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HEART Program

Homeless Encampment Action, Response, and
Transitions

Background and History

- New case law that governs public response to encampments
- CDC Recommendations during Pandemic to not displace encampments
- County receiving increasing numbers of complaints about encampments
- Many County Departments involved in encampment responses, but little consistency or coordination

Encampment Initiatives

Short-Term

- *Unauthorized Encampments on County Property Policy* (approved by Commissioners in November 2021)
- New HEART Coordinator position and HEART Team
- Funding for dedicated Encampment Outreach Team through Kitsap Community Resources contract
- Funding for new Emergency Motel Program (EMP) through KCR contract
- Increase funding for Move-In Assistance through KCR contract

Long-Term

- Increase shelter bed capacity throughout county
- Funding for new Supportive Housing through Community Investments in Housing Program

HEART Coordinator

Role and Responsibilities

- Implementing the *Unauthorized Encampment Policy*
- Coordinating encampment response efforts among county departments and community partners
- Coordinating the HEART Team
- Doing assessments of reported encampments
- Developing individual encampment response plans with the HEART Team, as needed
- Ensuring that the County's response to encampments is consistent with current laws and County policy
- Ensuring the county's encampment response is compassionate, consistent, and coordinated

HEART Team

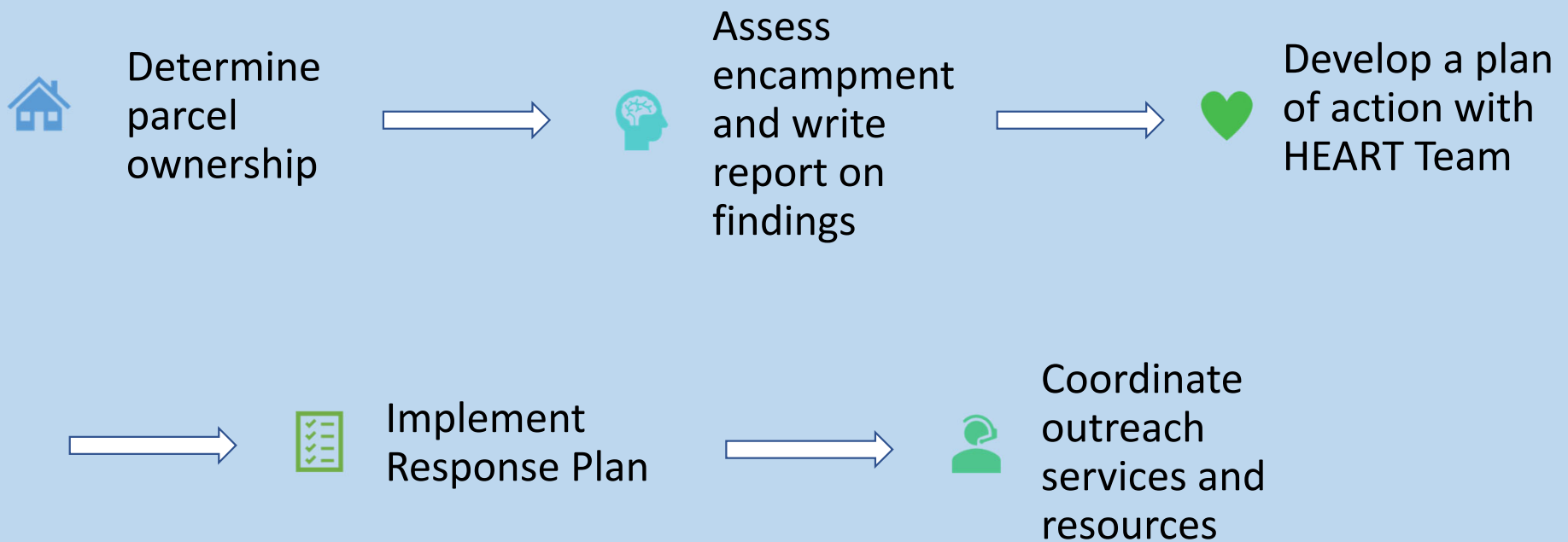
Role and Responsibilities

- Advisory group to the HEART Coordinator
- Comprised of representatives from county departments and community partner organizations
- Work with HEART Coordinator to develop individual encampment response plans
- Prioritize order of encampment responses, if needed
- Bring existing resources to the table to address encampments
- Meetings twice a month

HEART team

COUNTY DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE	ROLE
Kitsap County Human Services	HEART Coordinator
Kitsap Public Health District	Public Health Concerns
Kitsap County Sheriff	Safety Concerns; Illegal Activity
Kitsap County Risk Manager	Management of Risk
Kitsap County Parks	Addressing Park property
Kitsap County Public Works	Addressing Public Works property
Kitsap County DCD	Addressing DCD Property
Kitsap County Commissioner's Office	Information
COMMUNITY PARTNERS	ROLE
Kitsap Community Resources	Housing Solutions Center Outreach Team
Salvation Army	Potential Shelter Options
Kitsap Rescue Mission	Potential Shelter Options
Kitsap Mental Health	Behavioral Health Assistance

Encampment Response Process



HEART Projects

- Assess and map as many encampments throughout the County as possible
- Work with Outreach Team to develop “By Name List” of people living outside
- Coordinate with WSDOT on encampments in Rights of Way
- Respond to citizen concerns and complaints

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Questions?

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