



All Home | Rapid Re-Housing Retrospective Analysis

All Home is a community-wide partnership to make homelessness in King County rare, brief and one-time. The partnership brings together local governments, religious institutions, non-profits, philanthropic organizations, shelter and housing providers, the private sector and engaged citizens in a coordinated effort that both responds to the immediate crisis of homeless individuals and addresses the root causes of the problem in our region.

The Need: In 2016, King County received federal funding to expand rapid re-housing for young adults. The goal of rapid re-housing is to get people in to permanent housing quickly through the use of short-term rental assistance and services. In order to ensure that the new funding was used as effectively as possible, All Home and partners in the community wanted to learn from three housing programs for young adults that had been operating similarly to the rapid-rehousing model in the community for several years already. Data for these programs was available in an administrative database, but All Home did not have the capacity to analyze the data themselves. All Home contracted with **MEM**consultants to analyze the existing data, and provide findings and recommendations to a group of public and private funders interested in further supporting this promising housing intervention.

MEMconsultants worked closely with All Home and evaluators from King County Department of Community and Human Services to access existing data from the county-wide Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). **MEM**consultants then cleaned and analyzed the data, looking for key findings about the clients served by the housing programs and differences in outcomes.

Additionally, to provide context to the quantitative data and understand program implementation, **MEM**consultants conducted interviews with housing providers. This qualitative information allowed for greater understanding of differences in clients served and outcomes between the housing programs.

Bringing together the findings from the quantitative analysis and qualitative interviews, **MEM**consultants provided a summary report of findings and recommendations for implementation of the next rapid re-housing program for young adults.

MEMconsultants presented the findings and recommendations to several groups of stakeholders, including local housing providers and community members, and both local and national funders engaged in ending youth homelessness. Housing providers, funders, and community members had the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on the analysis. The findings generated conversations among stakeholders about the role of rapid re-housing in the community and the benefits and challenges of different program design choices.

With its partners, All Home used key findings from the retrospective analysis to inform the new rapid re-housing program for young adults. All programs have an increased emphasis on collecting consistent data to enable additional evaluation in future years.

Based on their past work with administrative data and in the homelessness field, MEMconsultants was able to provide analysis with appropriate context from the sector. They produced a clear, useful and actionable product. MEMconsultants was also worked patiently with us and partners through a series of revisions of the final report and created professional presentations that we have been able to use to share the findings more broadly.

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