

Closing the Gap

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Closing the Gap

- What is Closing the Gap?
- Who is the target population?
- What are the different elements of CTG?

Closing the Gap

- Collaborative Council has been meeting since September of 2012
- The Collaborative Council has established *housing* as a priority for our community and individuals with chronic substance abuse



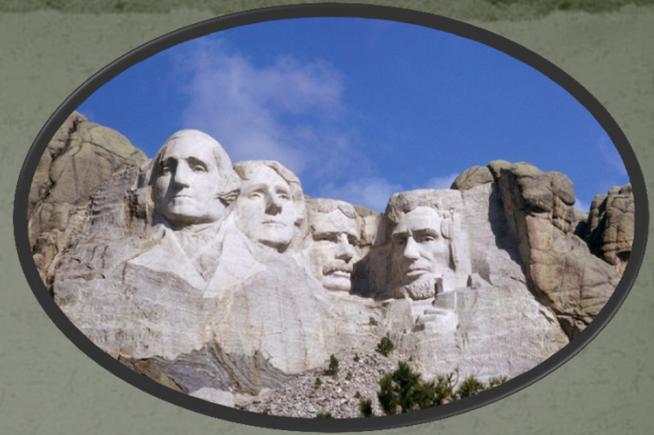
Participating Agencies

- The Guidance Center
- Catholic Charities
- Southwest Behavioral Health Services
- Flagstaff Medical Center
- Flagstaff Police Department
- Flagstaff Fire Department
- Coconino County Sheriff's Office
- Native American Connections
- NARBHA
- NACA
- Hope Lives
- CJCC
- The County Supervisor's Office
- City of Flagstaff Housing Section
- United Way
- Flagstaff Shelter Services

Some history...

- LARC
- ITU
- SToHP
- Housing First
- Jail Services
- FMC
- Flagstaff Shelter services

As a group we have identified that many of the services are available in our community, however housing is not readily available.



*We have come dangerously close to
accepting the homeless situation as a
problem that we just can't solve.*

Linda Lingle

Closing the Gap

- The Collaborative Council has partnered with Native American Connections in order to identify how to best meet the needs of our community.
- The Collaborative Council has created a subcommittee in order to determine to how to best create and obtain housing in our community.



Goals for the Closing the Gap

- Housing



- Property



- Funding



- Grants

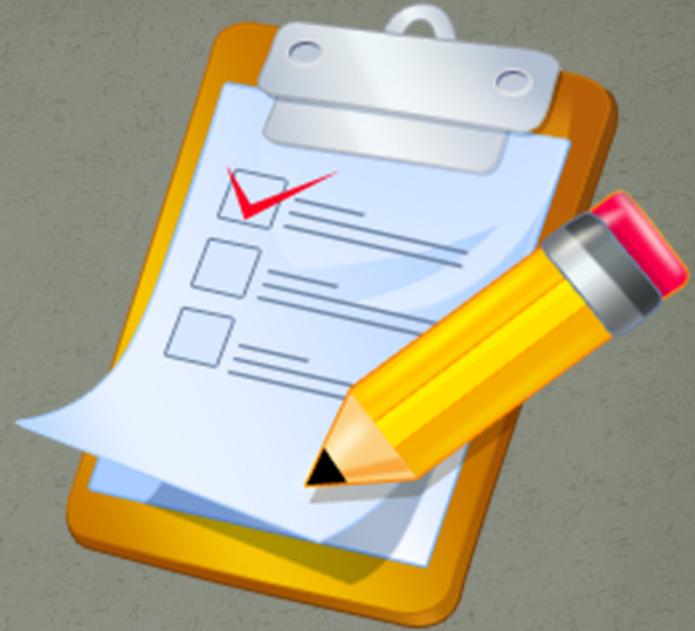


- Establish an Owner/Operator



The Details

- Tax Credits
- Owner
- Operator
- Developer
- Property Manager
- Service Provider



Bridge House Project

- A tax credit project will take 2-4 years to complete
- The committee has a smaller project ready start as soon as possible; The “Bridge House”
- The house is owned by Catholic Charities
- House will be leased by Southwest Behavioral Health Services

The Bridge House

- Southwest Behavioral will provide project oversight including substance use services and overnight staff
- 6 bedroom, 5 bathroom house in the Southside neighborhood, large kitchen, dining room, additional room to hold groups and classes, and onsite office for staff
- Up to 8 unrelated individuals can be housed based on current zoning
- Funding has been identified through Flagstaff Medical Center and NARBHA for this interim solution.

The Bridge House and Beyond

- Multiple collaborative agencies have committed to work together on this project focusing on the long term solution as well as housing vulnerable individuals now.
- Some of these commitments include: on site groups, case management, and additional support
- This interim project will enable the committee to gather necessary data needed to apply for the larger Tax Credit project and the Housing Vouchers.

The Bridge House Next Steps

- Execution of inter-agency agreements
- Completion of building rehabilitation to create a single point of entry and installation of a security system utilizing previously awarded CDBG funding
- Creation of Processes and Procedures
- Establishment of agreed upon data collection methods
- Target opening date Spring/Summer 2015

Thank you for your time!

Questions?

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