



The Healing Place of Hampton Roads

7,000 PEOPLE: HOMELESS AND ADDICTED IN HAMPTON ROADS ANNUALLY.

The Problem

The 2016 Point in Time Count Data shows an increase in the number of homeless individuals with substance use disorder. The data supports a need for increased recovery services. We estimate that 2/3 of homeless individuals need recovery services for alcohol and drug addiction.

Addiction is one cause of homelessness and provides a significant barrier to self-sufficiency. The existing service providers require sobriety for a person to enter their programs. Currently, homeless inebriants are directed to emergency rooms and/or the local jail resulting in high taxpayer costs, overcrowding and an unbreakable cycle of abuse and arrest.

Additionally, Prescription opioid deaths are a significant cause of injury and death in Virginia accounting for at least 55.5% of all drug/poison deaths in 2014.

- Oxycodone continues to be the most common prescription opioid causing or contributing to death.
- For the first time on record, in 2014 fatal drug overdoses became the most common cause of accidental death in the Commonwealth.
- There was a 94% increase in Heroin fatalities in Hampton Roads in 2014.
- Over 98% percent of fatal heroin overdoses were accidents.
- Tidewater districts had the second largest number of fatal heroin overdose cases in Virginia at 32.4%.

“Heroin is more potent, more addictive, and more deadly than any drug epidemic Virginia has ever seen.”
- Office of the Attorney General Mark Herring states in *Heroin –The Hardest Hit*

Our Mission and Vision

The Healing Place of Hampton Roads will help homeless individuals, including veterans, to recover from alcohol and drug addiction so they can lead self-sufficient lives in permanent housing through a residential 12-step, peer-based model where clients gain and maintain sobriety. The Healing Place goals are unique because of its core concepts that include: immediate access to detox and recovery services when the individual needs them; no limit to the number of tries toward recovery because addiction requires a long healing process that often includes relapse, and peer-to-peer mentoring that creates a culture of empowerment.

The facility will offer an overnight emergency shelter, non-medical sobering up center, and a recovery program with a four-phase approach to manage the transition from homelessness and addiction to recovery and self-sufficiency.

**HELPING PEOPLE
FIND THEIR WAY
BACK FROM HOMELESSNESS
TO SELF SUFFICIENCY!**

The Healing Place of Hampton Roads will serve clients in Hampton Roads including homeless persons and those suffering from substance use disorder. The Healing Place of Hampton Roads will save lives.

Project Cost



The project is expected to be completed in stages at a total capital cost of \$8 million for the first phase of creating a men's facility, not including land costs. The Healing Place is currently working to secure a site for the first phase, the men's facility.