



Hope & Home Task Force

September 17, 2025



Agenda

Meeting Objectives & Introductions

Baseline Knowledge Presentation

Workgroup Presentation & Formation

Workgroup Report Out

Closing Remarks



Meeting Objectives

- Shared understanding of purpose and end results
- Baseline knowledge of terms and conditions
- Form workgroups and discuss key questions and process considerations



Our Process:

- Task Force as a body of equals
- City and VT as resources
- Primary function = learning
- 3 stages:
 - Situation analysis
 - Sense-making or synthesis
 - Strategy or recommendations
- 4 Workgroups,
 - Each with 2 co-chairs
 - Individual “deliverables” but interconnected issues



Guard Against Possible Task Force Pitfalls:

- Task force is “not a panacea”
- Possible Pitfall #1: *“Unrealistic” Recommendations*
 - Counter this through in-depth learning and situation analysis; iterative process
- Possible Pitfall #2: *Lack of Transparency*
 - Counter by open meetings, multiple engagement opportunities with public
- Possible Pitfall #3: *Over-step role of elected officials*
 - Counter by continuing to emphasize that Task Force role is to recommend - not to make policy



Member Introductions

- Name
- Role in community or interests/organizations you represent
- What would you like to be able to say about this group and our work together at the end of our service?
 - About our process and how we worked together; or
 - About what we learned; or
 - About what we produced or recommended?



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Workgroup Focus Areas

- Safety, Place, and Quality of Life
- Health and Well-being
- Housing Supply and Access
- Shelter and Services



Safety, Place, and Quality of Life

Issues may include:

- Policies
- Policing
- Neighborhood and business relations and contexts
- Encampments
- Quality of life concerns for people experiencing homelessness



Health and Well-Being

Issues may include:

- Behavioral health
- Recovery ecosystems
- Quality of life issues related to experiencing homelessness or being housing insecure
- Health-related services



Housing Supply and Access

Issues may include:

- Affordable housing
- Access to housing
- Recovery housing or housing for other special populations (e.g. veterans, disabled individuals, etc.) other than shelters



Shelter and Services

Issues may include:

- Direct services to those experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity, including shelters and non-health services
- Non-health services may include:
 - Food
 - Financial
 - Employment



Workgroup Focus Areas

Each workgroup has a subject area/theme and a product or deliverable they are working towards, which include:

- Situation analysis
- Resource map/gap analysis
- Opportunity analysis including potential and sustainable funding sources



A Word on Workgroups:

This sounds like a big time commitment. It does not need to be. “Many hands make light work.”

The City and VT are here to support work in between meetings. Workgroups may meet most intensively between January and June of 2026.

Workgroup Formation:

Select the group focused on the issues that **MOST** interest you;
If undecided, pick the one with fewer people.

Report Out

- What key issues or questions do you expect to discuss in this area?
- Who else do you need to speak to or what other information do you need?
- What outcome would you like to see from your work?

Next Steps



01

Proposed meetings every third Wednesday;
next meeting on October 15, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

02

Discuss expectations and contact with your
group moving forward; VT as a linking
resource and contact.



Thank you



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