

STAFF MEMO

DATE OF STUDY SESSION: OCTOBER 19, 2020 / AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Benjamin B. Goldstein, Deputy City Manager, 303-987-7050

Subject: **UPDATE ON EFFORTS TO END HOMELESSNESS**

SUMMARY STATEMENT: City Council requested that an update be provided on the efforts occurring in response to homelessness in the community. Kathy Hodgson, Lakewood City Manager, Mary Berg, Executive Director, Jefferson County Human Services and Kelli Barker, Chair, Heading Home Collaborative will present information on the steps being taken and progress made in response to homelessness.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Understanding that the issues of homelessness, and associated impacts, have no boundaries, a regional effort to address and respond to issues of homelessness has been in place for at least the last 4 years. Representatives from Jefferson County and all municipalities within the County, have engaged in conversation and strategically taken action to work collaboratively in addressing the issues and impacts associated with homelessness.

BUDGETARY IMPACTS: None

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends that City Council listen to the presentation regarding efforts to address homelessness.

ALTERNATIVES: If City Council would like, the presentation could be provided at an alternate date or not provided.

PUBLIC OUTREACH: This item has been promoted through the City's regular communications channels for matters that appear before City Council.

NEXT STEPS: Staff will continue to work collaboratively with community partners on ending homelessness.

ATTACHMENTS: None

REVIEWED BY: Kathleen E. Hodgson, City Manager
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