

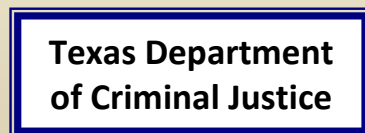


# Austin/Travis County CSH Texas Reentry Initiative



## Best Practices Work Group

Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009



# Best Practices Group Meeting Agenda

- Overview of CSH TX Reentry project
- Best Practices Work Group Goal/Objectives
- Discussion: Strategies
- Next Steps

CSH Texas Reentry Initiative

# CSH Planning Grant Opportunity

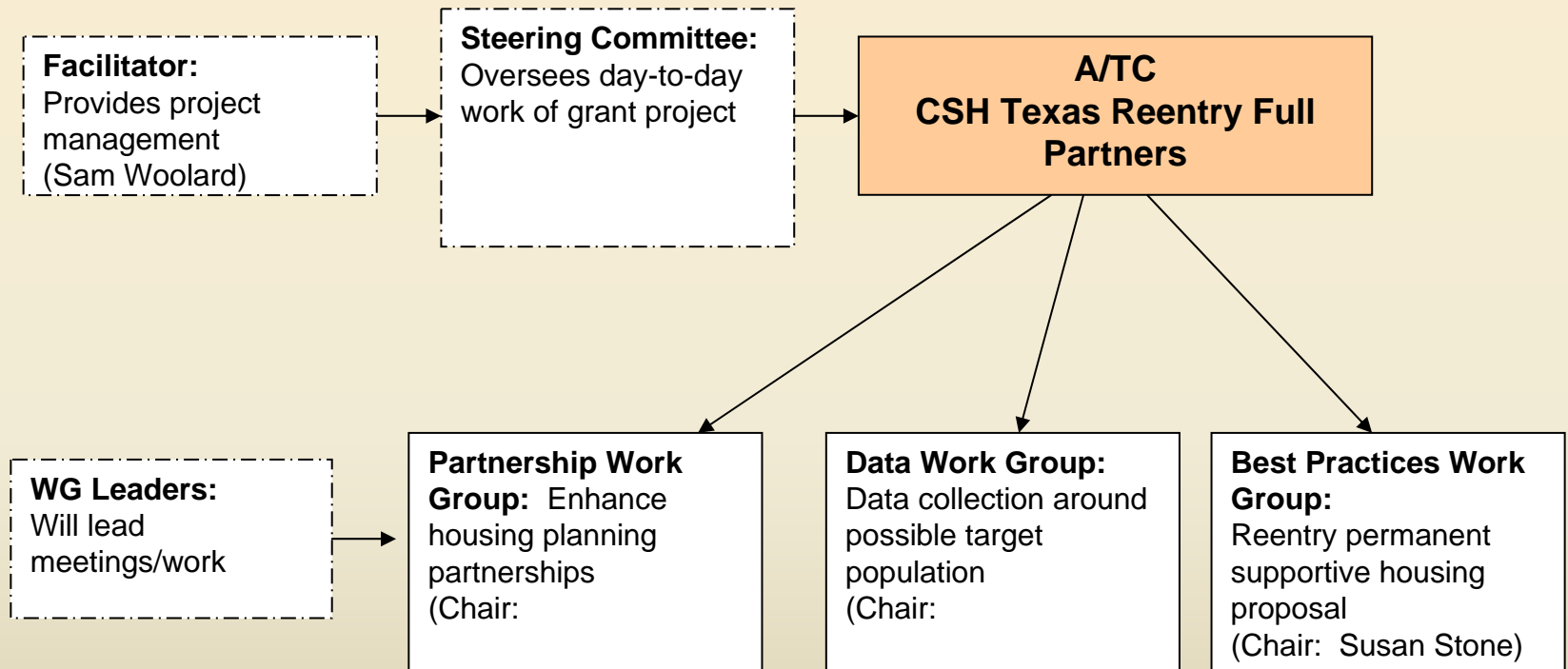


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Other partner grant recipients in Texas:

- Fort Worth/Tarrant County
- Houston/Harris County

# A/TC CSH Texas Reentry Initiative Structure/Process



## A/TC CSH Texas Reentry Initiative

# Project Goals

Goal 1: Establish/strengthen housing planning partnerships related to reentry, homelessness, and disabled persons and housing

Goal 2: Determine scope of the issue related to the need for permanent supportive housing for a reentry population

**Goal 3: Design a permanent reentry supportive housing strategy/strategies for persons leaving correctional settings returning to Austin/Travis County, TX**

# AUSTIN/TRAVIS COUNTY CSH RE-ENTRY TEXAS INITIATIVE

## TIMELINE:

| Goal  | May | June | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan |
|---|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| <b>Goal 1:</b> Strengthen partnerships                      | 1.1 | 1.2  | ⇒    | 1.3 |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Goal 2:</b> Determine scope of issue                     |     | 2.1  | ⇒    | 2.2 | 2.3 | ⇒   | 2.4 |     |     |
| <b>Goal 3:</b> Design permanent supportive housing strategy |     |      | 3.1  | ⇒   | 3.2 | 3.3 | ⇒   |     | 3.4 |

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# Best Practices Group Work Plan

**Goal 3: Design a permanent reentry supportive housing projects/strategies for persons leaving correctional settings returning to Austin/Travis County, TX**

- **Objective 1:** Clarify terminology and review data
- **Objective 2:** Review current local PSH projects
- **Objective 3:** Gather information about national best practices
- **Objective 4:** Make recommendations to Steering Committee about reentry PSH strategy/strategies for target population(s).

**Deliverable: Report of all the above—January, 2009**

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## Discussion: How will we reach our goal?

### **OBJECTIVE 1: CLARIFY TERMINOLOGY and DATA**

|              | <b>Action/Activity</b>                     | <b>Who/Status/Comment</b> | <b>✓?Due</b> |
|--------------|--|---------------------------|--------------|
| <b>3.1.1</b> | <b>Define permanent supportive housing</b> |                           | <b>8/09</b>  |
| <b>3.1.2</b> | <b>Define best practices</b>               |                           | <b>8/09</b>  |
| <b>3.1.3</b> | <b>Review Data Work Group Findings</b>     |                           | <b>8/09</b>  |
|              |  |                           |              |

# PROPOSED TERMINOLOGY: SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

- CSH (Edited)
  - Available to, and intended for, a person or family whose head of household is homeless, or at-risk of homelessness, and has multiple barriers to employment and housing stability,;
  - Household ideally pays no more than 30% household income towards rent and utilities,
  - No limits on length of tenancy, as long as the terms and conditions of the lease or agreement are met;
  - Operations managed through effective partnerships;
  - Comprehensive array of supportive services designed sustain housing stability.
  - Participation in support services is not a condition;
  - Coordinated approaches to potentially destabilizing factors.

# PROPOSED TERMINOLOGY: BEST PRACTICE

- **SAMHSA**

In the health care field, evidence-based practice (or practices), also called EBP or EBPs, generally refers to approaches to prevention or treatment that are validated by some form of documented scientific evidence. What counts as "evidence" varies. Evidence often is defined as findings established through scientific research, such as controlled clinical studies, but other methods of establishing evidence are considered valid as well. Evidence-based practice stands in contrast to approaches that are based on tradition, convention, belief, or anecdotal evidence.

# Data Work Group Findings (to-date)

## OBJECTIVE 2: REVIEW CURRENT LOCAL PSH PROJECTS

|       | Action/Activity            | Who/Status/Comment | ✓?Due |
|-------|----------------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 3.2.1 | Identify PSH projects      |                    | 9/09  |
| 3.2.2 | Interview project contacts |                    | 10/09 |
| 3.2.3 | Consolidate findings       |                    | 11/09 |

**OBJECTIVE 3: GATHER INFORMATION ON NATIONAL BEST PRACTICES**

|              | <b>Action/Activity</b>                                      | <b>Who/Status/Comment</b> | <b>✓?Due</b> |
|--------------|---|---------------------------|--------------|
| <b>3.3.1</b> | <b>Get technical assistance from CSH/Conduct Web Search</b> |                           | <b>9/09</b>  |
| <b>3.3.2</b> | <b>Collect Urban Institute Findings</b>                     |                           | <b>10/09</b> |
| <b>3.3.3</b> | <b>Contact Bureau of Justice Assistance</b>                 |                           | <b>10/09</b> |
| <b>3.3.4</b> | <b>Consolidate findings</b>                                 |                           | <b>10/09</b> |

**OBJECTIVE 4: MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REENTRY PSH STRATEGIES FOR TARGET POPULATION(S)**

|              | <b>Action/Activity</b>   | <b>Who/Status/Comment</b> | <b>✓?Due</b> |
|--------------|--|---------------------------|--------------|
| <b>3.4.1</b> | <b>Review Objective 2 &amp; 3 findings</b>                         |                           | <b>10/09</b> |
| <b>3.4.2</b> | <b>Review Data Work Group report</b>                               |                           | <b>10/09</b> |
| <b>3.4.3</b> | <b>Make recommendations about strategies to Steering Committee</b> |                           | <b>11/09</b> |

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## Discussion: Next Steps



- Who will be responsible for managing information collected?
- Who else needs to be at the table?
- When will the Best Practices Work Group meet next?

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