

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 56
NORTH CAROLINA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL
FOR COORDINATING HOMELESS PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the problem of homelessness denies a segment of our population their basic need for adequate shelter; and,

WHEREAS, several State agencies offer programs and services for homeless persons; and,

WHEREAS, to combat the problem of homelessness most effectively, it is critical that these agencies coordinate program development and delivery of essential services.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Governor by the laws and Constitution of the State of North Carolina, IT IS ORDERED:

Section 1. Establishment

The North Carolina Interagency Council for Coordinating Homeless Programs is hereby established.

Section 2. Membership

The Interagency Council shall consist of a chairperson appointed by the Governor and 28 additional members who shall be appointed by the Governor from the following public and private agencies and categories of qualifications:

- (a) One member from the Department of Administration.
- (b) One member from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency.
- (c) One member from the Office of State Planning.
- (d) One member from the North Carolina Community College System.

- (e) One member from the Department of Correction.
- (f) One member from the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- (g) One member from the Department of Commerce.
- (h) Three members from the Department of Health and Human Services, one representing the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services and one representing the AIDS Care Unit, and one representing the Office of Economic Opportunity.
- (i) One member from the State Board of Education or a member from the Department of Public Instruction.
- (j) One county government official.
- (k) One city government official.
- (l) Six members from non-profit agencies concerned with housing issues and service provision to the homeless.
- (m) One homeless or formerly homeless person.
- (n) One members from the private sector.
- (o) One member representing Public Housing Authorities.
- (p) Three members of the North Carolina Senate.
- (q) Three members of the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Section 3. Chair and Terms of Membership

Each appointment shall be for a term of 3 years. (Initial terms of membership for the other members of the Interagency Council shall be staggered with those members from state departments or agencies and the North Carolina General Assembly serving three year terms and other members serving two year terms. Each appointment thereafter shall be for a term of two years.)

Section 4. Meetings

The Interagency Council shall meet quarterly and at other times at the call of the Chairperson or upon written request of at least five (5) of its members.

Section 5. Functions

- (a) The Interagency Council shall advise the Governor and Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services on issues related to the problems of persons who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, identify and secure available resources throughout the State and nation and provide recommendations for joint and cooperative efforts and policy initiatives in carrying out programs to meet the needs of the homeless.
- (b) The Interagency Council shall set short-term and long-term goals and determine yearly priorities.
- (c) The Interagency Council shall submit an annual report to the Governor, by November 1, on its accomplishments and the status of homelessness in North Carolina.

Section 6. Expenses

Council administrative costs, special function expenses and the cost of member per diem, travel and subsistence expenses shall be paid from state funds appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Section 7. Staff Assistance

The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide administrative and staff support services required by the Interagency Council.

Done in the Capital City of Raleigh, North Carolina, this the ____ day of January, 2004.

Michael F. Easley
Governor

ATTEST:

Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State