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SLC'S APPROACH

*to encampments and working
with individuals experiencing
homelessness*

Guiding Values & Principles



Public Space is for Everyone
(EX: Co-Existence v. Co-Opting)



Safety



**Access and Connection
to Services & Information**



Data-Informed Decision-Making

Internal Homeless Services Committee



Formed in July of 2018

Committee Members

- **CITY DEPTS:** CAN/HAND, Police Department/CCC, Fire Dept., Public Services, City Attorney's Office, Prosecutor's Office, and Mayor's Office
- **NON-CITY:** Volunteers of America, Salt Lake County Health Dept., Utah Highway Patrol, Dept. of Workforce Services
- **ADDITIONAL:** Partners added as necessary to address specific issues (EX: Civil Enforcement & Mountain Courtyard Suites)

Purpose of Committee

- To problem-solve questions, concerns and issues raised about **specific** situations involving homelessness and community impact (EX: encampments, service-needs, loitering, public health & safety)

Tools and Resources Utilized



Data

- Sources include: City Source, constituent outreach, city staff experiences/conversations w/ individuals experiencing homelessness

Community Action Teams (CATs)

- Where issues involving individuals experiencing homelessness are initially addressed and often resolved

Outreach, Outreach, Outreach

- Volunteers of America, Community Connections Center, One Voice Recovery

Public Safety

SLCo Health Department

Advantage Services

Others

Informed Decision Making



Collaborative & Consensus-Driven Decisions

- Stakeholders decide together best steps to take

Comprehensive & Humane Approach

- Outreach is key & on-going
- Work with individuals experiencing homelessness to mitigate impact on the community
- When it is decided that it is necessary to abate an encampment, individuals are provided 48-Hour notification of a scheduled clean-up

Types of Questions Asked & Information Considered

- Location and size of the encampment
- Whether the encampment is abandoned or occupied
- How long has the encampment been in the location; is it growing
- Whether there are reports of criminal activity associated with the encampment
- Public health urgency
- Weather/Seasonal Approach
- Nature of concerns by the community (concerns of bio-waste, syringes)
- Have outreach teams made contact with campers; are individuals known & engaging
- Are there any specific concerns or needs of the individuals identified that would help with outreach
- Is the location of concern public or private property?

Action Steps



Engagement w/ Outreach Teams

Resource referral & information-sharing



Volunteer Clean-up & Movement



Community Engagement

Example: Liberty Wells Community Council



Clean-Team

Bio-waste removal & clean-up of abandoned property



Public Safety Outreach

Co-responder model. Address illegal activity (drug & human trafficking)



Abatement w/ SLCo Health Dept.



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**Any
Questions?**