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On June 29, 2025, Governor McKee's proposed housing governance article went into effect, reorganizing homelessness governance statutes. The functions that were in Title 40, Chapter 17 of the Rhode Island General Laws, which included meeting and reporting requirements for the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH), were repealed and replaced by a new statutory framework in Title 42, Chapter 167. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-167.1-4, please find below the report on the activities of the Interagency Council on Homelessness from the above-mentioned date until March 31, 2026.

The ICH continued its monthly cadence of meetings until its restructuring in June 2025 when it began to meet quarterly. Its work has focused on assessing state systems for interagency coordination of housing and homelessness services, including evaluating the availability of resources, the role of state government agencies, and the involvement of non-governmental stakeholders. To aid in this work, Alvarez & Marsal Public Sector Services, LLC (A&M) was contracted and engaged in three phases of this work as outlined below.

- Phase I – Focused on mapping statewide resources, assessing at-risk funding, defining non-government stakeholders' roles in the continuum, and exploring cost-sharing and client handoff opportunities.
- Phase II – Focused on transparency, cost efficiency, and standardized metrics to help lay the foundation for a more accountable and aligned homelessness response system in Rhode Island.
- Phase III – Focused on evaluating new technologies, unlocking healthcare funding, and strengthening cross-agency data sharing—advancing a more coordinated, data-driven, and financially sustainable homelessness response in Rhode Island.

Each phase produced a wealth of information, and this data has identified opportunities to optimize resources, reduce duplication of efforts, and better serve Rhode Islanders experiencing homelessness. This is particularly vital as the federal funding outlook is increasingly uncertain and one-time pandemic resources have come to an end. Furthermore, A&M's work has also informed some of the need in the development of an updated strategic plan to end homelessness.

A&M summarized their findings in the Interagency Council on Homelessness meetings in May and September 2025. Additionally, the following topics were discussed between member agencies in ICH meetings which were held on the following dates with these topics:

- April 2025 – Department of Human Services Homeless Prevention Pilot, Executive Office of Health & Human Services Homeless Prevention Grants, RI Coalition to End Homelessness Pay for Success Program
- May 2025 – A&M Presentation of Statewide Housing and Homelessness Mapping, Findings and Key Opportunities for Interagency Collaboration
- June 2025 – Updates on Governance Structure and FY26 Consolidated Homeless Fund Funding
- September 2025 – A&M Updates on Statewide Housing and Homelessness Mapping
- January 2026 – Strategic Plan to End Homelessness update, Regional Access Point and Winter Response updates, Executive Office of Housing (EOH) and Department of Corrections (DOC) Initiative

All meeting materials, including A&M findings, are posted on the EOH website linked here: [Interagency Council on Homelessness - Executive Office of Housing](#).

Another key finding through A&M's work with EOH and the Interagency Council on Homelessness, through collaboration with the DOC, was the potential reduction in the rates of recidivism for people who have experienced housing insecurity prior to incarceration. Both the cost savings to the state and the evidence for better outcomes for formerly incarcerated individuals have led to the formation of the first Interagency Council on Homelessness workgroup that is meeting regularly to design a pilot program that can capitalize on the data collaboration between EOH and DOC. EOH is looking forward to providing further updates on this initiative as it develops through this year.

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-167-4 also tasked EOH with creating a statewide strategic plan to prevent, address, and end homelessness. In January 2026, the Executive Office of Housing issued a Request for Proposals to contract with a vendor that can work with the Interagency Council on Homelessness, the Advisory Council on Housing and Homelessness, the RI Continuum of Care, and other stakeholders to develop this Strategic Plan. 16 vendors responded. EOH has submitted its final selection recommendation to the Division of Purchases and expects that work will begin shortly on this initiative.

Each year, the RI Continuum of Care is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to set the policies for a Point in Time (PIT) count of all people experiencing homelessness in the state. HUD has set policies for data collection and approved count methodologies. The PIT count must occur during the last 10 days of January each year. Rhode Island's most recent PIT took place on January 27<sup>th</sup> and EOH played a key role by coordinating over 70 volunteers to go out to our communities and physically count each person experiencing homelessness. Following the count, the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) team at the RI Coalition to End Homelessness validates and de-duplicates the data collected. This validation process typically takes 2-3 months, and a final report will be produced and submitted to HUD. When this year's final PIT count is submitted, EOH will update this ICH report and inform both the legislature and the Governor. Additionally, the final report will be published to the EOH website. EOH is expecting these final PIT numbers in late April 2026.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide an update on the activities and progress of the Interagency Council on Homelessness. If you have any questions, please reach out to [Katuska.Perez@housing.ri.gov](mailto:Katuska.Perez@housing.ri.gov).