



Agenda Memorandum

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City Council Study Session
March 20, 2023



Strategic Priority 2: Proactive Public Safety

Enhance public safety to emphasize both prevention and enforcement, engage the community through education and outreach and provide the resources necessary to ensure safety and well-being throughout Westminster.

Subject: Presentation of Work on Homelessness in Adams County

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Recommended City Council Action:

Receive a presentation from the Adams County Community Safety and Well-Being Department Manager, Paolo Diaz, and the Adams County Community Safety and Well-Being Homeless Administrator, Lindsey Earl.

Summary Statement:

- The Adams County Community Safety and Well-Being Department (CSWBD) includes a focus on Poverty Reduction and Homelessness.
- The Adams County Staff coordinates conversations about homelessness with all jurisdictions, school districts, and non-profit organizations within Adams County.
- The CSWBD Manager and Homeless Administrator will present data and information about the scope of homelessness in Adams County and the work being done to prevent, address, and resolve homelessness.
- This presentation is for City Council information only and requires no action by City Council.

Fiscal Impact:

\$0 in expenditures

Source of Funds:

Not applicable.

Policy Issue(s):

Does City Council wish to receive a presentation regarding work being done to prevent and resolve homelessness in Adams County?

Alternative(s):

City Council could choose not to receive a presentation about homelessness work in Adams County. This is not recommended due to the interest expressed by City Council about county-wide work on homelessness.

Background Information:

In the Spring of 2021, CSWBD presented [Homeward Adams](#) (Attachment A) to the Board of County Commissioners. This plan to address homelessness was approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

The plan identifies three strategic focus areas:

- Homelessness Prevention
- Expanding the Housing Continuum
- Homelessness Services

CSWBD staff members will share updates on the work being done in all three focus areas during the presentation (Attachment B).

To propel the work forward, Adams County has been working with municipalities and the City and County of Broomfield to enter a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (Attachment C) to provide a regionally coordinated, aligned and evidence-based approach to providing services so that homelessness is a rare, brief, and one-time experience for residents. In the MOU, the City will agree to share data with Adams and Broomfield Counties from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), the database the City's Homeless Navigators use. The data will only be for the Adams County portion of the City, as HMIS data is already shared with Jefferson County as part of the Homeless Navigator Agreement signed in 2019.

The other municipalities (Aurora, Brighton, Federal Heights, Northglenn, Thornton, and the Town of Bennett) and the City and County of Broomfield have executed the MOU. Commerce City staff are in the process of taking the MOU to review with their City Council in the coming weeks. City of Westminster staff recommends executing the MOU after City Council receives the presentation from Adams County staff on March 20.

In the next few months, an amendment will be available to this MOU with the City of Arvada joining the agreement.

This presentation supports the City's Strategic Priority to deliver Proactive Public Safety by leveraging partnerships with local and regional organizations to provide a broad framework of policies, programs,

and support.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

Attachment A - Homeward-Adams (2021)

Attachment B - Presentation from Adams County on Homelessness

Attachment C - MOU with Adams County on Collaborating on Homelessness