

Homeless Task Force Update

“The Next Big Step”

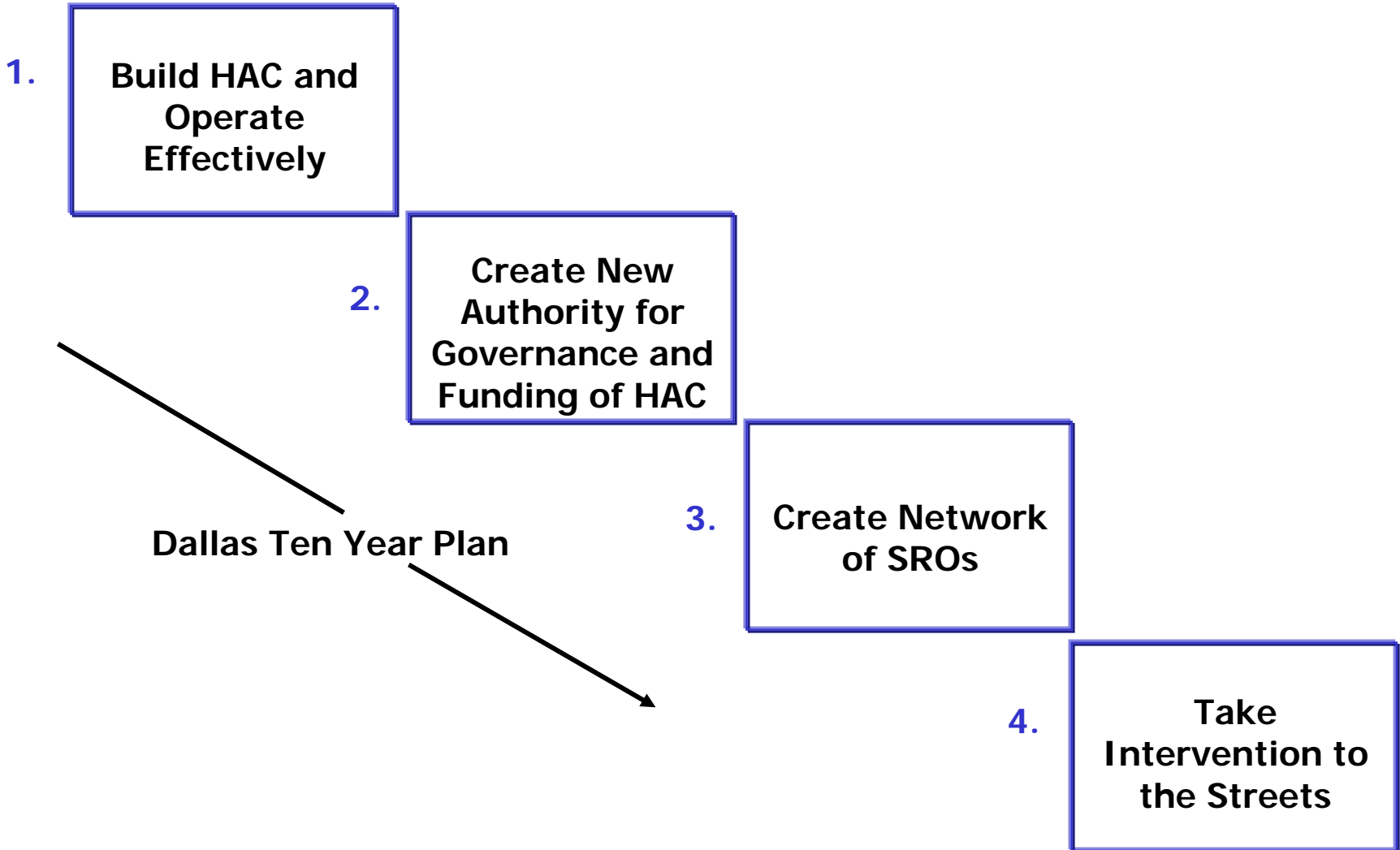
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Our Goals

- Provide basic services (hygiene and food) to the homeless in an organized and clean manner
- Reduce the number of chronic homeless in Dallas by 10% per year
- Grow case management of chronic homeless by 10% per year
- Grow permanent housing solutions by 5% per year; stretch goal to 10% per year
- Improve our performance scorecard by our HAC and DRC neighbors significantly every year

Four-Part Plan for Success



Ten Year Plan Update

- Most action timetables have been met
- A big win for coordination of city and service providers
- Ten Year Summit held in June to communicate accomplishments
- Detailed briefing to Quality of Life Committee (see attached)
- Opportunities are in prevention, housing, mental health – new sense of urgency here

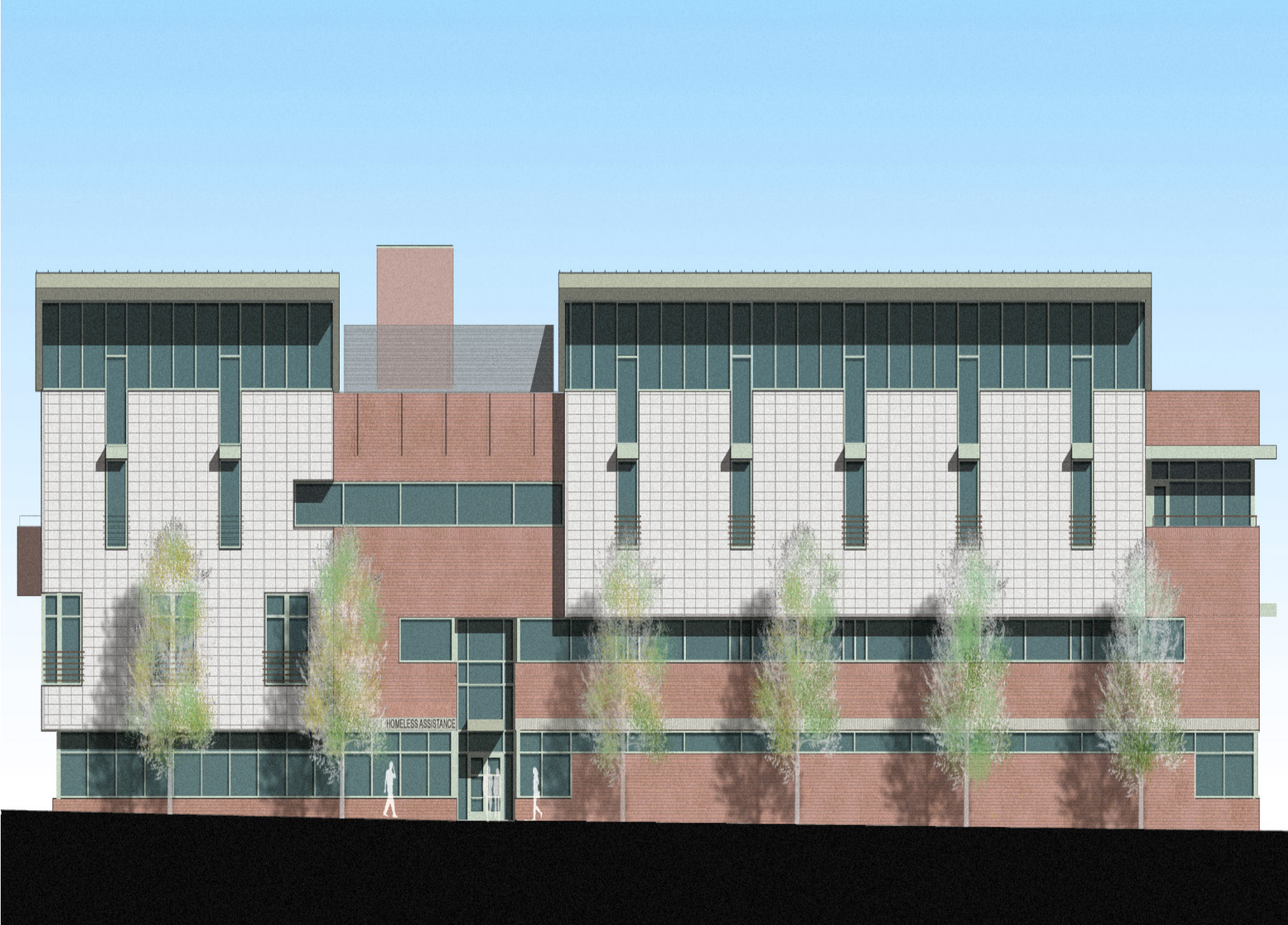
Homeless Assistance Center

- Team effort – City Staff, Architectural Committee, Safety Committee, Public Arts Commission, Mayor's Task Force
- Bruce Buchanan, Executive Director of Stewpot is interim operator to provide guidance and survey how First Presbyterian and the Stewpot can best help
- Milestones met to date:
 - Currently completing construction documents – 10/31/06
 - Bid open - 11/30/06
 - Award contract – 1/24/07
 - Ground breaking – 2/07
 - Completion – 3/05
- Current estimates have us meeting construction budget ~ \$16m



1 SITE PLAN
1/2" = 1'-0"





HOMELESS ASSISTANCE

New More Powerful Coalition for Homeless

- **Transform Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance to authority on homelessness**
 - Merge MDHA and Mayor's Task Force
 - M. Rawlings to be new Chair
- **Provides leadership in:**
 - Strategy
 - Service coordination
 - Standards and evaluation
 - Education and advocacy
 - Resource development
- **Finalize authority from City of Dallas to operate Homeless Assistance Center and be single authority on homeless issues**
 - Resolution to be voted on by City Council
 - Endorsed by the current MDHA Board
 - Endorsed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development
- **Hire CEO for new organization in January**
 - Experienced CEO of non-profit organization
 - Successful fundraiser
 - Political clout
 - Search Committee finalizing recommendations

Permanent Supportive Housing

- Created 140 new units in last two years exceeding our targets
- Helped fund 511 Akard Street with Central Dallas Ministries
- Still need over 1,000 units for homeless - moving too slow
- We need \$2.5-3m per year in City budget to build 80-100 units per year
- Create and execute new ideas to use housing that is currently available in Dallas
 - Dallas Housing Authority
 - Faith Based Coalition

Intervention and Mental Health/Substance Abuse

- Current intervention effective but do not have the provider resources to handle the clients
- 75% of chronically homeless, most are chemically dependent
 - Universal history of childhood abuse
- Current model is not optimal, passes clients from one silo organization to the next
- Plus we are vastly under funded programs – Texas is 48th in funding for mental health, 49th for chemical dependency
- COMI (Coalition on Mental Illness) proposing an integrated consumer centered service delivery program
- Goal: create best practice program when HAC opens

Summary

HAC



- Well designed
- On time
- Ready to bid out

New
Authority



- MDHA
- Expanded leadership
- Single resource

SROs



- On pace
- But still too slow
- Need ongoing support in City budget

Intervention



- The key is the mental health/chemical dependency treatment
- Creating a best practices model