



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 06-05**

**STATE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL TO END HOMELESSNESS AND  
INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS**

Pursuant to my authority as Governor of the State of Oregon, find that:

Approximately 3.5 million Americans, 1.35 million of them children, are likely to experience homelessness in a given year (National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, 2004). Many are homeless through no fault of their own, but may, for example, have lives disrupted by mental illness, domestic violence or significant economic hardship. Many remain homeless year after year.

People experiencing chronic homelessness use a disproportionate share of state services.

Innovative approaches across the nation and within Oregon show promise for reducing chronic homelessness and the resulting impact on state services.

Making system changes and reducing homelessness requires a high degree of coordination and cooperation among federal, state and local governments, as well as private sector service providers, including faith-based organizations. Creation of a statewide coordinating council is an important and effective tool in supporting the federal initiative to end chronic homelessness.

Coordinating hunger and homelessness efforts in Oregon will aid in effectively achieving optimal program delivery.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:**

1. The Ending Homelessness Advisory Council (“EHAC”) is established
2. EHAC shall:
  - a. Serve as the designated state entity planning for ending homelessness.
  - b. Serve within state government and in the state at large as an advocate for homeless persons.
  - c. Develop a 10-year plan to end homelessness.
  - d. Provide leadership for and collaborate with those developing and implementing local plans to end homelessness in Oregon.



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- e. Articulate implementation strategies focused on achievable outcomes.
  - f. Recommend and promote effective interagency collaboration and system integration.
  - g. Recommend needed policy, regulatory and resource distribution changes to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly.
  - h. Make recommendations to the Governor and Legislative Assembly in relation to providing oversight that will ensure accountability, results and sustained success.
  - i. Develop specific proposals and recommendations for action for presentation to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly.
  - j. Prepare an annual report to the Governor and Legislative Assembly by December 1 of each year summarizing EHAC activities, summarizing progress on preventing and ending homelessness in Oregon, and reporting on outcomes and measures relating to homelessness.
3. EHAC membership shall consist of not more than 24 members comprised as follows:
- a. The President of the Senate is invited to appoint one member from among members of the Senate.
  - b. The Speaker of the House of Representatives is invited to appoint one member from among members of the House of Representatives.
  - c. The Director of the Housing and Community Services Department, in collaboration with the Director of Human Services, shall invite the following members to participate in the council:
    - i. One member representing the Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services.
    - ii. One member representing the Department of Human Services with expertise on issues related to health care delivery systems.
    - iii. One member representing the Department of Education, with expertise on education programs serving the homeless.
  - d. The Director of Housing and Community Services shall invite the following additional members to participate in the council:
    - i. One member representing a statewide food bank.
    - ii. One member representing faith-based organizations.
    - iii. One member representing the Community Action Directors of Oregon.



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- iv. One member representing local Oregon (homelessness) continuums of care.
  - v. One member representing city government.
  - vi. One member representing county government.
  - vii. One member representing an organization that provides assistance to nonprofit housing development.
  - viii. One member representing a public housing authority.
  - ix. One member representing direct service providers.
  - x. One member representing the Housing and Community Services Department.
  - xi. One member representing the Department of Corrections.
  - xii. One member representing the Department of Veterans' Affairs.
  - xiii. One member representing the Oregon Youth Authority.
  - xiv. One member representing the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development.
  - xv. One member representing the Oregon State Commission on Children and Families.
  - xvi. One member representing the Employment Department.
  - xvii. One member representing the Oregon Department of Transportation.
  - xviii. Not more than two members in addition to the members appointed under this paragraph.
4. The Director of the Department of Housing and Community Services shall chair EHAC or shall appoint a member of EHAC to serve as the chair.
  5. EHAC shall strive to operate by consensus; however, EHAC may approve measures and make recommendations based on an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present. Twelve members of EHAC shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
  6. The term of a non-legislative member of EHAC is three years. EHAC members serve at the will of the appointing authority. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.
  7. EHAC shall be staffed by the Housing and Community Services Department. If EHAC requires the assistance of any other executive



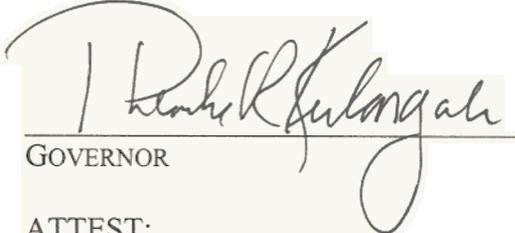
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branch agency of the State, then such agency shall provide such assistance to EHAC upon request.

8. EHAC members are volunteers and shall not be entitled to the reimbursement of expenses or to the per diem provided in ORS 292.495.
9. The Interagency Coordinating Council on Hunger (ICCH) established under ORS 458.525 is directed to address issues of homelessness as they relate to hunger. The administrative heads of the Employment Department, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Oregon Youth Authority, and the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development are directed to work with the ICCH in addressing issues of homelessness related to hunger. The administrative head of these agencies may designate an agency representative who has a policy-making role affecting issues of hunger or homelessness to meet this requirement.
10. ICCH and EHAC shall both work with the Commission on Children and Families Runaway Youth Task Force to coordinate programs relating to homeless youth. In youth-related programs, the Oregon State Commission on Children and Families shall serve as the lead coordinating agency.
- 11 This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded.

Done at Portland, Oregon, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006



  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE