


Community Intervention Group

A Project of CHUM
and the
Duluth Police Department


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Alignment with Mission

- ▶ CHUM: People of faith, working together to provide basic necessities, foster stable lives, and organize for a just and compassionate community.
 - ▶ Duluth Police Department: To provide the highest level of service through partnerships and problem solving in a professional, ethical, and timely manner.
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Purpose of the CIG

- ▶ To create a community wide response to improve the quality of life for a group of chronically homeless people, with mental illness, addictions, and living outside; the “frequent users”
 - ▶ Reduce the number of police contacts
 - ▶ Coordinate services/interventions that will result in stable housing
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CIG Members

- ▶ CHUM
 - ▶ Duluth Police Department
 - ▶ HDC (Human Development Center)
 - ▶ CADT (Center for Alcohol and Drug Treatment)
 - ▶ St. Luke's and Essentia Health
 - ▶ St. Louis County: HHS, Probation, Public Defender's Office, and Jail
 - ▶ City and County Attorneys Offices
 - ▶ Duluth HRA, Center City Housing, Life House
 - ▶ Center for American Indian Resources
 - ▶ Northeast Regional Corrections Center
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Methods

- ▶ Solid partnership between CHUM Street Outreach and DPD; co-training, referrals
 - ▶ Community : Street Outreach Hotline 461-8505
 - ▶ Monthly team (interagency) meeting to
 - ▶ Review lists of high contact individuals
 - ▶ Create community response (outreach, treatment referral, etc.)
 - ▶ Weekly “Group” for support and positive activities
 - ▶ Access to mental health professional
 - ▶ Access to health care (CHUM Physician Assistant)
 - ▶ Recently established Special CIG Court
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Impacts

Quarter	Total Contacts	# High Contacts	Up	Down	Zero	Down + Zero
2014 Q3	598	71	27	40	4	62%
2014 Q4	593	87	22	38	27	75%
2015 Q1	601	85	29	29	27	66%
2015 Q2	921	95	44	36	15	54%

High contact = more than 4 police contacts in one month

People are removed from the CIG high contact list when 18 months have passed with less than 12 contacts overall, and with no more than 4 contacts in any one month. 125 people have made that successful transition in the last 5 years.

Cost Analysis

Services	May 2015 Costs	Percentage
Hospitals	\$164,721	73%
Detox	\$20,200	8.9%
Police	\$19,530	8.7%
Ambulance	\$13,000	5.8%
Jail	\$7,400	3.3%
Fire	\$900	0.4%
TOTAL	\$225,751	

Annual rent for 25 studio apartments in Duluth @ \$520/mo = \$156,000
Salary + benefits for social worker = \$56,000

We could house and care for 25 people for a year for less than the monthly cost to public services!

Challenges

- ▶ Finding appropriate housing; overcoming landlord resistance
 - ▶ Untreated mental illness; access to care
 - ▶ Treatment/support for overcoming addictions
 - ▶ Poor health
 - ▶ Social isolation: participants seen as community “outcasts”
 - ▶ Few avenues for positive engagement
 - ▶ Breaking the dreadful cycle of existence: streets/shelter/jail/hospitals/detox
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