



RI Department of Housing Interagency Council on Homelessness

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Welcome! – Secretary Deborah Goddard

- Interagency Council is based on R. I. General Laws 40-17-1
 - 40-17-5 to assist in developing a strategy to end homelessness
- Coordinate services for the homeless among state agencies, community-based organizations, faith-based and volunteer organizations, advocacy groups and businesses

Interagency Council on Homelessness

Call to Order – Secretary Deborah J. Goddard

- Call to Order
- Establish Quorum
 - Roll Call of Members
 - Approval of Minutes

December 19, 2024, Meeting



Interagency Council on Homelessness

Quorum

- Council Members:
 - 1) Chief of Office of Housing & Community Development
 - 2) Director of the Department of Administration
 - 3) Chair of the Housing Resources Commission
 - 4) Director of Department of Human Services
 - 5) Director of the Department of Health
 - 6) Director of Children, Youth & Families
 - 7) Director of Healthy Aging

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Quorum

8. Director of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals
9. Director of Department Of Labor & Training
10. Director of Corrections
11. Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
12. Director of the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation
13. Director of the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency
14. Representative from the Rhode Office of Veterans Services

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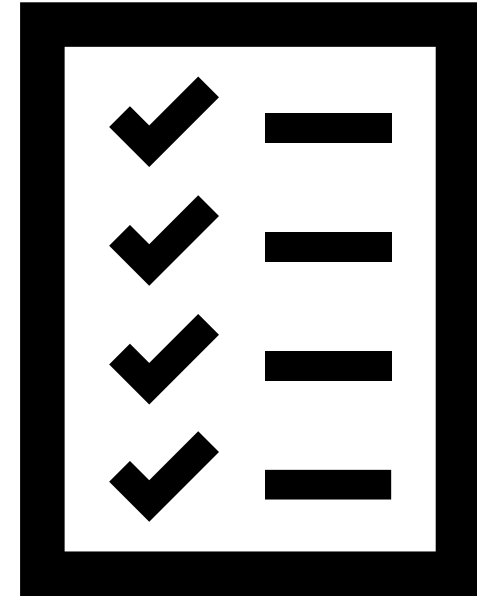
Quorum

15. Office of the Public Defender
16. Medicaid Director with the Department of Human Services
17. Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services
18. Office of the Lieutenant Governor
19. Ex-officio member from the Providence Veterans Administration
20. Ex-officio member who shall be from the interagency council on homeless advisory council (see 40-17-5, Advisory council established)

Interagency Council on Homelessness

Approval of Minutes – December 19, 2024

- Review of December 19, 2024
Draft Minutes
- Approval of Minutes



Whole of Government Approach to Homelessness

Secretary Deborah Goddard

Rhode Island Department of Housing

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The Department of Housing

What role does your organization play in preventing and/or addressing homelessness?

- State's "lead agency for housing, homelessness, and community development in the State of Rhode Island" (RIGL 42-64-34).
- Manages and implements the Consolidated Homeless Fund annually. This fund includes one-time federal pandemic funding, federal Emergency Solutions Grant, Housing Resources Commission funding, and Title XX Social Services Block Grant funds.

What resources can your organization bring to the table to prevent and address homelessness?

- This year and last year, more than \$30M was allocated to homelessness services, representing a drastic increase from prior years thanks to the infusion of one-time funding.
- Maximize existing emergency shelter capacity, with a focus on year-round rather than seasonal beds, as people experience homelessness at any time in the year and it is challenging for providers to ramp up/down services for partial year contracts
- Municipal Homelessness Support Initiative – Winter Emergency Hubs
- Strengthen homelessness prevention and response through updated performance management and investments in systems

The Department of Administration (DOA)

What role does your organization play in preventing and/or addressing homelessness?

- DOA does not have any direct involvement in homelessness as expressed in statute or regulation.
- However, DOA (through its Divisions) does have some direct and indirect involvement:
 - The Division of Planning operates the State's GIS, instrumental in identifying potential development sites.
 - The Division of Planning also participates in municipal comprehensive planning, which includes goals around affordable housing development.

What resources can your organization bring to the table to prevent and address homelessness?

- The State Guide Plan includes a housing element for cities and towns to incorporate into their local comprehensive plans.
 - This element is the basis for structuring goals for affordable housing but is out-of-date.
 - Without an updated housing element, cities and towns cannot accurately and effectively advance affordable housing developments, and Planning does not have a way to enforce the advancement of these goals.
- More resources are necessary to bolster the State's GIS capabilities, including layering accurate local data and continuously updating the information.
 - A more up-to-date and accessible GIS would provide a more effective tool for site selection for prospective development.

The Department of Human Services

What role does your organization play in preventing and/or addressing homelessness?

- **Housing Stability Services:** Short-term financial assistance through the Housing Stability Pilot (HSP) to prevent homelessness or transition families into permanent housing.
- **Emergency Assistance:** Support for families facing catastrophes (e.g., fire, unsafe living conditions) via ESSU, including shelter and essential item replacement.
- **Integrated Support:** Combines housing assistance with SNAP, RI Works, Medicaid, and energy programs (LIHEAP, Weatherization Assistance).
- **Specialized Housing:** Programs like SStarbirth provide transitional housing for vulnerable populations.
- **Partnerships:** Collaborates with CAP agencies, Crossroads RI, and other providers to enhance service delivery.
- **Data Monitoring:** Tracks outcomes via the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

What resources can your organization bring to the table to prevent and address homelessness?

- **Financial support:** Rent arrears, security deposits, utility payments.
- **Energy assistance:** LIHEAP, Weatherization.
- **Case management:** DHS staff assist with applications and resource navigation.
- **Community partnerships:** Expand reach and capacity to prevent homelessness.

RI Department of Health (RIDOH)

What role does your organization play in preventing and/or addressing homelessness?

Within the **Division of Community, Health and Equity (CHE)** a priority is to prevent poor health and developmental outcomes related to social determinants of health. Programs attempt to ensure that families with young children have all of the supports and services necessary to find or maintain housing. In addition, RIDOH:

- Ensures basic needs are met for families in stable and unstable housing;
- Refers individuals and/or families to services when appropriate;
- Links families with legal services, when appropriate and possible, as part of the developmental Understanding and Legal Collaboration for Everyone (DULCE) efforts; and
- Works with organizations that help families find safe and stable housing.

The **State Office of Vital Records** implemented a voucher system with Crossroads and Amos House so that a homeless person residing at the shelter can request a voucher to get a certified copy of a Birth Certificate.

The **State Office of Primary Care and Rural Health** works to reduce health disparities and improve access to care for medically underserved populations, including those at risk of homelessness. By conducting needs assessments and securing Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) designations, it helps direct federal resources to areas with critical healthcare shortages and other disparities. The Office also promotes the integration of primary medical, dental, and behavioral healthcare to provide comprehensive services and improve health outcomes for individuals facing multiple barriers to care.

What resources can your organization bring to the table to prevent and address homelessness?

Programs

- Home Visiting
- Women Infants and Children Special Supplemental Nutrition Services (WIC)
- State Office of Primary Care and Rural Health

Data

- Rhode Island Violent Death Reporting System (RIVDRS) captures circumstances and information on suicides, homicides, and other violent deaths, including a homeless status.
- The State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS) collects information about fatal overdoses.
- The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), a survey of middle and high school students, includes a question about where the student usually sleeps.
- The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), a survey of adults 18 or older, asks about being worried or stressed about paying rent/mortgage.
- The Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS), a survey of those who recently gave birth, asks if respondents were homeless or had to sleep outside, in a car, or in a shelter.

Building Workforce Capacity and Strengthening Community Partnerships

- State Office of Primary Care and Rural Health implements workforce recruitment and retention programs: Health Professional Loan Repayment Program, J-1 Visa Program, and 3RNET (attracts and retains healthcare professionals in rural and underserved communities). Local community agencies that implement services
- Building and sustaining partnerships with social services agencies, Health Equity Zones (HEZs), Community Action Programs (CAPs), and healthcare professionals.

Interagency Coordination

- Partnerships with sister State agencies
- Family Visiting Council
- Child Well-Being Advisory Group

RI Department of Children, Youth and Families

What role does your organization play in preventing and/or addressing homelessness?

- Collaborate with various partners throughout the state to provide prevention services focused on keeping families and children safe and intact in their homes
- Currently house approximately 102 homeless families in hotels at a cost of approximately \$7 million
- In collaboration with RI Housing, Family Services of RI and Foster Forward, provide Family Unification Vouchers (FUP) and support services to 25 families open to DCYF whose last barrier to reunification is housing instability and to 3 young adults who have experienced foster care
- In collaboration with Foster Forward, RI Housing, and the Housing Authorities of West Warwick, Lincoln and East Providence, provide Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) vouchers and supportive services to 50 youth who have experienced foster care since inception
- Through our Voluntary Extension of Care (VEC) program, DCYF currently supports 95 Youth who have experienced foster care with independent living supports and rental subsidies

What resources can your organization bring to the table to prevent and address homelessness?

- Assessment and referral services through our [Support and Response Unit](#)
- Wrap-around Prevention Services through our [Family Care Community Partnerships \(FCCPs\)](#) for families at risk of opening to the Department of Children, Youth and Families regardless of homelessness risk/status
- Access to Children's Behavioral Health Resources

RI Office of Healthy Aging

What role does your organization play in preventing and/or addressing homelessness?

Staff at the Office of Healthy Aging support older adults (typically age 60+, sometimes age 55, 62, or 65 depending on program) through the creation of policies and programs that support older adults living with dignity and independence in community. Our primary role related to homelessness is related to prevention.

In that space we offer:

- Case management services
- Home care services
- Legal services
- Emergency placements for respite
- Emergency placement for victims of elder abuse

What resources can your organization bring to the table to prevent and address homelessness?

OHA doesn't have an explicit charge related to homelessness.

The resources we bring to this space include:

- Expertise related to the needs of older adults
- Relationships with older adult-serving organizations (including housing entities)
- Convening power
- Bringing the older adults and their voices to the work

The services referenced under “what role we play” can provide the wrap around supports needed to prevent eviction.

RI Dept of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities & Hospitals (BHDDH)

What role does your organization play in preventing and/or addressing homelessness?

- Working with Medicaid to provide a **continuum of care** which includes the appropriate level of care for individuals who cannot live independently in the community.
- Ensure that our licensed providers are delivering housing-focused services to their clients which enable those in need to access to deeply subsidized affordable housing.
- Coordinate efforts across State Departments, i.e. the implementation of CCBHC with EOHHS; Home Stabilization Services and Certified Peer Recovery Specialists with Medicaid; Recovery Housing with EOHHS and the Department of Housing; and the 811 Program with RI Housing.
- Partner with the Department of Housing and RI Housing to bring BHDDH's expertise; i.e. Prevention/Recovery Unit's proficiency on contracting and monitoring of Recovery Housing; as the state Mental Health Authority; creation and implementation of CCBHC; or content area knowledge for Home Stabilization Services.

What resources can your organization bring to the table to prevent and address homelessness?

As the State's Mental Health Authority, BHDDH receives a grant from **Projects for the Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)** from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). **This grant provides \$300,000 annually** to fund outreach to individuals experiencing homelessness who have severe and persistent mental illness.

- As of November 2024, 134 eligible individuals were enrolled in the PATH program. While 151 unique individuals received outreach and case management services through the PATH program.

BHDDH received the **Rhode Island Systems, Engagement and Navigation grant (RISEN)** to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness in Rhode Island due to untreated mental health (MH), substance use (SUD), or Co-occurring Disorders (CoD) through connections to treatment and services.

- **This grant provides \$997,533 each year for a total of 5 years.**

The RISEN program:

- Engages with shelters **and/or** public housing authorities, in their catchment area, to develop a partnership, using a co-location model. Through the co-location model, providers embed access to behavioral health screenings and linkages to services.
- Individuals identified are screened to determine if there is a need for treatment for behavioral health, substance use, or co-occurring disorders. If determined these needs are interfering with their ability to stay housed or to find housing, individuals are referred to appropriate treatment and housing services to help support their ability to find housing or remain housed.

RI Dept of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities & Hospitals (BHDDH)

Resources (cont'd)

- **Recovery Housing** provides sober, safe and healthy living environments that promote recovery from alcohol, substance misuse and associated issues. The purpose of a recovery residence is to provide a safe and healthy living environment, as well as improve one's physical, mental, spiritual, and social wellbeing. As of December 2024, there are 41 recovery houses with 472 grant-funded beds. The RFP for this work ended January 20th so we will know the exact number of new houses once that review is concluded.
**Total Placements in 2024: 995 (Individuals served); 814 (Unique individuals): 997 (Total discharges).
- **BHDDH is working with the Department of Housing** to finalize a MOU to fund new recovery housing bed, the goal is an additional 50 beds. We can estimate that MOU at \$1M that will pay for the cost per bed along with the costs associated with recovery housing certification, complaints, and placement via the 942-STOP hotline.
- Partner with RI Housing's **811 Program** to connect individuals with services.
- BHDDH worked with Medicaid to create the **Home Stabilization Program**, and we partner to implement the program. These support services are critical to ensure housing retention.



RI Dept of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities & Hospitals (BHDDH)

Resources (cont'd)

- **BHDDH/EOHHS** implemented **Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC)** in October 2024 with a focus on **Housing First**.
- Developmental Disability Division administers the **Thresholds Program** which provides funding for the acquisition and/or rehabilitation of new or existing housing opportunities for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.
 - The expansion of housing opportunities, under the Thresholds Program, aids in compliance with the federal mandate of Home and Community Based services (HCBS) through increasing capacity within the Developmental Disability (DD) system allowing individuals an increased opportunity to reside in the community in a least restrictive environment.
 - The program is funded through RI Capital Funds (RICAP). The annual enacted budget is \$100,000. The current total amount is \$595, 720.94 following receipt of \$495,720.94 in 2024 due to funds returned from recent sales of Threshold properties.
 - RIHousing maintained oversight of the Thresholds program via a Cooperative Agreement with BHDDH through FY24. RIHousing opted not to pursue a FY25 agreement. BHDDH is actively initiating an RFP to allocate existing funding by close of FY25.
 - The Thresholds Program has funded a total of 637 new housing units across developmental disability and behavioral health providers since 1995.

Housing Supports in CCBHC: Outreach

- In Rhode Island, Homeless Outreach is provided as street and community-based outreach to unhoused individuals. The goals of homeless outreach are to engage and connect individuals to behavioral health services and supports.
- The goal is to Engage and Support. Rhode Island uses a method which dedicates outreach workers who do not carry a caseload.
- The majority of Year 1 CCBHCs have staff scheduled to co-locate in catchment area housing authorities to engage and connect individuals to services as well as identify individuals at risk for housing instability.



RI Department of Labor and Training

What role does your organization play in preventing and/or addressing homelessness?

- Efficient administration of income support programs:
 - Unemployment Insurance
 - Temporary Disability/Caregiver Insurance
- Connecting Rhode Islanders to economic opportunity through job training, career coaching and educational services.
 - Federal WIOA programs
 - Real Jobs Rhode Island
 - Work Immersion (under/unemployed adults, college students)
 - Youth workforce development (PrepareRI and Real Skills for Youth)

In 2024, 123 Real Jobs RI participants self-identified as homeless.

What resources can your organization bring to the table to prevent and address homelessness?

For workforce development, DLT leverages:

- State resources (GR, JDF): primarily directed to programs that should lead to immediate employment and/or wage growth, or to career pathways for youth.
- Federal WIOA funds: support subsidized training and career coaching through the American Job Centers.

Additionally, DLT directs resources (federal and state) for support services for training participants, which can cover certain costs, including:

- Housing/utility costs
- Groceries
- Technology
- Transportation

RI Department of Corrections

What role does your organization play in preventing and/or addressing homelessness?

- The Department of Corrections (DOC) can play an important role in preventing and addressing homelessness by offering several key resources and support systems; however, we face limitations due to lack of and limited resources
- By providing better access and targeted resources, the DOC can help individuals reintegrate into society and reduce the likelihood of post release homelessness. Probation and Parole can serve as a bridge to resources for individuals experiencing homelessness in the community.

What resources can your organization bring to the table to prevent and address homelessness?

Internal:

- Access to education, programming, job training
- Healthcare services; substance use, mental health, and medical services
- Transitional services and discharge planning unit
- Homeless sex offender discharge planning
- Parenting coordinator

External:

- Commitment to collaboration and maintaining interagency initiatives such as:
 - EOHHS-LTSS
 - DLT partnership
 - BHDDH-group home placements, CCBHC (in progress)
 - OHHS-Justice involved prevention initiative
 - Pay For Success
 - Respite
 - DHS-Healthcare & SNAP enrollment
 - DMV- State ID or Duplicate Drivers license procurement
 - Division of Veteran Affairs and the VA-
 - Veteran reentry planning
 - Olmstead Plan development participant
 - Connection to housing resources such as Amos House, Open Doors and Recovery Housing

Rhode Island Department of Education

What role does your organization play in preventing and/or addressing homelessness?

Ensuring Access to Education: RIDE oversees the McKinney-Vento Act which mandates that all local education agencies (LEA) ensure homeless children and youth have access to public education. This includes removing barriers to enrollment, attendance, and success in school.

Designating Local Liaisons: Each LEA must appoint a local homeless education liaison to serve as primary contacts between homeless families and school staff, LEA personnel, shelter workers, and other service providers

Providing Support Services: RIDE oversees the provision of temporary, special, and supplementary services to meet the unique needs of homeless students, including statewide transportation.

Training and Awareness: RIDE also ensures that school staff are trained to identify and support students experiencing homelessness, recognizing the signs and understanding the protocols for providing assistance.

Collaboration and Coordination: RIDE coordinates with community organizations, shelters, and other service providers to support homeless students and their families.

What resources can your organization bring to the table to prevent and address homelessness?

RIDE staff **support LEAs in their implementation** of the requirements

RIDE’s State Coordinator **provides training** for district liaisons to promote the identification, enrollment and retention of students who are experiencing homelessness provides technical assistance to LEA staff, families and community service providers

RIDE **administers McKinney Vento sub grants** to successful LEA applicants for funds to support students who are experiencing homelessness,

RIDE **collects and analyzes data** from LEAs design technical assistance that meets the current needs and trends.

RIDE’s statewide transportation system **supports transportation** for students who are experiencing homelessness

Rhode Island Housing

What role does your organization play in preventing and/or addressing homelessness?

Leased Housing: Rental Subsidies and Compliance

- Special Purpose Vouchers (FUP, VASH, FYI, Move Up)
- Preference on our Housing Choice Voucher waitlist
- Section 811 Program
- Project Based Voucher Program

Strategic Initiatives: Planning, PSH & special programs

- Collaborative Applicant for the Rhode Island Continuum of Care
- Statewide Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program
- Healthy Housing Healthy Communities/Health & Housing Pilot

Development: Consolidated Application to develop affordable housing; “One-stop application”

- Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) incentives
- Programs supporting capital, operating, and/or services

What resources can your organization bring to the table to prevent and address homelessness?

Leased Housing:

- Leveraged resources to conduct landlord recruitment and partnership implementation
- Applying for increases to the Special Purpose Voucher programs and 811 program as issued

Strategic Initiatives:

- Homeless Response System Training
- Continuum of Care match funding
- Leveraged resources to support operations of the Rhode Island Continuum of Care and to continue increasing statewide CoC funding
- Applying for increases to the PSH program as issued

Development:

- Ongoing preferences in QAP
- Deploy programs to develop, operate and/or deliver services

RI Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA)

What role does your organization play in preventing and/or addressing homelessness?

- RIEMA has one senior staff employee temporarily assigned to RIH to assist w/Homelessness.
- RIEMA is the central repository for warming center information which gets posted to our website.

What resources can your organization bring to the table to prevent and address homelessness?

- Equipment and supplies in the event warming centers/hubs need assistance
- Public Information and Joint Information Center Planning
- Writing the Cold Weather Protocol which, if approved, will become part of our Winter Weather Annex. This Annex is a part of the State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.
- Coordination assistance with local Emergency Management Directors and Municipal Leaders
- Up to date weather information via our relationship with the NWS.

Rhode Island Office of the Public Defender

What role does your organization play in preventing and/or addressing homelessness?

- The Office of Public Defender's (OPD) holistic model of representation plays a crucial role in addressing and preventing homelessness. The holistic model is a comprehensive approach to criminal defense that goes beyond just legal representation in court. Holistic defense addresses the broader social and personal factors contributing to a client's criminal charges by utilizing an interdisciplinary team including lawyers, social workers, and community advocates to provide support. It is a client-centered community-oriented approach to criminal defense that has emerged as an effective and critical solution to our broken criminal justice system
- The OPD represents thousands of indigent clients each year, advocating for those who face housing instability and connecting them with the necessary social services they need to stabilize their housing situation. This is done by advocating for non-jail sentences and by pushing for alternative sentencing programs such as the Diversion Court and the Adult Drug Court.

What resources can your organization bring to the table to prevent and address homelessness?

LEGAL ADVOCACY/REPRESENTATION

- The OPD supports the expanded use of diversion courts to allow defendants, many of whom as indigent, to resolve their criminal cases without a criminal conviction;
- The OPD supports the expanded use of the Adult Drug Court, allowing defendants to have their case dismissed on the condition that they maintain sobriety for a period of one year;
- Court costs for defendants in criminal cases can be hundreds or even thousands of dollars. The OPD ensures that court costs are waived for all OPD clients.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

- The OPD employs an attorney as a community outreach liaison who partners with community stakeholders to effect positive change in our client's lives. The OPD engages its partners and client communities through education, outreach, and resource networks. Currently, a large component of this role is to provide legal advice and representation at monthly expungement workshops.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- The OPD Social Services Unit provides a critical piece to the holistic model. Our Social workers assist our attorneys with clients who have mental health, substance abuse and/or medical issues, in order to enable effective and comprehensive representation and to facilitate dispositions of cases that serve the client's best interests. This work includes clinical assessment, referral to services in the community, and case management components.

Executive Office of Health and Human Services – Including Medicaid

What role does your organization play in preventing and/or addressing homelessness?

At the Executive Office of Health and Human Service (EOHHS), one of our five strategic priorities is to address the root causes and social determinants of health. As such, EOHHS aims to prevent populations from becoming homeless when discharging from healthcare settings, leaving other institutions, transitioning between levels of care, or experiencing community-based episodes of housing instability.

Ensuring EOHHS priority populations have wraparound services to increase housing retention and access to pathways—like medical respite—to permanent housing without entering the homelessness or shelter system are critical areas of focus. To do this, EOHHS:

- Collaborate to implement low-barrier policies for supportive services in housing;
- Partner with community to increase local, resident-informed development pipelines that are accessible and safe;
- Provide data and recommendations to inform capital and operating subsidy development to assist the 57% of clients in HMIS who represent an EOHHS priority population;
- Maximize community-based settings and transitions into permanent supportive housing;
- Expand and streamline comprehensive supportive services that follow clients through various living arrangements; and
- Grow, empower, and innovate the housing supportive services workforce in partnership with other agencies.

What resources can your organization bring to the table to prevent and address homelessness?

Programs:

1. Medical Respite and Mobile Wound Care Services
2. Medicaid Home Stabilization Services and Related Billing Opportunities
3. Pay for Success Supportive Services
4. OUD/SUD Housing Problem Solving and Subsidy
5. Homelessness Prevention Initiative – Delegated Authority Grants
6. Justice-Involved Homelessness Prevention Initiative
7. Harm Reduction Supports and Free Naloxone Distribution

Resources:

1. Municipal Supportive Services Map
2. EOHHS Data Ecosystem

Interagency Coordination:

- Case Conferencing and Interagency Housing Supports Team
- Olmstead, Healthcare System, and LTSS Planning

Community Partners:

- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Managed Care Organizations and Accountable Entities
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
- Health Equity Zones
- Community Action Programs
- Hospitals

Office of the Lieutenant Governor

What role does your organization play in preventing and/or addressing homelessness?

As chair of the Long Term Care Coordinating Council, we develop and coordinate state policy concerning all forms of long-term health care for the elderly and adults with chronic disabilities and illnesses. This is especially important in the conversation around homelessness as a growing number of seniors are finding themselves unhoused.

Housing is a paramount issue of public health, and a long-term care coordinating council able to operate at its fullest extent can play a role in calling for policy changes to alleviate the burden of homelessness for our state's elders.

What resources can your organization bring to the table to prevent and address homelessness?

While the office of Lt. Governor alone lacks dedicated budgetary resources to resolve chronic issues in our community, we have an opportunity to use the power of the office to liaise and coordinate with nonprofits, government agencies, mutual aid groups, grant foundations, and others to obtain resources, financial and technical assistance, and even legislative changes that, without our office's engagement, may experience insurmountable burdens and roadblocks.

Providence Veterans Administration Medical Center

What role does your organization play in preventing and/or addressing homelessness?

Focus on those who served in the United States Military

What resources can your organization bring to the table to prevent and address homelessness?

Outreach

SSVF

Grant & Per Diem (aka Transitional Housing)

HUD-VASH / Project Based Housing

VA Medical Center – physical and mental health plus a host of other services

Discussion



Next Meeting:

- February 27, 2025 - 8:30 am
 - Location Change:
 - Providence Public Library – 150 Empire Street, Providence, RI
 - Seminar Room, 3rd Floor

Future Meetings:

- March 25, 2025, Tuesday – 8:30 am
 - Location – TBD
- April 24, 2025, Thursday – 8:30 am
 - Location – TBD

Public Discussion and Adjournment:

- Secretary Deborah Goddard
 - If time allows – Public Discussion
 - Vote to Adjourn

Questions?

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