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A Call for Contributions – August 2022

The August 2022 “Working Together”: The Future of South Australian Homelessness and Domestic and Family Violence Services edition of *Parity*

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Introduction and Context

South Australia has long played a key role in the development of innovative policy and service responses to homelessness. Many South Australian policy and service initiatives have later become the inspiration, and sometimes the template, for homelessness policy and service developments in other national, state and territory jurisdictions in Australia. The 2008 National *The Road Home* homelessness policy framework is one example.

Indeed, South Australia has a history of social policy leadership and likewise, a strong record of program and service system innovation to meet the specific and particular historical and geographical imperatives that have shaped the South Australian response to homelessness.

With the original national Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) and its precursors as a policy framework baseline, South Australia led the development of alternative paradigms, including for example, the social inclusion framework, Street to Home initiatives, Housing First and the development of the Common Ground model, the creation of Specialist Homeless Services, and subsequently, the development and implementation of the then South Australian Government Homelessness Strategy “*Homeless to Home*” 2009-2013 and the “*A Road Map for a Future South Australian Homelessness System from July 2015*” Report.

Currently a new and distinctly South Australian model of the service response to homelessness has been initiated and is being implemented as articulated in the two framework documents – *Future Directions for Homelessness: The SA Homelessness Alliance, Our Housing Future Strategy 2020-2030* and the *South Australian Aboriginal Housing Strategy 2021-2031*.

These initiatives are based on a model of comprehensive service integration and collaboration where previously separate and sometimes competing services are grouped together in strategic Alliances, and on a much closer relationship with government as the key social housing provider.

This edition of *Parity* is intended as an opportunity for all involved in the implementation and operation of this new service paradigm and the provision of homelessness services, to examine and discuss all the issues and questions that have arisen in its implementation

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and to point to some of the future directions for the development of “The South Australian Alliance” model and system.

Chapter 1: Sources and Beginnings

The essential aim of this chapter is to discuss the origins, aims and objectives of the Alliance model.

- What were the drivers of the current Alliance reforms?
- What were the principles and values that underpinned the development of these reforms?
- What are the objectives of the current homelessness policy reforms and the Alliance model?
- What were the perceived weaknesses and inadequacies of preceding homelessness policy and models of service provision in South Australia?
- How is the Alliance model intended to address and rectify these perceived weaknesses and inadequacies?

Chapter 2: Future Directions for Homelessness: The SA Homelessness Alliance Model

The aim of this chapter is to provide an opportunity for all five Alliances to examine and discuss their work and its progress.

- What are the main aims and objectives of the Future Directions for Homelessness: The SA Homelessness Alliance model?
- Are there any early indicators of its impact, and where it has been successful in the response to homelessness?
- Likewise, are there any early indications of issues in its implementation that need to be addressed or further work that needs to be done?
- How is the ‘Alliance’ model working in practice? Even at this early stage, what are some reflections, lessons and possible future directions from those involved in its implementation and operation?
- What are some of the main or “key” issues that have arisen in the implementation of the Alliance model? How have these been addressed?
- How and when will the ‘Alliance’ model be assessed and evaluated?
- What research is being done on the work of the Alliances in meeting the needs of people experiencing homelessness?
- Has the Alliance model been successful in providing housing outcomes for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness?
- How successful have the Alliances been in the application of “Safety First” and “Housing First” principles?
- What opportunities have there been for the Alliances to share with each other what they have learned from their experience of implementing and working the Alliance model of service delivery?

- Are there any comparable service integration models elsewhere overseas and what have been their successes and issues?
- Where does the client and the lived experience voice sit within the reforms and homelessness policy, and the work of the Alliances going forward?
- How do the Alliances work with Directly Contracted Services in meeting the needs of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness?
- Likewise, how do Directly Contracted Services work with the Alliances in meeting the needs of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness?

Chapter 3: The Role and Work of Directly Contracted Services

The aim of this chapter is to give all those organisations and services that are not part of the Alliance model that still play an important an essential role in the South Australian response to homelessness the opportunity to outline and discuss their role and work and the issues they may have experienced working in the new Alliance policy context.

- What role does the work of Directly Contracted Services play in the South Australian response to homelessness?
- How does the work of Directly Contracted Services differ from those services provided by the Alliance system?
- How do Directly Contracted Services work with those organisations lined to the Alliances in meeting the needs of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness?
- What is the ongoing and future role of Directly Contracted Services in the South Australian response to homelessness in the new Alliance system?

Chapter 4: The Future of South Australian Homelessness and Domestic and Family Violence Services

The aim of this chapter is to set out some of the options and possibilities for the future shape and direction of homelessness services in South Australia.

- How will we know if the Alliance model has succeeded in its aims of both preventing and ending homelessness for those experiencing or at risk of homelessness?
- What are some of the measures of the success of the work of the Alliance model and system?
- What is the role and function of housing policy, particularly social housing provision in the Alliance model and what is its future of South Australian Housing Policy?
- What are the key drivers of future South Australian homelessness policies and services?
- What is the role of the Alliance System Steering Group in supporting the development of state-wide strategy?
- What is the role of key advocacy bodies in the development of future South Australian homelessness policies and services, for example Shelter SA and a possible future South Australian Alliance to End Homelessness?

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Chapter 5: Opinion Pages

The Opinion Pages are an opportunity for edition stakeholders and sector leaders to editorialise, advocate and set the future agenda.

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