



# Topeka/Shawnee County Homeless Task Force



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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP
<p><b>T-Map report by Kim Swinney</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T-MAP served 97 people during program year, including 79 people that had the opportunity to graduate during the program year</li> <li>• 66% graduation rate for the project year (52 graduated out of 79 persons who started the program)</li> <li>• 60% of those who graduated were also employed within the program year (31/52)</li> <li>• 67% of those who graduated had permanent housing within the program year (35/52)</li> <li>• 42% of those who graduated had employment and housing within the program year (22/52)</li> <li>• 8 graduating classes with 51 graduates. 7 of these graduates ended up employed before completing their internships and the other 44 continued their internship among 30 different sites.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Topeka Rescue Mission by Barry Feaker</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operation NET-Reach:</li> <li>• Reaching the Community through Neighborhood Empowerment Teams</li> <li>• 1) Expand Operation Street Reach-meet the growing needs of homelessness &amp; strengthen community collaborations.</li> <li>• 2) Establish an Intake Shelter-relief of unsafe environment for homeless folks, address capacity issues, new more effective collaboration with service providers. Venue for timely referrals for services.</li> <li>• 3) Develop a NET Shelter Program- assist homeless folks in gaining the necessary tools to become successful as they re-enter the community by: changing Mission shelters into a program-based shelter which would prepare Mission Guest for the future through Neighborhood Empowerment Teams (NET); motivate homeless individuals to reintegrate into the community through comprehensive programs designed for individual needs and abilities (i.e. SIT, T-MaP, etc.)</li> <li>• 4) Establish a Mentor Development Program- Develop &amp; equip mentors who will; internally lead NET within the TRM and externally facilitate the development of neighborhood strengthening initiatives.</li> </ul>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5) Development of NET Program--Based Housing- Provide a safe/supportive environment for individuals to begin a new life in the community. To empower individuals to make a positive impact on the neighborhoods in which they live known as Success Zones*. TRM/Topeka Housing Authority (THA) &amp; other community partners will collaborate to develop NET program-based housing. THA will use tax credits and/or other resources to obtain &amp; prepare program-based housing units. TRM NET shelter Program will make referrals to THA units. TRM mentors will internally and externally facilitate (coach) the NET.</li> <li>• 6) Produce Replication- bring forth transformation of individuals and communities. Successful implementation of the 1st 5 steps will encourage replication. As replication occurs, the transformation of individuals and communities will take place.</li> </ul>	