

# Weekly Report

Date: Friday, March 24, 2017

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Link:

- **Navigation Team Chronicles (blog)** - <http://homelessness.seattle.gov/>

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## **MISSION UPDATES:**

### **Mission 1: Make an additional 200+ safer living spaces available**

*Lead: Jason Johnson, HSD Deputy Director*

- Navigation Center – (Continuing planning for opening)
  - The previous shelter at this location, “Operation Nightwatch” has been relocated to the Seattle Center and continues to provide shelter space to its clients.
  - Construction build out continued this week.
- The referral process to sanctioned encampment sites, including work with Behavioral Health continues to work well.
- An outreach plan for the new 100 bed shelter, that will be operated by Compass Housing, is being designed with staff assistance from Department of Neighborhoods (DON).

### **Mission 2: Reduce Trash**

*Lead: Ken Snipes, Seattle Public Utilities Solid Waste Director*

- Enhanced the planning schedule and calendar for upcoming cleaning operations.
- The clean-up of Dearborn site adjacent to I-5 was completed this week.
- Removal of trash along the I-5 Express Lanes is scheduled for this weekend, 3/25-26. This will require the closure of the Express Lanes for the safety of the crews and operation of equipment.

### **Mission 3: Connect people with services and mitigate most hazardous encampments**

*Lead: Scott Lindsay, Navigation Team, Mayor’s Public Safety Advisor*

- Extensive engagement and outreach efforts continued under the leadership of Jackie St. Louis.
  - Offering full range of options that include specific resources and a continuum of care, tailored to the specific needs of the client.
- Successful referral of two people to the tiny houses at the Georgetown site. Both people were camping along the I-5 Express Lanes.

## *Seattle EOC Homelessness Response Activation*

- Initial data show that the clients that have chosen to live in the tiny houses have remained there and not abandoned their new safe location.

### **Mission 4: Implement Revised MDARs**

*Lead: Chris Potter, Finance and Administrative Services Operations Director*

- Planning continues for the implementation date of April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- We have a plan for the delivery of personal belongings to people seeking to retrieve them.
- Design work is complete for a map that will show the emphasis areas on our external website.

### **Mission 5: Incubate Housing Resource Center (HRC) to Increase Housing**

*Lead: Miriam Roskin, Office of Housing*

- Interjurisdictional meetings with partners from King County, All Home, United Way.
- Made connections with the Rapid Rehousing model to ensure success.
- Designing the program for an early integration of a new program administrator.

### **Mission 6: Engage the Public and Mobilize Community Response**

*Lead: George Scarola, Mayor's Office*

- This mission was activated this week for the first time.
- Began planning to engage both business communities and neighborhood organizations.

### **Mission 7: Maintain Situational Awareness**

*Lead: Daniel Kirk, City Budget Office*

- The new 39 living spaces that have come online will likely be able to serve five different people over the span of one year.
- Over 1,300 tons of trash have been collected since the homelessness activation at the EOC commenced in late February.
- Valuable assistance received from City departments, especially SPD, SFD, and SPU for tracking specific sites.
- Live feed of updated data sets is available every Friday morning.

### **Mission 8: Employee Training and Communication**

*Lead: Cassandra da Costa, Seattle Dept. of Human Resources Labor Relations*

- De-brief of last week's training for City staff that work in the field.
- Design work to provide training for non-field, public-facing city staff.
- Meetings with Labor representatives.
- Designing a sustainable training model.

### Mission 9: Communications

*Leads: Julie Moore, Communications Team, FAS and Meg Olberding, Communications Team, HSD*

- Communications Team responded to inquiries regarding trash collection efforts for the I-5 areas.
- Communications Team responded to inquiries regarding the Operation Nightwatch relocation.
- Published blog postings on the Homelessness website (see link above).

### Mayor's Cabinet Meeting held at the Emergency Operations Center

- The Cabinet received an update on the Homelessness Response Activation on Friday morning at the EOC.

