

Richmond Homelessness Coalition- *Homes For All*

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Progress- RHC Formation

In July 2011... The Richmond Homelessness Coalition was formed through informed dialogue

- Resulting from the coordinated efforts of the 2011 Richmond Homelessness Count organizers, Faith Communities Housing Group, City of Richmond, Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee, St. Alban's Extreme Weather Shelter, Salvation Army, Vancouver Coastal Health, RCMP, Ministry of Social Development, service providers, and community members.

Progress- RHC Approach

The RHC provides opportunity to sustain a multi-sector approach to:

Respond	to community identified priorities efforts to address and eliminate homelessness
Engage	multi-sector stakeholders in leveraging resources, investments, and efforts
Build	“action-oriented” solutions, community awareness, and outreach efforts to promote learning, support and knowledge sharing

Progress- Five Priorities

RHC priorities were identified through a multi-stakeholder, community engagement process:

1. A Year-round, emergency shelter

2. Drop-in Centre

3. Youth Services

4. Outreach workers; and

5. Supported/Supportive Housing

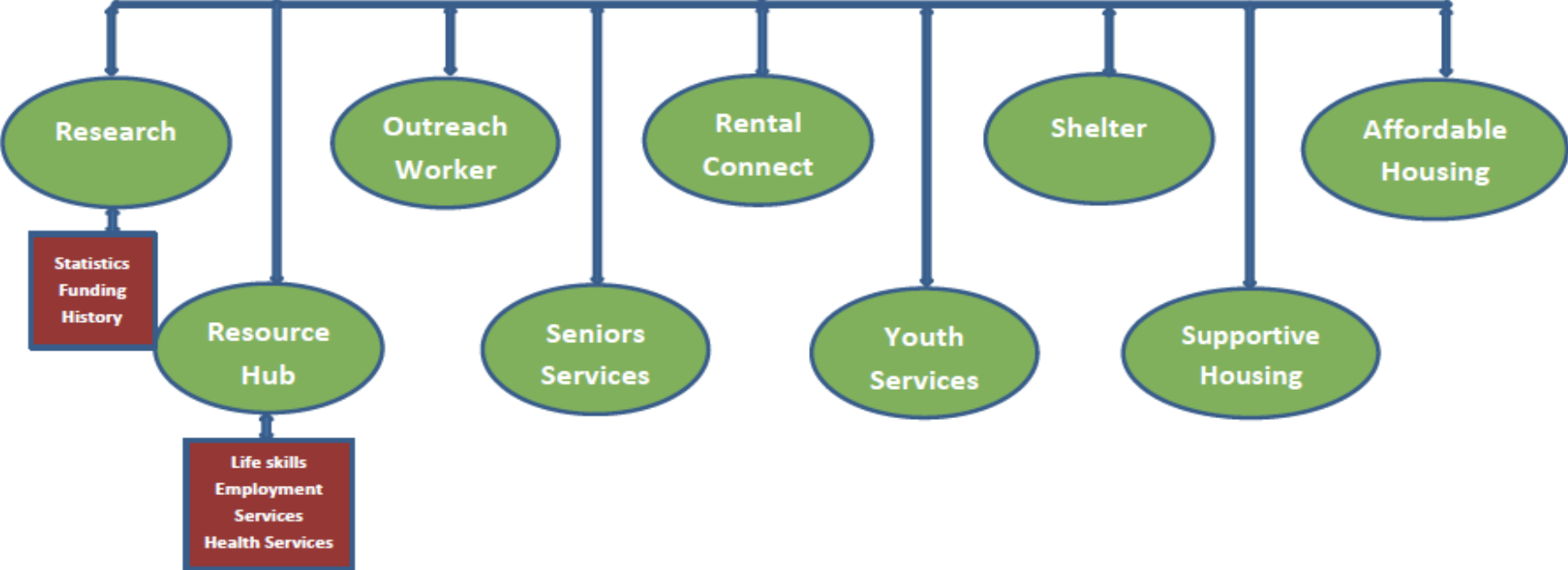
Homelessness **Homes For All**

Richmond Homelessness Coalition – “Homes For All”

Feasibility Study
Needs assessment
Lead organization
Funding
Partnerships

Drop-In Center

Logo
Standardized
Letter
Template



Progress- Drop In Centre Action

Vision- To create a warm, welcoming, safe place for people who are facing life's challenges to feel listened to, respected, and supported in meeting their basic needs.

Stage 1	A Drop-In Pilot Project	An Informal "Community of Support"	Fall 2012
Stage 2	Networked Community Support Model	Formal drop-in centre support and programming	Spring/Summer 2013
Stage 3	Mixed-use affordable housing development	Housing and community spaces (i.e. drop-in centre)	TBD

Progress- Current Action Groups

Rental Connect (Richmond Poverty Response Committee)	Connecting Landlords with Tenants (Funders: VanCity, City of Richmond, Richmond Community Foundation, RBC Wealth Mgmt.)
Youth Homelessness and Housing Research Proposal (RYSA/RASS)	HRSDC- Homelessness Knowledge Development Call (Partners: RHC, City of Richmond, UBC researcher)
Communications Action Group	Logo development Communication Plan development Member and Sector engagement
2011 Homelessness Action Week Planning Group	RHC, Richmond faith community, City of Richmond, RCMP, non-profit, schools, and local community.
Research Action Group	Data support for funding proposals, needs assessments, feasibility studies, and on-going work

Challenges/Barriers/Opportunities

- Volunteer RHC co-facilitation
- Richmond homeless/at-risk population is unique and requires a local response
- Richmond has well developed informal supports, but still requires formal supports (i.e. Emergency shelter, drop-in centre, outreach workers, transitional and supportive/supported housing).
- Due to limited support options, residents are required to access services in other municipalities

Future Directions and Next Steps

Coordinate efforts and multi-sector support for
Homes For All

- Affordable Housing Development along all points of the housing continuum.
- Housing with wrap-around community supports.
- “Action-oriented” solutions and strategies to meet the affordable housing and support needs of Richmond’s most vulnerable residents.

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