

803: Re-imaging the wait list: Choice-based models and beyond Kylie Evans

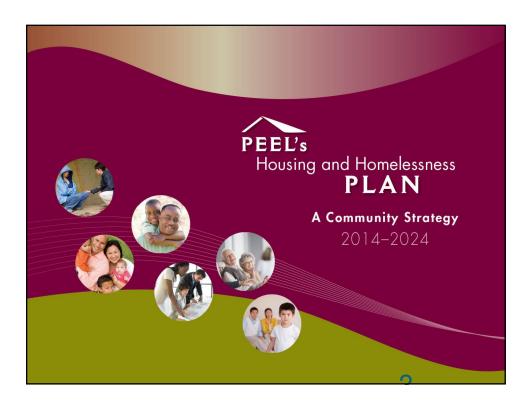


Peel's Choice Based Initiative:

- Council Direction
 - Housing Investment Plan
 - Service System Management Rent Supplement lead
- Peel's Housing and Homelessness Plan







Housing & Homelessness Plan - Alignment

- Provides the very spirit of innovation and peoplecentred principles of our Housing & Homelessness Plan
- Innovative and cost effective housing opportunities
- Partnerships: Opportunity for existing landlord partners and new landlords to embrace this opportunity and sense of community





What is Peel's Choice Based Initiative?

- Applicants have more choice, flexibility and options to receive Rent Subsidy (RGI)
- RGI and short term assistance (Housing Allowances)
- Chronological households and medical priorities were considered



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Choice Based Initiative Options

- CB1
 - household remains with current landlord in current unit to receive rent subsidy
- CB2
 - household finds their own accommodation meeting certain requirements
- IAH
 - \$250 or \$350 short term housing allowance rent assistance paid directly to household
- Bidding pilot on vacant units





Choice Based Options – Our Efforts





Choice Based Options – Impact

- 1,273 households receiving RGI (as of Oct 2014)
- Over 200 housing allowances issued
- Increase in number of Landlord partnerships and available buildings





Leveraging Partnerships





Landlord Relationships

Through Choice Based Options, we have:

- Increased partnerships with private landlords
 - Leverage partnerships to increase number of available units
- Built relationships between the landlord, the Region of Peel and tenant
 - Landlords wanting to become part of the solution
 - Willingness to work with tenants to support successful tenancies





Choice Based Bidding (By Building) – Pilot

- Pilot started September 2013
- · Efficient way of filling units
 - · High number of vacancies at a building at one time
- · Applicants are invited to view units
- Opportunity to "bid" or provide expression of interest
- · Offered by Centralized Wait List application date and priority



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Next Steps

Current

- Final review of implementing a Choice Based "Bidding" and Choice Based options to the Centralized Wait List
- Ongoing evaluation of pilot
- Implementation of Choice Based Bidding By Letter

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- Final Recommendations submitted for Council Approval
- Evaluation of pilot to inform planning and development





Thank You

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