

Houston Housing Authority



Transforming Lives & Communities

Why Would You Want to be a Change Agent?

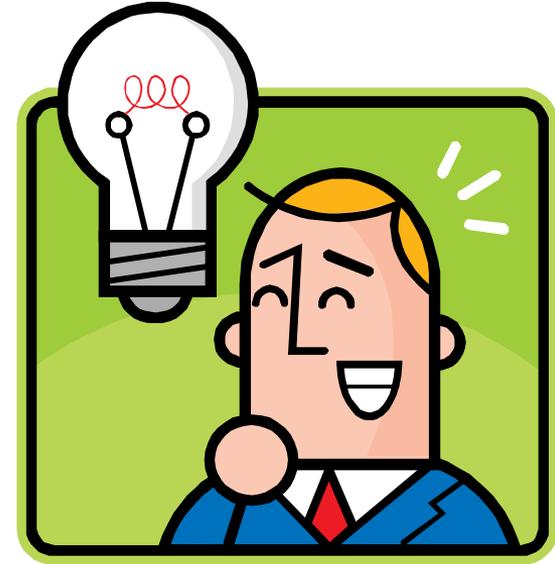
- Send forth ripples
- Meet real community need
- Make new partners (possibly friends)
- Learn new acronyms

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What Do You Need to be an Agent?

- Ability to raise your hand
- Desire to change status quo
- Willingness to go first
- Willingness to dream big
- Willingness to change yourself and agency



What Else Do I Need?

- Resources – but not as much as you think
- Examples / Tools
- Nicknames
- Disguises
- Secret rituals



How do I Engage PHAs?

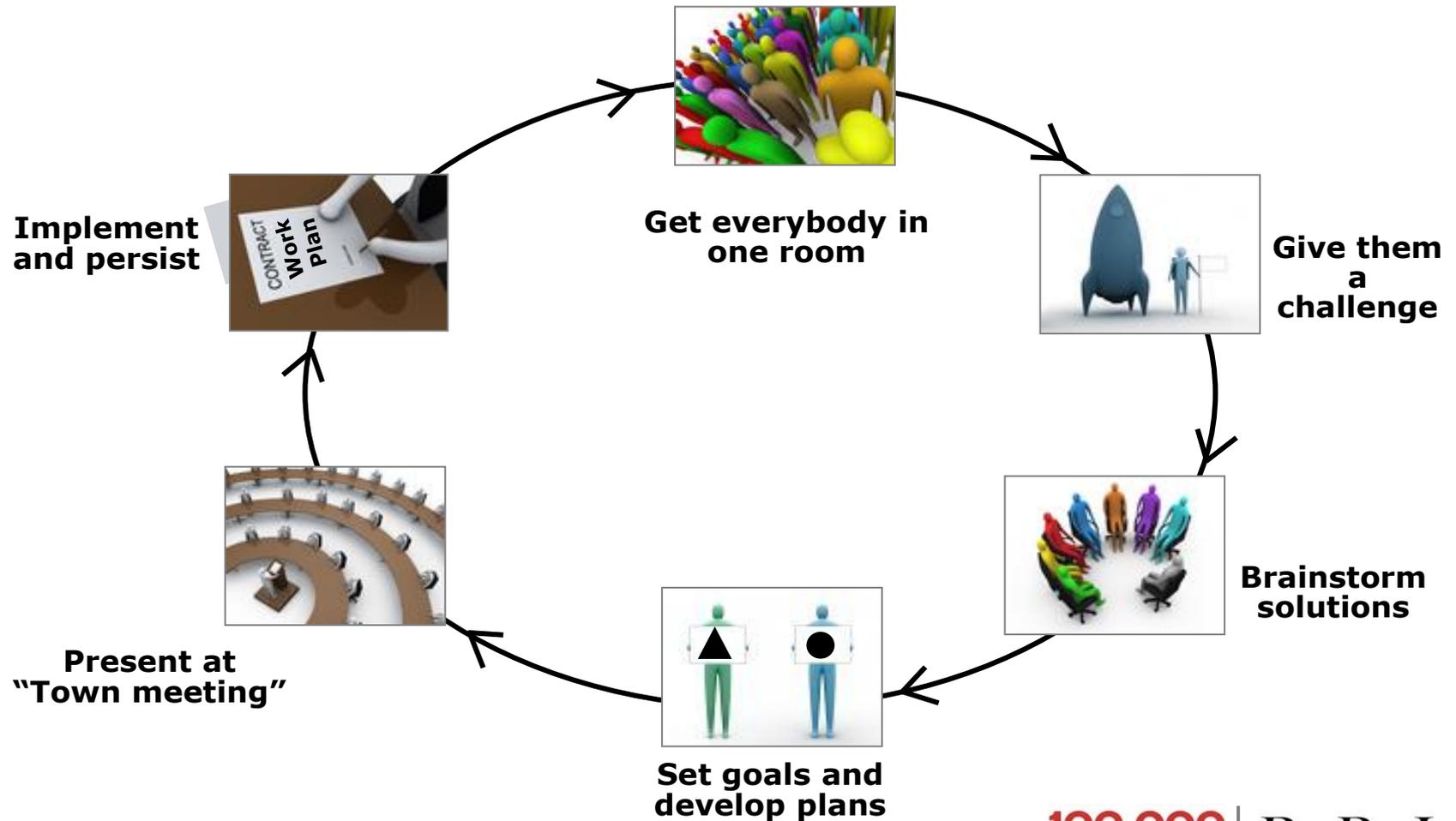
- Start now
- Have a clear ask/bring something to the table
- Don't be afraid to think big
- Data
- Learn our language
- Learn what moves us
- Use the Annual Plan process

Examples from Houston

- VASH – Boot Camp – Housing Houston’s Heroes
- Project-based vouchers – \$100 Million
- CABHI - Coordinated Access
- S+C
- 1115 Waiver



Boot Camp Process In Just 1 Slide!



Boot Camp Lead to first 100 Day Goal



The Houston goal was to house 100 chronically homeless Houstonians, at least 60 of whom are veterans, in 100 days.

We called it “100 in 100.”

**In 100 days we
housed 148 homeless
veterans
(101 chronic
homeless)**



That Lead to Housing Houston's Heroes



Our initiative to
End Veterans'
Homelessness in 2015



Have a BBQ to Raise \$\$\$



John Mueller
BBQ Pitmaster



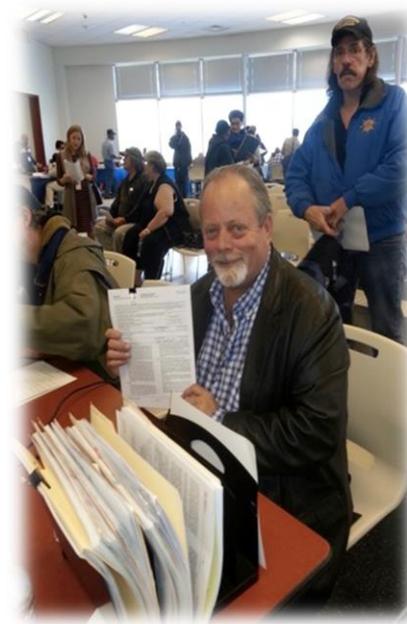
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The Mayor serving
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2nd 100 Day Goal

- We housed 357 homeless veterans, including all of our HUD VASH (100% issued to chronically homeless) in 100 days.



Hero - Housed



Formerly homeless U.S. Army veteran **Burnell Bemiss** and his 15-year-old son were living in a shelter. Here he's preparing lunch in his new home.

Have a Party to Celebrate Success



Year 1 Housing Houston's Heroes Facts:

488 Homeless Veterans & Families Housed

557 Total Homeless Individuals & Families Housed



Houston's Team



SEARCH
HOMELESS SERVICES



Career and Recovery
Resources, Inc.



COALITION
FOR THE
HOMELESS
Leading Houston Home



Catholic
Charities
of the Archdiocese of
Galveston-Houston



What Works for Us

- Active community collaboration critical;
- One stop shop briefings with vendor participation;
- Simplify process;
- Lower case manager to client ratios;
- Data sharing and data reconciliation; and
- Ambitious open-mindedness – think big!



Get Involved with the CoC

- Continuum of Care
- Both PHA's are on the CoC steering committee and active members



What's Next?

- Coordinated Access
- End Veteran Homelessness
- Balance of 1000 PSH PBV
- Rapid Rehousing
- End Chronic Homelessness



Thank You

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