



**United States
Interagency Council on
Homelessness**

Preventing and Ending Homelessness in the United States

State Interagency Council on Homelessness

March 31, 2011

WHY A STATE COUNCIL MAKES SENSE

State Interagency Councils best assert the needs, resources, and best practices of service providers in each state, serving as a pivotal partner to achieving the goals outlined in *Opening Doors*.

A successful State Interagency Council:

- Creates a statewide partnership to prevent and end homelessness in the State
- Provides for a coordinated State, Federal, and Local response
- Fosters a research-driven, performance-based, results-oriented plan and implementation strategy
- Supports a non-partisan approach to address homelessness

BENEFITS OF A COUNCIL

States with an existing Council find the following benefits:

- All stakeholders have a say in the process of creating a statewide plan and the accompanied action steps
- Member Legislators are champions of the plan, strategy, and resources needed for homelessness initiatives in the Legislature
- Enhanced coordination with local community planning processes
- Promotion of fiscal responsibility and enhanced efficiency with identification and elimination of duplicative programs and costs
- Credible documentation of research-driven, measurable outcomes is available for future funding requests
- Greater buy-in for elements of the strategy through expansive stakeholder involvement, including supported housing, discharge planning, and assertive engagement initiatives

ASSISTANCE FROM USICH

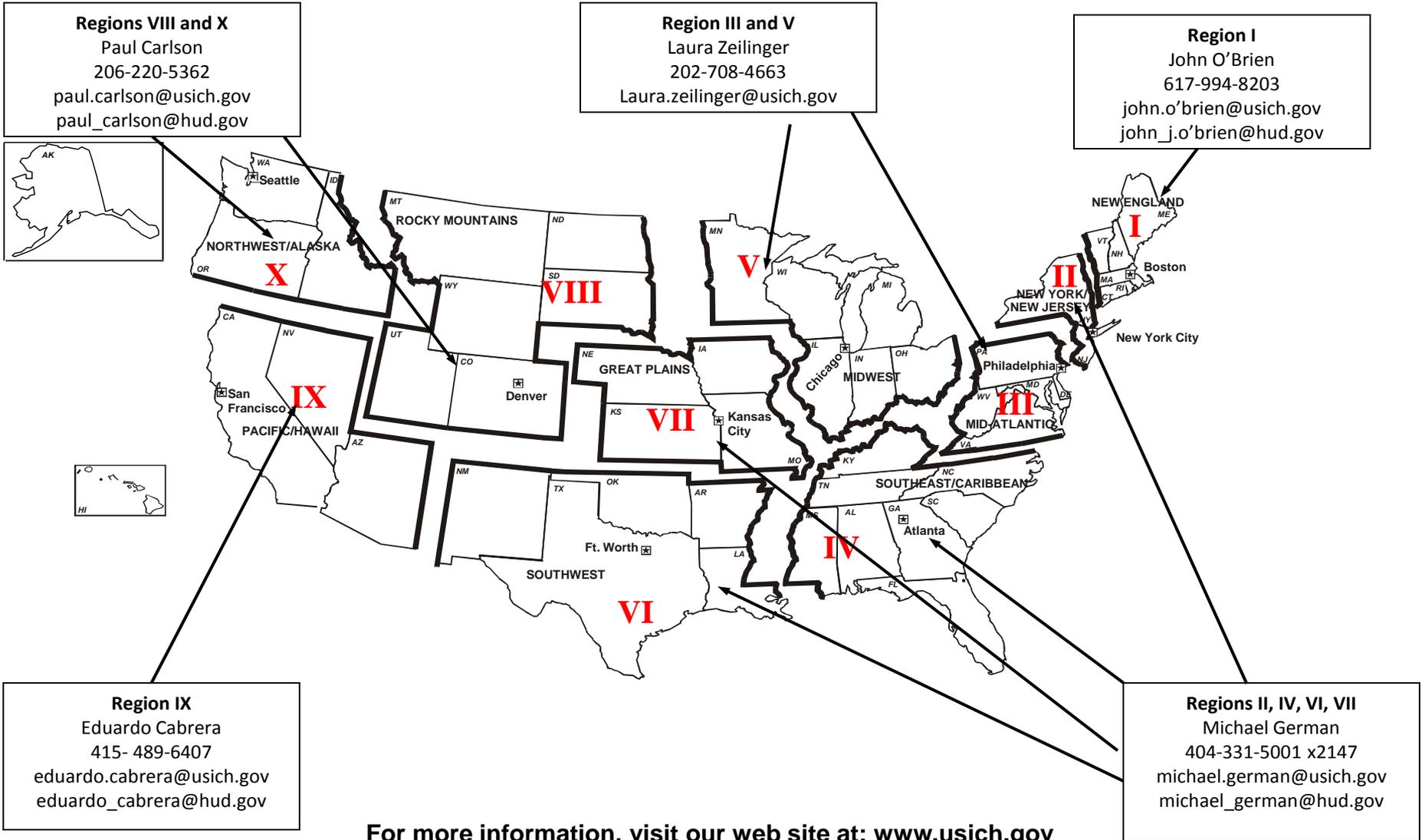
- **Regional USICH Coordinators** throughout the country are available to provide on-site technical assistance in the development and operation of your Council.
- **Existing State Council documents** are available to assist in the design of the mission and making of your State Council.
- **Clearinghouse of best practices and state contacts** is maintained by USICH to support the implementation of State Council strategies.
- **Connection/Introduction** to Technical Assistance by Council Member Agencies.

WHERE CAN YOU FIND ADDITIONAL STATE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL RESOURCES?

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- USICH Regional Coordinators have specific local expertise and are based in ten regions nationwide (see map on next page)
- USICH Website (www.usich.gov) has examples of Executive Orders creating State Interagency Councils
- USICH's bi-weekly e-newsletter highlights new developments, updates on *Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*, innovations, partnerships, and resources for state and local providers. Subscribe at www.usich.gov.

USICH REGIONAL COORDINATORS



For more information, visit our web site at: www.usich.gov

The mission of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness is to "coordinate the Federal response to homelessness and to create a national partnership at every level of government and with the private sector to reduce and end homelessness in the nation while maximizing the effectiveness of the Federal Government in contributing to the end of homelessness."

Information on current State Interagency Councils on Homelessness
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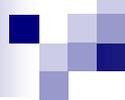
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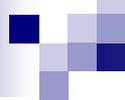
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Webinar Presentation
March 30, 2011

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State Vision

Everyone has access to safe, decent, affordable housing with the needed resources and supports for self-sufficiency and well being.



Utah Homelessness -- 2010

- Estimated 15,640 based on point-in-time count last Wednesday in January
- 13,675 sheltered, or 87%, and 1,967, or 13%, on the street
- Chronically homeless 812, or 5.2%
- Down 1,102, or 58% from 2005

Homeless Coordinating Committee

MISSION

**Provide Housing Opportunities to all
Chronically Homelessness Individuals
and Reduce overall Homelessness by
2014**

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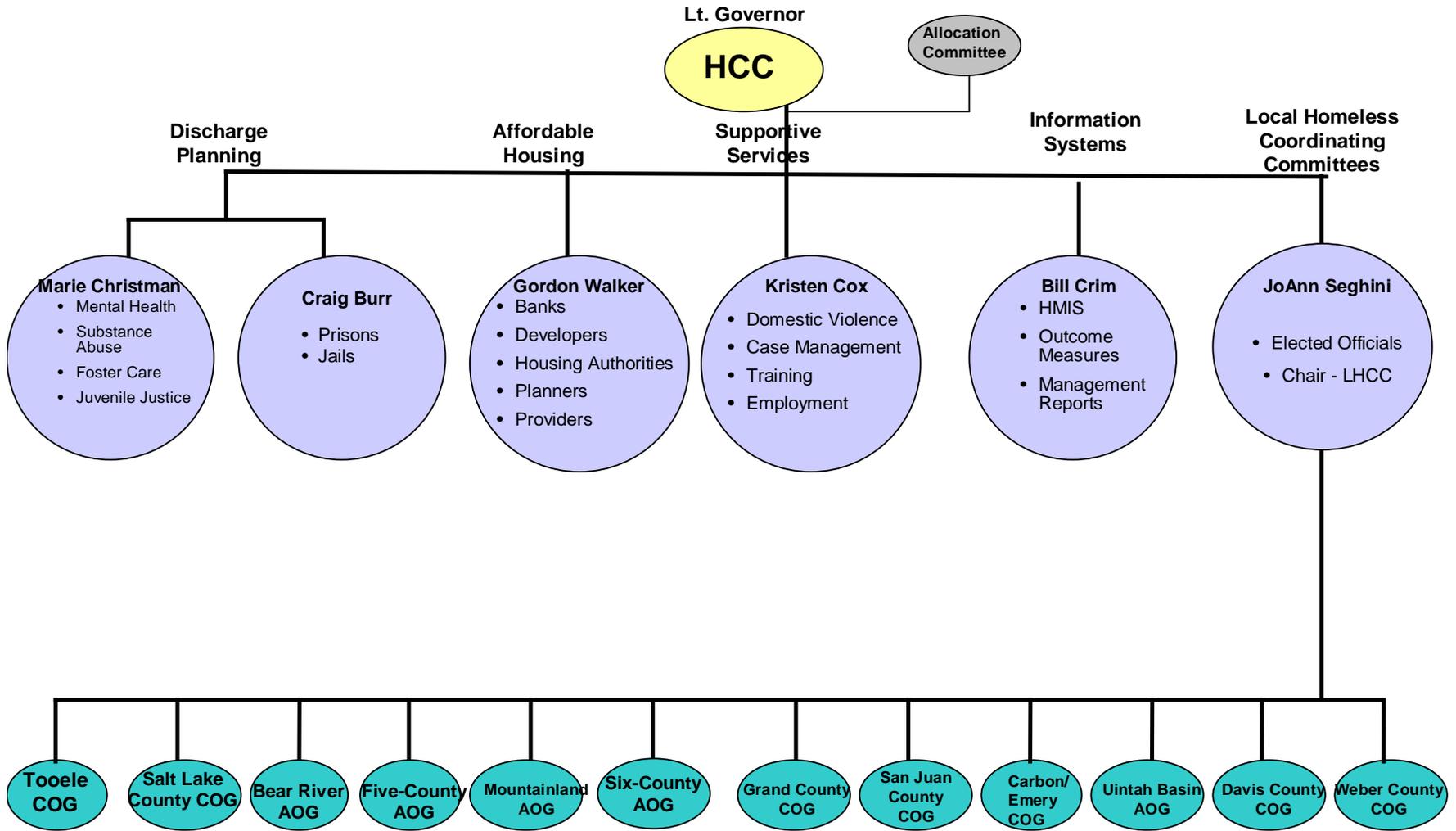
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January 2011

State Homeless Coordinating Committee Organization



COG – Council of Governments
 AOG – Association of Governments

AOG/COG Homeless Coordinating Committee (Model)



Local Homeless Plan Implementation

State Homeless Coordinating Committee and Committees:

- Discharge Planning
- Affordable Housing
- Supportive Services
- Information Systems

Funding

- State (PAHTF, CNH, ESG, OWLF, CIB)
- Private
- Federal

- Entitlements (SSI, SSDI, DBA-Vets)
- Mainstream Resources (Food Stamps, SCHIP TANF, Section 8, Home, DVA, Public/Indian Housing)
- Homeless Targets-Programs (Cont. of Care, Health Care, PATH, Employment, Surplus Property, etc.)

- HUD Requirements
- Consolidated Housing Plan
- Continuum Care Annual Strategies

State 10-Year Plan

Political Leader Chair

Local Homeless Coordinating Committee

Local 10-Year Plan

Actions

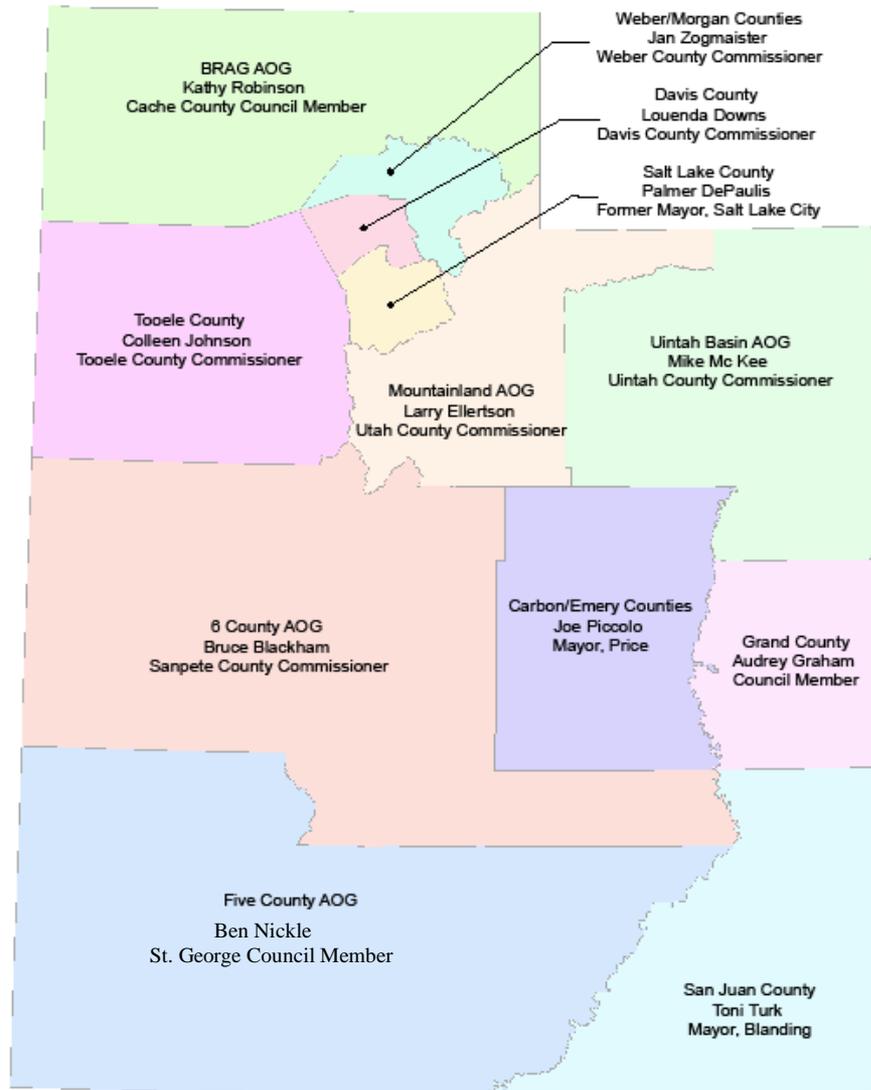
- Housing
- Reduce D V
- Prevention
- Employment
- Income Support
- Discharge Planning
- HMIS/Outcome Measures
- Transportation
- Supportive Services
- Health Care
- Other



* Education (DOE), Homeless Vets – Transitional Housing (DVA), Treatment for the Homeless (SAMHSA), Runaway (AFC/DHHS)

TEN-YEAR HOMELESS PLAN ORGANIZATION

LOCAL HOMELESS COORDINATING COMMITTEES





Massachusetts Interagency Council on Housing and Homelessness

Overview of Strategies to Prevent and End Homelessness

Liz Curtis Rogers

March 31, 2011

July 2007: Commission to End Homelessness

- Met for 6 months; Chaired by Rep. Byron Rushing and Undersecretary Tina Brooks
- Included members of the Legislature, advocates, funders, providers, and academics
- Produced a Five Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

Nov. 2007: Interagency Council on Housing and Homelessness

Nov. 2007 - Governor Deval Patrick signed an Executive Order to reconstitute the Interagency Council on Housing and Homelessness (ICHH) chaired by Lt. Governor Timothy Murray to be charged with overseeing the implementation of the Commission's Plan.

Members:

- Lieutenant Governor Timothy P. Murray (Chairman)
- Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services
- Secretary of the Department of Veterans' Services
- Secretary of the Department of Elder Affairs
- Secretary of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance
- Secretary of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development
- Undersecretary for the Department of Housing and Community Development
- Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families
- Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health
- Commissioner of the Department of Public Health
- Commissioner of the Department of Transitional Assistance
- Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- Commissioner of the Department of Correction
- Commissioner of the Department of Early Education and Care
- Commissioner of the Department of Developmental Services

July 2008: Regional Networks to End Homelessness

Regional Networks must reflect a broad-based cross-sector partnership that is responsible for demonstrating how greater coordination and local innovations can improve the Commonwealth's ability to eradicate homelessness.

Regional Networks will:

- Test best practices through flexible housing resources and innovative services.
- Develop a Leadership Council and name a Convening Agency
- Build upon existing networks, associations and regional planning processes
- Work from a Plan to End Homelessness that has a regional approach
- Develop clear decision making process and a governance structure that builds trust and is conducive to regional collaboration

Regional Network Goals

Goal: Decrease the Need for Shelter

Goal: Achieve Housing Placement Outcomes

Goal: Collect Data and Measure Impacts

Goal: Create Opportunities for Broad-Based
Discussion with Diverse Stakeholders

Goal: Implement a Regional System that is a Model for
Accountability and Transparency to
Consumers and the Public

Goal: Implement Systems Change to Create
Sustainability

Members of the Regional Networks

Representation from:

- Regional offices of state agencies
- Private housing agencies
- Social service providers
- Municipal leaders
- Philanthropies
- Community Development Corporations
- Business leaders
- Regional non-profit housing agencies
- Local Workforce Investment Boards
- School systems and other educational institutions
- One Stop Career Centers
- Veteran service organizations
- Corrections, parole boards, and probation officers
- Local Housing Authorities
- Community leaders
- Community Action Agencies
- Labor organizations
- Faith-based organizations
- Housing, homeless, and disability advocacy groups
- housing courts and the judicial system
- Law enforcement
- Homeless and formerly homeless consumers
- Academic Institutions
- Public health agencies and departments
- Federally qualified health centers
- Health Care for the Homeless grantees
- McKinney-Vento educational liaisons

Key Innovations

- Regional Network Coordination
- Triage and Assessment
- Housing First/ Low Threshold Housing
- Coordinated Case Management
- Diversion and Prevention with Flexible Supports

Network Peer Learning Sessions

- Quarterly Peer Learning Sessions throughout pilot period
- Sponsored by One Family, Inc., Fireman Foundation, and Mass Housing and Shelter Alliance
- Brought together over 100 people each session to focus on key systems change concepts. E.g., shelter diversion, stabilization

July 2009: Article 87

- Emergency shelter systems for individuals and families moved from DTA to DHCD
- 80 staff
- \$200M
- Goal: embed homeless services within the state's housing continuum



ICHH Policy Priorities

- Discharge planning
- Stabilization, employment, and education
- Linking domestic violence and housing resources
- Ending homelessness for Veterans
- Family Emergency Assistance reform

January 2011: Family EA Reform Principles

- Right resource to right person at right time
- Everyone eligible today is eligible in new system
- Build on regional approaches
- Stabilization is critical to rehousing success



January 2011: Family EA Reform Components

1. Emergency shelter for emergency cases
2. Young Families Program
3. HomeBASE

March 2011: ICHH Advisory Board

- 25 members: relevant statewide associations, philanthropic and funding partners, evaluative organizations, and other supporting entities
- Quarterly meetings
- Provide guidance and policy recommendations related to:
 - Priorities and implementation of the Commission report
 - Strategies for attaining greater coordination among stakeholders
 - Effectiveness of state government's activities to prevent and end homelessness

Challenges

- Making the case to realign limited resources across multiple agencies
- Connecting to employment and education
- Affordable housing

Next Steps

- Include Medicaid at ICHH
- Reorganization of state child and family services
- Sustaining Regional Networks as a platform for best practices



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