **Homeless Responses**

On Monday, October 2, 2017, the Human and Social Needs Committee was briefed on the Citizen Homeless Commission and the Office of Homeless Solutions Procurement Process. Attached are the responses to the questions asked by committee.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nadia'.

Nadia Chandler-Hardy  
Chief of Community Services

[Attachment]

c: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager  
Larry Casto, City Attorney  
Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor  
Biliera Johnson, City Secretary (Interim)  
Daniel F. Solis, Administrative Judge  
Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff to the City Manager  
Majed A. Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager

Jo M. (Jody) Puckett, Assistant City Manager (Interim)  
Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager  
Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager  
M. Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer  
Raquel Favela, Chief of Economic Development & Neighborhood Services  
Theresa O'Donnell, Chief of Resilience  
Directors and Assistant Directors

**Recommendations/Questions and responses on the Office of Homeless Solutions briefing presented at the Human and Social Needs Committee on September 18, 2017.**

**1. Please provide a list of all the shelters.**

<b>Organization Name</b>	<b># of beds</b>
Austin Street (General)	379
Austin Street (Women)	35
Dallas Life (Family beds)	150
Dallas Life (Individual beds)	250
Dallas Life (Veterans)	23
Family Gateway	90
Family Place	127
Genesis Women's Center	31
Promise House	30
Salvation Army (Veterans)	36
Salvation Army (Domestic Violence)	20
Salvation Army (Carr P Collins)	74
Salvation Army (Men)	149
Shared Housing	30
The Bridge North Texas	249
Union Gospel Mission (Center of Hope-Families)	237
Union Gospel Mission (Single women)	40
Union Gospel Mission (Veterans)	14
Union Gospel Mission (Men)	400
<b>Total # of beds</b>	<b>2364</b>

**2. Where are the homeless coming from?**

Below is origin data from the 2014 and 2015 Point In Time (PIT) count reports. Beginning October 1, 2014, HUD removed the HMIS data element “zip code of last permanent residence.” This data is no longer collected. The 2014 and 2015 paper surveys used for the PIT count asked the question “Where you became homeless?”.

Location of Origins of Homelessness								
Point In Time Count Reports	Total Homeless Interviewed	City of Dallas	% of Homeless	Dallas County	% of Homeless	Other	% of Homeless	Top Three States
2014	3680	2949	80%	174	5%	308	8%	Louisiana, California, Oklahoma
2015	3813	2875	75%	177	5%	499	13%	California, Louisiana, Oklahoma

Continuum of Care data supports that since the early 2000s, approximately 80-84% of the homeless are from within the Continuum of Care geographical area (for us, Dallas County and Collin County). Tarrant County had saw the same increase between 2014 and 2015 and the same top states of origin.

In light of the recent hurricane Harvey, MDHA and PIECES Iris did add a data element within the HMIS to report on victims of that event should they fall into the homeless response system.

**3. How much was spent on advertising for the Emergency Solutions Grant Requests for Competitively Sealed Proposal Process?**

The Office of Homeless Solutions spent \$2,350.80 to Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals in local publications.

**4. Will additional funding be needed during the biennial process?**

As the new Office of Homeless Solutions better evaluates the conditions of homelessness in Dallas and has more accurate data from the Homeless Management Information System and other data sources on the community gaps, staff anticipates that additional general funds may be needed to provide contractual services that are not funded through the City’s grants received from the federal and state departments. Any proposed budget enhancement requests will be shared with the Citizen Homeless Commission and then recommended to the Human and Social Needs Council Committee.