

INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS PEER EXAMPLES

The Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) requested assistance from HUD to facilitate a strategic planning process to review its current governance structure and determine if a different configuration would better serve the needs of the CoC. Currently, the Iowa Council on Homelessness, the state's Interagency Council on Homelessness, acts as the CoC Board for the Balance of State CoC.

Below is a summary of various models of state Interagency Councils on Homelessness (ICH) to provide background on the structure of other state ICHs and, if available, information on how they may interact with their state's Balance of State CoC.

ALASKA COUNCIL ON THE HOMELESS

PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION: The Alaska Council on the Homeless collaborates with local governments, community partners and service providers to conduct research and identify best practices related to homelessness and affordable housing development. The Council monitors and reviews implementation of [Alaska's Plan to End Long Term Homelessness](#) and shares findings and recommendations with the Governor through progress reports.

CHAIRPERSON: Executive Director, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

MEMBERSHIP: One member each from Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, Department of Health and Social Services, Department of Education and Early Development, Department of Public Safety, Department of Corrections, and Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The Governor may also appoint eight public members including two public members and six with experience and expertise in housing development or as consumers of affordable housing, such as persons associated with Alaska Federation of Natives or a similar statewide organization, a regional Native housing authority, municipal government, Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness or a similar statewide organization, the faith-based community, or an advocacy role.

SCHEDULE/STRUCTURE: The Council meets biannually with council membership appointed by the governor

STATEWIDE PLAN: [Alaska's Plan to End Long Term Homelessness](#)

FLORIDA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION: The Council on Homelessness was created in 2001 with a mission to develop and coordinate policy to reduce the prevalence and duration of homelessness, and work toward ending homelessness in Florida. As part of its authorizing legislation, the Council on Homelessness is required to submit an annual report to the Florida Governor and Legislature summarizing the recommended actions to reduce homelessness, as well as data concerning those persons currently experiencing homelessness in Florida.

CHAIRPERSON: Executive Director, Ability Housing

MEMBERSHIP: The Council consists of seventeen members, representing nine state agency heads or their designees, four members appointed by the Governor, and four members representing statewide organizations and homeless advocacy groups.

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SCHEDULE/STRUCTURE: Meetings are held via conference call, with the Executive Committee Call occurring on the 1st Wednesday of the month, the Affordable Housing Committee Call on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, and the Continuum of Care and Veteran's Committee Call on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

ANNUAL REPORT: [2108 Council on Homelessness Annual Report](#)

HAWAII INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION: The Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness (HICH) was established in July 2011 through executive order by Gov. Neil Abercrombie with the task of providing solutions to end homelessness and strengthen the continuity of efforts to end homelessness across future State of Hawaii administrations. The HICH is required to report annually to the governor, the state Legislature, and the mayor of each county on the progress of its activities, including formulation and progress of the 10-year plan.

CHAIRPERSON: Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness

MEMBERSHIP: State department directors, federal agency representatives, and community leaders

SCHEDULE/STRUCTURE: Meetings are held on a quarterly basis. [Agendas and Minutes](#) are available online.

STATEWIDE PLAN/REPORT: The HICH adopted a [plan](#) consisting of four goals, 11 objectives, and 39 strategies. That plan is consistent with the approach taken by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) to end homelessness throughout the nation. In addition, the HICH submits an annual Report to the state legislature in December of each year.

KENTUCKY INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION: The Kentucky Interagency Council on Homelessness (KICH) was initially established after representatives from Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) participated in a Homeless Policy Academy in 2002, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. After the passage of Senate Bill 225 in the 2016 Regular Session, the purpose of KICH is outlined as follows:

- To serve as the single statewide homeless planning and policy development resource for the Commonwealth of Kentucky;
- To review, update, and recommend changes to Kentucky's Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness and monitor its implementation;
- To serve as a state clearinghouse for information on services and housing options for the homeless population;
- To conduct other activities as appropriate and necessary; and
- To report to the Governor and General Assembly as requested.

MEMBERSHIP: The Council has representatives from over 20 agencies, nonprofits, and advocacy organizations. The Council shall include but not be limited to the following members:

- The secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services;
- The executive director of the Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky;
- The chief executive officer of the Kentucky Housing Corporation;
- The commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs;
- The secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet;

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- The secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet;
- The secretary of the Transportation Cabinet;
- The executive director of the Administrative Office of the Courts;
- The state budget director;
- A representative from the Kentucky Housing Association, representing public housing authorities, appointed by the Governor for a two (2) year term; and
- An individual who has previously experienced homelessness and addiction, appointed by the Governor for a two (2) year term.

SCHEDULE/STRUCTURE: KICH is administered by the Homeless & Housing Coalition of Kentucky (HHCK) with support from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and Kentucky Housing Corporation. The Interagency Council is supported by a Steering Committee currently consisting of representatives of nonprofit homeless service providers, local governments, divisions of state government cabinets, nonprofit housing developers, the Veterans Administration, the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and advocates for persons with disabilities, amongst others. KICH has an ad hoc subcommittee structure, including Medicaid and the Strategic Plan Committees.

INTERACTION WITH BALANCE OF STATE COC: The three Continua of Care in the Commonwealth – Lexington, Louisville, and the Kentucky Balance of State – are vital partners in developing updates to the Strategic Plan.

STATEWIDE PLAN: [My New Kentucky Home.](#)

LOUISIANA GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION: The Governor’s Council on Homelessness was established in November 2015 to ensure that the state government coordinates effectively with the efforts of the federal government, local governments, the private sector and service provider networks.

CHAIRPERSON: Designated by the Governor from the membership of the Council.

MEMBERSHIP: The Council shall be composed of a maximum of eleven (11) members who, unless otherwise specified, shall be designated by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor:

- The attorney general, or the attorney general’s designee;
- The executive director of the Louisiana Housing Corporation, or the director’s designee;
- The secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, or the secretary’s designee;
- The secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services, or the secretary’s designee;
- The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, or the secretary’s designee;
- The superintendent of the Department of Education, or the superintendent’s designee;
- The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, or the secretary’s designee; and
- Four (4) at-large members with qualifications deemed appropriate by the Governor.

SCHEDULE/STRUCTURE: The Council is created within the executive department, Office of the Governor. The Council shall meet at regularly scheduled intervals and at the call of the chair.

MAINE STATEWIDE HOMELESS COUNCIL

PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION: The Statewide Homeless Council is designed to coordinate and establish statewide policies on homelessness, including providing leadership to end

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homelessness, developing an educational campaign, and making policy and program recommendations to the Governor, Legislature, and MaineHousing.

MEMBERSHIP: Director of MaineHousing; three representatives from each of the three regions of the state.

SCHEDULE/STRUCTURE: The Council meets regularly the second Tuesday of each month.

INTERACTION WITH BALANCE OF STATE COC (MCOC): The MCOC and its activities is a standing agenda item for the Statewide Homeless Council, which meets monthly and where opinions, feedback, & information are disseminated & gathered for the MCOC's use in its activities.

STATEWIDE PLAN: [Maine's Plan to End & Prevent Homelessness](#) was created by a diverse group of stakeholders from the Statewide Homeless Council and the state's three Regional Homeless Councils.

MARYLAND'S INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION: The Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) was established in 2014 to examine statewide initiatives and recommend policy solutions to end homelessness in Maryland. The ICH is tasked with coordinating state policy recommendations and working relationships among state, local, and nonprofit agencies concerning efforts to remedy and prevent homelessness across the state.

MEMBERSHIP: Representatives from 12 state agencies; at least three representatives from local Continuums of Care; at least six advocates from throughout the state; and at least one community member who has experienced homelessness.

SCHEDULE/STRUCTURE: The Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness oversees the work of the ICH.

INTERACTION WITH COCS: Objectives of the State Interagency Council on Homelessness include:

- Coordinate data sharing between local Continuums of Care; and
- Coordinate outreach to each CoC to develop joint strategies that impact State and federal funding efforts to remedy and prevent homelessness.

MASSACHUSETTS INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION: The Interagency Council on Housing and Homelessness (ICHH) was convened by Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito in October of 2015. The mission of the ICHH is to provide the forum where new strategies in support of affordable housing development and to address the issues of homelessness among all populations are formulated.

CHAIRPERSON: Co-chaired by Secretary of Executive Office of Health and Human Services and Secretary of Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development

MEMBERSHIP: The ICHH includes five committees comprised of members from: Executive Office of Health and Human Services agencies, Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, Department of Housing and Community Development, MassHousing, Mass Housing Partnership, Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, Education, Corrections, Early Education and Care, and Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation.

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SCHEDULE/STRUCTURE: The ICHH meets quarterly and meetings are open to public. In addition, there is an ICHH Advisory Committee which also meets quarterly and is made up of agencies, providers, advocates, consumers and other stakeholders.

STATEWIDE PLAN: MA 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness

INTERACTION WITH BOS COC: The CoC adopted the MA 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness and complementary Opening Doors Plans to End Homelessness. The implementation of this plan by the BoS CoC, in conjunction with the MA ICHH, is the responsibility of the ICHH Committee. This Committee works with the full CoC/Planning Group in keeping the CoC on track in following its goals and the goals of the corresponding Opening Doors Plan.

MICHIGAN INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION: Executive Order 2015-2, issued by Governor Rick Snyder in January of 2015, created the Michigan Interagency Council on Homelessness. The Council is designed to develop, adopt and update a 10-year plan to end homelessness.

CHAIRPERSON: Director of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority

MEMBERSHIP: The Council shall be composed of thirteen (13) members appointed by the Governor. The Council consists of the following members:

- The Director of Michigan State Housing Development Authority, or his or her designee;
- The Director of the Department of Human Services, or his or her designee;
- The Director of the Department of Community Health, or his or her designee;
- The Director of the Department of Corrections, or his or her designee;
- The Director of the Department of Education, or his or her designee;
- The Director of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, or his or her designee;
- The Director of the Department of Technology, Management and Budget, or his or her designee;
- The Director of the Department of Natural Resources, or his or her designee;
- A representative of the courts; and
- Four (4) representatives of the general public.

SCHEDULE/STRUCTURE: The Council is created as an advisory body within the Michigan State Housing Development Authority and shall be staffed and assisted by personnel from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. The Council shall meet quarterly at the call of the Chairperson and as may be provided in procedures adopted by the Council.

STATEWIDE PLAN: [Michigan's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness](#)

NEW HAMPSHIRE GOVERNOR'S INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION: The NH Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness (NHICH) is charged with ensuring statewide progress towards ending homelessness. The NHICH achieves this through developing, coordinating, and making recommendations for statewide planning, policy and resource allocation to address significant facets of homelessness.

MEMBERSHIP: Current members of the NHICH include representatives of:

- Governor's Office
- NH House of Representatives
- Departments of Health and Human Services, Education, and Corrections

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- Bureaus of Drug and Alcohol Services, Homeless & Housing Services, and Behavioral Health Services
- Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and Coalition to End Homelessness
- Division of Family Assistance
- NH Council of Churches
- NH Housing and Finance Authority
- VA Medical Center, Manchester
- Consumer Representatives
- Non-profit organizations and local service providers

SCHEDULE/STRUCTURE: The NH Coalition to End Homelessness (NHCEH) provides administrative capacity for the NH Governor’s Interagency Council on Homelessness (NHICH). As a function of that role, the NHCEH provides webspace for the NHICH to make information about the agency publicly available, such as minutes, agendas, organizing documents, and more.

NORTH CAROLINA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL FOR COORDINATING HOMELESS PROGRAMS

PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION: The Interagency Council advises the Governor, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, other state agencies, and partners on issues related to housing stabilization for persons that homeless or at risk of homelessness.

CHAIRPERSON: Appointed by the Governor

MEMBERSHIP: The Interagency Council consists of a Chairperson and 26 additional members appointed by the Governor from the following state agencies, non-profits, and business community, or qualifying category:

- One member from the Department of Administration;
- One member from the Housing Finance Agency;
- One member from the Office of State Budget and Management;
- One member from the Community College System;
- One member from the Department of Public Safety;
- One member from the Department of Commerce;
- One member from the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs;
- Three members from the Department of Health and Human Services that represent persons with disabilities, older adults, and the economically disadvantaged;
- One member from the Department of Public Instruction;
- One member from county government;
- One member from city government;
- One member from the faith-based community;
- The members from non-profit agencies that provide services to people that are homeless or at risk of homelessness;
- One member from the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness;
- One member from the North Carolina Housing Coalition;
- One member from the business community that develops affordable housing;
- One member representing Public Housing Authorities;
- One member representing the homeless or formerly homeless;

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- One member from the North Carolina Senate;
- One member from the North Carolina House of Representatives.

SCHEDULE/STRUCTURE: The Interagency Council will meet quarterly, at the request of the Chairperson, or upon written request from at least five of its members. The Department of Health and Human Services will provide administrative and staff support required by the Interagency Council.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA GOVERNOR'S INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION: The Oklahoma Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness (OK GICH) is a 25-member advisory body composed of public, private and nonprofit representatives working together to end homelessness in Oklahoma. OK GICH's role in achieving this vision is to provide recommendations to the Governor of Oklahoma related to policies, programs and services for Oklahomans experiencing or at-risk of experiencing homelessness; and, to provide expertise, coordination and support to organizations, systems and policymakers across the state as they work toward this vision.

CHAIRPERSON: Founder and principal of Cross Sector Innovations

MEMBERSHIP: The Interagency Council shall consist of not more than 25 members with knowledge of the subject of homelessness. Members shall be appointed by the Governor. The Council's membership may include representatives from:

- The Governor's Office;
- The Oklahoma Legislature;
- The Oklahoma Housing Finance Authority;
- The Oklahoma Department of Commerce;
- The Oklahoma Department of Human Services;
- The Oklahoma State Department of Health;
- The U.S. Veterans Administration;
- The Oklahoma Department of Education;
- The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services;
- The Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs;
- Head Start/Community Action Agencies;
- The Disability Determination Division of the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services;
- The Oklahoma Department of Corrections;
- The Oklahoma Health Care Authority;
- The Oklahoma employment and Security Commission;
- CareerTech;
- Homeless service providers;
- The faith-based community;
- Statewide or local continuums of care;
- Legal Aid of Oklahoma;
- Local housing authorities;
- Currently or formerly homeless persons; and
- Persons with experience or knowledge of the subject of homelessness.

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SCHEDULE/STRUCTURE: Regular meetings of the Council are to be held on the 3rd Wednesday of every other month.

STATEWIDE PLAN: OK GICH is currently soliciting stakeholder input to support the development of the 2019-2023 Oklahoma Plan to End Homelessness.

RHODE ISLAND INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION: The Rhode Island Interagency Council on Homelessness (RI-ICH) was reactivated to examine the crisis of homelessness, to develop and implement strategies and programs for assuring a coordinated, effective response to reducing homelessness in Rhode Island.

CHAIRPERSON: Chief of the Office of Housing and Community Development.

MEMBERSHIP: RI-ICH consists of 17 members and one ex-officio member:

- Chief of the Office of Housing and Community Development, or designee;
- Director of the Department of Administration, or designee;
- Chair of the Housing Resources Commission, or designee;
- Director of the Department of Human Services, or designee;
- Director of the Department of Health, or designee;
- Director of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, or designee;
- Director of Elderly Affairs, or designee;
- Director of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals, or designee;
- Director of the Department of Labor and Training, or designee;
- Director of the Department of Corrections, or designee;
- Commissioner of the Department of Elementary or Secondary Education, or designee;
- Director of the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation, or designee;
- Director of Emergency Management Agency, or designee;
- Representative from the Rhode Island Division/Department of Veterans' Affairs, or designee;
- Public defender, or designee;
- Medicaid Director within the Department of Human Services, or designee;
- Secretary of the Executive Office Health and Human Services, or designee, and
- An ex-officio member who shall be the chair of the Interagency Council on Homelessness Advisory Council.

STATEWIDE PLAN: [Opening Doors Rhode Island: Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness](#)

SOUTH CAROLINA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION: The South Carolina Interagency Council on Homelessness (SCICH) operates as an interagency council and aims to end homelessness in South Carolina by convening homeless service providers, state agencies, and other stakeholders to collaborate and work to develop and advance statewide strategies designed to end homelessness. The Council is a nonprofit, volunteer organization developed to support and represent the four local continuums of care.

CHAIRPERSON: CoC Representative (SC-502: Columbia/Midlands CoC)

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MEMBERSHIP: SCICH Board of Directors includes representation from each of the four geographically organized CoCs, eight SC state agencies, people who have experienced homelessness, service providers, and other advocates.

STATEWIDE PLAN: [Five Year Strategic Plan to End Homelessness](#)

TEXAS INTERAGENCY COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION: The Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless (TIC”) serves as an advisory committee to the Texas Department for Housing and Community Affairs. The mission of TICH is to play a leadership role in reducing instances of homelessness in Texas by carrying out its statutorily assigned duties in a collaborative manner that fosters pursuit of best practices.

CHAIRPERSON: Representative of the Office of the Governor

MEMBERSHIP: The membership of the TICH is composed of:

- One representative from each of the following agencies, or appointed by the administrative head of that agency: Department of State Health Services, Department of Criminal Justice, Department of Aging and Disability Services, Education Agency, Department of Family and Protective Services, Health and Human Services Commission, Workforce Commission, Juvenile Justice Department, Veterans Commission, and the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services;
- Two representatives from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, who are appointed by the Director, including at least one representative whose duties include management or administration of the Community Services Block Grant or the Emergency Solutions Grant program; and
- Three members representing service providers to the homeless, one each appointed by the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SCHEDULE/STRUCTURE: The TICH shall meet at least quarterly, at the call of the presiding officer, and other meetings as will be determined on an as needed basis.

INTERACTION WITH BOS COC: The Texas Balance of State CoC (Texas Housing Network) is an advisory member to TICH.

STATEWIDE PLAN: [Pathways Home](#) (Addendum to TICH 2012 Annual Report)

VERMONT COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION: The Vermont Council on Homelessness is responsible for the development, monitoring and periodic revision of Vermont’s Plan to End Homelessness. The Council makes annual recommendations to the Governor and Administration regarding resource, policy, and regulatory changes necessary to reduce and end homelessness in Vermont.

CHAIRPERSON: Director of Housing, VT Agency of Human Services

MEMBERSHIP: The Vermont Council on Homelessness is comprised of 22 members appointed by the Governor, representing state government, persons who have experienced homelessness, housing providers, homeless service providers and at-large members.

SCHEDULE/STRUCTURE: The Council is attached to the Agency of Human Services for administrative support. The Council must meet no less than quarterly.

STATEWIDE PLAN: [Vermont’s Plan to End Homelessness](#) (2018-2022)

VIRGINIA GOVERNOR'S COORDINATING COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION: The Virginia Governor's Coordinating Council on Homelessness works to carry out activities requested by the Governor, which may include but not be limited to: Implementing state plan to effectively address homelessness; Addressing policy issues; Overseeing coordination among and between secretariats and state agencies; and Enhancing coordination and collaboration between state agencies and local organizations.

CHAIRPERSON: Co-chaired by the Secretary of Commerce and Trade and Secretary of Health and Human Resources.

MEMBERSHIP: Leadership and membership of the Council includes:

- Secretary of Commerce and Trade
- Secretary of Health and Human Resources
- Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs
- Secretary of Education
- Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security
- Representatives of the Departments of Housing and Community Development, Behavioral Health and Development Services, Social Services, Juvenile Justice, Criminal Justice Services, Corrections, Medical Assistance Services, Health Aging and Rehabilitative Services, and Veterans Services
- Virginia Housing Development Authority
- Office of the Attorney General
- Veterans Health Administration
- Local CoCs and planning groups

SCHEDULE/STRUCTURE: The GCCH currently has four standing committees: Performance & Impact; Solutions; Veterans; and Youth. The Coordinating Council meets quarterly. Standing committees meet monthly, bi-monthly, or as needed.

INTERACTION WITH BOS COC: The BoS CA has a representative on the Governor's Coordinating Council on Homelessness, including the Council's state committee to prevent and end veteran homelessness.

WASHINGTON INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION: The Interagency Council on Homelessness works to create greater levels of interagency coordination and to coordinate state agency efforts with the efforts of state and local entities addressing homelessness.

CHAIRPERSON: Senior Managing Director of the Department of Commerce's Housing Assistance Unit

MEMBERSHIP: ICH members are state agency representatives appointed by agency directors.

SCHEDULE/STRUCTURE: The Washington State Advisory Council on Homelessness (SACH) and the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) meet quarterly to collaborate and inform state policy to end homelessness.

STATEWIDE PLAN: The [State of Washington Homeless Housing Strategic Plan](#) was created through a joint effort between the State Advisory Council on Homelessness, the Interagency Council on Homelessness, and other statewide homeless advisory group. This is the third update to the Washington State Homeless Housing Strategic Plan, which provides guiding principles and goals to support the State's homeless housing policies and funding so that the Washington State

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Department of Commerce, contracted local governments, service providers, and partnering agencies have clear expectations and benchmarks to guide their work.

WEST VIRGINIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION: In November 2013, the WV Interagency Council on Homelessness (WVICH) was established to develop a plan to prevent and end homelessness in West Virginia. The Council serves as a statewide homeless planning and policy development for the Governor and the State of West Virginia.

CHAIRPERSON: Commissioner of the WV Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities, or designee.

MEMBERSHIP: In addition to the Chairperson, the Council shall be comprised of the following seven members:

- Governor, or designee;
- Commissioner of the WV Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Children and Families, or designee;
- Secretary of the WV Department of Veterans' Assistance, or designee;
- Superintendent of the WV Department of Education, or designee;
- Executive Director of the WV Housing Development Fund, or designee;
- Secretary of the WV Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety, or designee; and
- Office of Economic Opportunity representative.

SCHEDULE/STRUCTURE: The Council is supported by a work group to assist it in its duties and make recommendations about its work. The work group reports its activities and recommendations to the Council and may be comprised of state agency staff, representatives of the state's continuum of care organizations, a statewide homeless advocacy group, and other entities. The work group also assists the Council in reaching out to local communities regarding the state's plan to prevent and end homelessness.

STATEWIDE PLAN: [Opening Doors in West Virginia: A Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness 2015-2020](#)

WISCONSIN INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION: The Wisconsin Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) was newly established in 2017 and held its first meeting in February, 2018. The ICH website indicates that the ICH will develop a vision statement and statewide plan to end homelessness.

CHAIRPERSON: Chaired by the governor, or his or her designee.

MEMBERSHIP: The secretaries or directors of the eight executive branch agencies that were identified as receiving state or federal dollars to combat homelessness also sit at the council. Those agencies are the Departments of: Administration, Health Services, Children and Families, Workforce Development, Veterans Affairs, Corrections, and Public Instruction, and the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority. Additionally, one representative from each of the state's four CoCs (Milwaukee County, Dane County, Racine County, and the Balance of State) sends a representative to the ICH.

SCHEDULE/STRUCTURE: The council meets quarterly, and may meet at other times on the call of the chairperson or a majority of its members. In addition to the quarterly meetings, the Council is required to designate individuals from each of the member agencies and

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organizations to meet twice quarterly to coordinate implementation of the policy. The ICH has a fiscal appropriation of \$95,000 per year to hire a full-time director charged with coordinating the ICH and its partner agencies and organizing a team that meets frequently to implement ICH policies.

INTERACTION WITH BOS COC: The BoS CoC has a representative on Governor’s Council.