

GREAT SOUTHERN
REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS PLAN
2011 – 2012



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A Regional Homelessness Workshop was held at the Albany Club in Albany on 30 June 2011. The purpose was to build on the Great Southern 2010 workshop discussion paper and the broad themes and changes that have occurred with funding to address homelessness under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH) and the National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA).

State Homelessness Plan “Opening Doors”

The State Homelessness Plan “Opening Doors” was released in 2010 and identified four areas that affect homelessness and people at risk of homelessness, these main areas are; A Range of Housing Options; Education, Employment and Training; Health and Wellbeing; Connection with Community, Friends and Family. Opening Doors commits to regional homelessness plans across the State.

Great Southern Regional Homelessness Plan Workshop 1

In November 2010, the Chairperson of the WA Council of Homelessness (WACH), Kay Hallahan visited Albany to facilitate a workshop that identified several key ongoing actions required to address homelessness within the Great Southern Region. The outcome of the workshop was captured in the Great Southern Regional Homelessness Discussion Paper.

Great Southern Regional Homelessness Plan Workshop 2

In June 2010, the Great Southern Department for Child Protection District facilitated a meeting of approximately 20 representatives from a range of government agencies and non-government service providers. The direction of the workshop was to review issues that contribute to homelessness from a local and Great Southern perspective. The aim was to identify three priority actions from the ongoing actions noted at the November 2010 meeting to be commenced or carried out in the next 12 months to move forward on local homelessness issues. In addition to the November workshop record it was noted by the Disability Services Commission that disabled clients are at high risk of homelessness, and the Great Southern Mental Health Service noted mental health consumers should be consulted as part of the process of the regional plan.

Identified Priority Actions

The following actions were agreed to in the June 2010 workshop:

- 1. Meeting for the housing/homelessness sector that includes input from consumers**
- 2. Develop and implement a strategy to identify preventative measures to address the critical risk factors for homelessness**
- 3. Increase the sustainable housing options for people with special needs**

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| PRIORITY ACTIONS | TASKS | DURATION (How long will it take) | START AND FINISH | AGENCY and RESOURCE-Human or financial |
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| <p>1. Meeting for the housing/homelessness sector that includes input from consumers</p> | <p>Convene Meetings of The Great Southern Homelessness Forum</p> <p>Terms of Reference drafted</p> <p>Communications Strategy drafted</p> | <p>1 day per meeting</p> <p>August meeting</p> <p>August meeting</p> | <p>August 2011 – July 2012</p> <p>August – September 2011</p> <p>August – September 2011</p> | |
| <p>2. Develop and implement a strategy to identify preventative measures to address the critical risk factors for homelessness</p> | <p>November 2011 meeting of the housing and homelessness sector</p> <p>Audit of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • housing options and eligibility criteria, and; • services | | | |
| <p>3. Increase the sustainable housing options for people with special needs</p> | | | | |

