



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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**EXECUTIVE ORDER  
No. 2015 – 2**

**CREATION OF  
MICHIGAN INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS  
MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the state of Michigan in the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 empowers the Governor to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch or in the assignment of functions among its units that he considers necessary for efficient administration; and

WHEREAS, multiple state agencies bear the responsibility of serving homeless persons in the state of Michigan and those who are at risk of becoming homeless; and

WHEREAS, ending homelessness requires collaboration among state agencies, local governments, the private sector and service provider networks to coordinate program development, deliver key services and provide housing; and

WHEREAS, ending or reducing homelessness contributes to economic development and improves the overall quality of life within our communities; and

WHEREAS, establishment of an Interagency Council on Homelessness will provide Michigan with a central statewide homeless planning and policy development resource and allow for more efficient collaboration between various departments with the goal to meet the needs of the homeless population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Snyder, Governor of the state of Michigan, by virtue of the power and authority vested in the Governor by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, order the following:

**I. CREATION OF THE MICHIGAN INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS**

A. The Michigan Interagency Council on Homelessness ("Council") is created as an advisory body within the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

B. The Council shall be composed of thirteen (13) members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor. Of the members initially appointed, four (4) members shall be appointed for terms expiring on January 31, 2017; five (5) members shall be appointed for terms expiring January 31, 2018; and four (4) members shall be appointed for terms expiring

January 31, 2019. After the initial appointments, members of the council shall serve a term of four (4) years.

C. 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.

D. A vacancy on the council occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the balance of the unexpired term. A member may continue serving until his or her successor is appointed.

## II. CHARGE TO THE COUNCIL

A. The Council shall act in an advisory capacity, serve as a statewide homelessness planning and policy development resource for the Governor and the state of Michigan, and shall do all of the following:

1. Develop, adopt and update a 10-year plan to end homelessness. The 10-year plan shall include evidence-based improvements to programs and policies that will ensure services and housing are provided in an efficient, cost-effective, and productive manner. The plan shall be coordinated and tailored with the Federal Strategic Plan, "Opening Doors," to meet the needs of this state's homeless population.
2. Develop recommendations to:
  - expand and maximize housing resources as central to all efforts to end homelessness;
  - increase access to mainstream state and federal social service resources such as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Social Security Income (SSI) and veteran benefits;
  - expand and maximize service resources such as mental health and substance abuse services;
  - improve cross-system policies and procedures through system integration, streamlined application and eligibility processes, and improved outreach;
  - ensure persons in state institutions have access to services that will help

- prevent homelessness upon their discharge; and
  - promote systems integration, such as health services and housing supports, to increase effectiveness and efficiency.
- 3. Develop a strategy to implement the plan and to recommend resource, policy and regulatory changes necessary to accomplish the goals of the plan.
- 4. Recommend and assist in developing partnerships with private entities, including corporate, philanthropic and faith and community-based organizations, as well as the federal and local government, to obtain involvement and support to achieve the goals of the plan.
- 5. Monitor and oversee the implementation of the plan to ensure accountability and consistent results, including but not limited to:
  - measurable goals, including numeric goals, for permanent housing units made available for target homeless populations;
  - measure progress using the annual point-in-time data;
  - measure housing retention and how well homeless programs help their clients become employed and access mainstream programs;
  - create and coordinate a statewide data collection and reporting system; and
  - assemble accurate fiscal and demographic information and research data to support policy development and track outcomes.
- 6. Identify and maximize the leveraging of resources to improve the system of services for people who are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless.
- 7. Provide an annual progress report on the state plan to the Governor and legislature.

### **III. OPERATIONS OF THE COUNCIL**

A. The Council shall be staffed and assisted by personnel from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. Any budgeting, procurement, and related management functions of the Council shall be performed under the direction and supervision of the Chairperson.

B. The Director of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority shall serve as Chairperson.

C. The Council may select from among its members a Vice-Chairperson and Secretary.

D. The Council shall adopt procedures consistent with Michigan law and this Order governing its organization and operations.

E. A majority of the members of the Council serving constitutes a quorum for the transaction of the Council's business. The Council shall act by a majority vote of its serving members.

F. The Council shall meet quarterly at the call of the Chairperson and as may be provided in procedures adopted by the Council.

G. The Council shall establish an advisory work group, comprised of representatives from the state agencies participating in the Council, representatives of the state's continuum of care organizations, a statewide homeless advocacy group and other public and private entities as the Council deems necessary to assist the Council in its duties and responsibilities. The work group shall meet monthly. The Council may adopt, reject, or modify any recommendations proposed by the work group.

H. The Council may, as appropriate, make inquiries, conduct studies and investigations into efficiencies and processes associated with preventing and ending homelessness, and receive outside comments from the public. The Council may also consult with outside experts in order to perform its duties, including but not limited to, experts in the private sector, government agencies, and at institutions of higher education.

I. Members of the Council shall serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement for necessary travel and expenses according to relevant statutes and the rules and procedures of the Civil Service Commission, and the Department of Technology, Management and Budget, subject to available funding.

J. The Council may hire or retain contractors, sub-contractors, advisors, consultants, and agents, and may make and enter into contracts necessary or incidental to the exercise of the powers of the Council and the performance of its duties, as the Chairperson deems advisable and necessary, in accordance with this Order and the relevant statutes, rules, and procedures of the Civil Service Commission, and the Department of Technology, Management and Budget.

K. The Council may accept donations of labor, services, or other items of value from any public or private agency or person. Any donations shall be expended in accordance with applicable laws, rules and procedures.

L. Members of the Council shall refer all legal, legislative, and media contacts to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

#### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

A. All departments, committees, commissioners, or officers of this state or of any political subdivision of this state may give to the council, or to any member or representative of the council, any necessary assistance required by the council, or any member or representative of the council, in the performance of the duties of the council so far as is compatible with its, his, or her duties.


B. Any suit, action, or other proceeding lawfully commenced by, against, or before any entity affected under this Order shall not abate by reason of the taking effect of this Order.

C. The invalidity of any portion of this Order shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Order.

The Executive Order shall become effective upon filing.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the state of Michigan this 16th day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen

  
RICHARD D. SNYDER  
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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