

A photograph of a person sleeping on a dark wooden bench outdoors. The person is wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans. Their head is resting on the left side of the bench, and their legs are extended to the right. On the far right, a pair of worn sneakers is visible. The background consists of dense green foliage. A semi-transparent grey rectangular box is centered over the image, containing the text 'DELRAY BEACH HOMELESS TASKFORCE' in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. The bench is positioned on a concrete surface, and some discarded plastic bags are visible on the ground in the foreground.

DELRAY BEACH HOMELESS TASKFORCE

DEFINITION OF HOMELESSNESS

An individual and/or
family who lack
fixed, regular and
adequate nighttime
housing due to loss
of employment or
income, behavioral
health issues, etc.



ISSUE STATEMENT

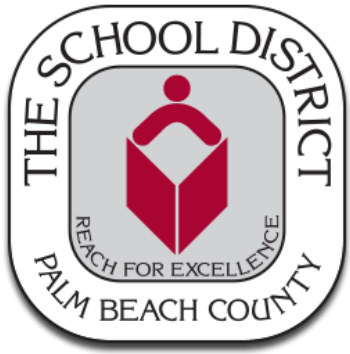
There is an increasing number of community members who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness in Delray Beach. The Delray Beach Homeless Taskforce was created to respond to this community challenge.

A black pen is positioned diagonally across the lower right portion of the page, with its tip pointing towards the bottom right corner. The pen is resting on a light-colored, textured surface, likely a piece of paper or a folder, which is placed on a wooden table with a visible grain pattern.

Delray Beach Homeless Taskforce

Timeline

- **2015** – Sgt. Darrell Hunter and DB Police Department form a local group to address homelessness in the City
- **Jan. 2016** – Asst. City Manager initiates the DB Homeless Initiative
- **Jan.-Aug. 2016** – Initiative merges with DBPD group; meeting regularly with providers to collaborate and collect data
- **August 2016** – DB Homeless Initiative presents recommendations to City Commission; DB Homeless Taskforce is formalized with City Commission support
- **September 2016-Present** – monthly Taskforce meetings; 3 sub-committees (Programming, Policy, and Education and Outreach) working on specific activities
- **October 2017** – City Commission requests Taskforce update presentation
- **February 2018** – Original sunset date



EXISTING PARTNERS



DELRAY BEACH HOMELESS TASKFORCE

Success

September 2017

15 partners join the Taskforce that exists today

July 2017

Homeless Mini-Connect offered 17 providers/services to 90 individuals and families at St. Matthews Church

October 2017

Operation Homeless Connect at Pompey Park – to include 35 providers and assistance services at NO CHARGE

January 2017

More than 10 DB volunteers were trained and participated in Pam Beach County Point-In-Time (census study)
90 Delray Beach individuals indentified in count

August 2017

Student Weekend Foodpacks Subcommittee collaborating with local providers to feed and fund 100% of homeless students in Delray Beach
(177 total)

SHORT TERM SOLUTIONS

COMMUNITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

- Provide educational collateral
- Teach community about the rights and responsibilities of homeless individuals
- Offer Homeless Initiative workshops

DELRAY BEACH HOMELESS TASKFORCE

- ✓ Comprised of concerned citizens and providers
- ✓ A homeless advisory group to the city

✓ INVOLVE LOCAL FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS/ PLACES OF WORSHIP

CLEAR DIRECTION FROM THE COMMISSION REGARDING ENFORCEMENT POLICIES

INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE

✓ VOLUNTEERS FOR THE POINT-IN-TIME DATA COLLECTION

✓ MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LEWIS CENTER AND DELRAY BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

✓ OUTSIDE RESOURCES ENGAGED TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO DELRAY BEACH

LONG TERM SOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE/POLICY

- Goal to lessen the adverse effects of homelessness
- Would not be punitive

STORAGE OPPORTUNITIES

- A place for homeless individuals to store belongings – 96 Gallon containers, lockers, etc.
- Support Caring Kitchen as a possible location

ATTAINABLE HOUSING

SPACE FOR THE LIVE
FRESH TRUCK
(MOBILE SHOWER AND
PERSONAL HYGIENE
FACILITY) IN DELRAY
BEACH

• SUPPORT FOR
ACCESSIBLE/
EQUITABLE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
SERVICES/CASE
MANAGEMENT

- ✓ DBPD TO HIRE A
COMMUNITY
ADVOCATE

PERMANENT LOCATION
FOR CARING KITCHEN

✓ GOALS AND
POLICIES CREATED
FOR THE
COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN

CHALLENGES

- **Service interruption with relocation of the Caring Kitchen**
- **Logistical challenges to providing services such as affecting Live Fresh Truck and other services**
- **Limited available resources for people whom are homeless**
- **Insufficient housing and support for individuals and families at risk of homelessness**
- **Public awareness and education around homelessness**
- **More time needed to accomplish solutions**

DIRECTION FROM CITY COMMISSION

- 1. What is the City of Delray Beach's expectation for the DB Homeless Taskforce?**
- 2. Where does the Taskforce live?**
- 3. How to proceed on policies (i.e. Comprehensive Plan, ordinances, policy statement)?**
- 4. Should the Taskforce sunset date be extended?**

?

PHOTO CREDITS

Slide 1: Photo by Pedro Ribeiro Simoes, license: <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/2.0/legalcode>

Slides 3 and 5: Photo by Daria Nepriakhina

Slides 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12: (left to right): Photo by David Robert Bliwas, modifications made, license: <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/2.0/legalcode>; Photo by Mealnie Oates; Photo by Rod Library, modifications made, license: <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/2.0/legalcode>; Photo by Naveen Kadam, modifications made, license: <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/2.0/legalcode>