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## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 15-01**

### **ESTABLISHING A STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS (SUPERSEDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 94-11)**

**WHEREAS**, unacceptable levels of homelessness among single adults, families, and unaccompanied youth remains an ongoing challenge facing the State of Washington;

**WHEREAS**, the factors that contribute to homelessness are many and complex, and they include a lack of affordable housing, a shortage of family wage jobs, domestic violence, a shortage of housing with support services, high levels of debt, substance abuse, mental illness, the growing number of at-risk youth, access to affordable health care, and people exiting institutions and systems of care;

**WHEREAS**, private businesses, charitable and philanthropic organizations, cities, counties, the federal government, the state of Washington, and private citizens are investing resources to assist people who are homeless and to prevent homelessness;

**WHEREAS**, homelessness is a multifaceted problem requiring coordination of resources, systems, and efforts from the private sector and from all levels of government; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Homelessness Housing and Assistance Act (Ch. 43.185C RCW), passed by the Washington State Legislature in 2005, requires the Department of Commerce to report biennially to the Governor and the appropriate committees of the Legislature an assessment of the state's performance in furthering the goals of the state homeless housing strategic plan; and the performance of each participating local government in creating and executing a local homeless housing plan known as the Washington State Homeless Housing Plan;

**NOW THEREFORE, I**, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby charge the State Advisory Council on Homelessness as follows:

## **I. Mission**

Each state agency shall cooperate with the Council and furnish it with such information as necessary to meet the responsibilities spelled out below.

The State Advisory Council on Homelessness is charged with the following duties:

- A. Make policy recommendations to the Governor and to the Affordable Housing Advisory Board at least annually on ways to enhance the state's ability to respond to the needs of people who are homeless, who are at risk of becoming homeless, or who have been homeless. The Council will coordinate recommendations with the Affordable Housing Advisory Board.
- B. Review the Homeless Housing Plan annually.
- C. Advocate by raising issues and awareness of homelessness, as a council, and also as members in their individual roles; individual members shall also serve as a liaison and information conduit between the Council and their communities and constituencies.
- D. Provide a forum for an integrated and consistent statewide approach to addressing homelessness.

## **II. Membership**

The State Advisory Council on Homelessness shall consist of not more than 12 voting members, appointed by the Governor. Membership of the Council shall be as follows:

- A. Two members representing nonprofit organizations that provide services to homeless people.
- B. Two members who are or have been homeless.
- C. A member representing youth.
- D. A member representing a charitable or philanthropic organization.
- E. A member representing private business.
- F. A member representing city government.
- G. A member representing county government.
- H. A member representing the federal government.
- I. A member representing the public housing authority who has the authority to make policy or to implement changes on behalf of the agency she or he represents.
- J. A member representing the Interagency Council on Homelessness.

The following members will be appointed by the Governor at the recommendation of the respective state agency directors, and they will serve as nonvoting members:

- K. A member of the Department of Commerce who has the authority to make policy or to implement changes on behalf of the agency that she or he represents.

- L. A member of the economic services administration within the Department of Social and Human Services who has the authority to make policy or to implement changes on behalf of the agency that she or he represents.
- M. A member of the Children’s Administration within the Department of Social and Health Services who has the authority to make policy or to implement changes on behalf of the agency that she or he represents.
- N. A member of the Behavioral Health Administration within the Department of Social and Health Services who has the authority to make policy or to implement changes on behalf of the agency that she or he represents.
- O. A member of the Employment Security Department who has the authority to make policy or to implement changes on behalf of the agency that she or he represents.
- P. A member of the Department of Health who has the authority to make policy or to implement changes on behalf of the agency that she or he represents.
- Q. A member of the Department of Veterans Affairs who has the authority to make policy or to implement changes on behalf of the agency that she or he represents.
- R. A member of the Office of Financial Management who has the authority to make policy or to implement changes on behalf of the agency that she or he represents.
- S. A member from the Health Care Authority who has the authority to make policy or to implement changes on behalf of the agency that she or he represents.
- T. A member from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction who has the authority to make policy or to implement changes on behalf of the agency that she or he represents.
- U. A member from the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges.
- V. A member of the Governor’s Office policy staff.

### **III. Leadership and Operation**

The Governor shall appoint the chair from among the members. The Council shall select a vice chair from among the members. Members shall serve without compensation except for reimbursement for travel expenses in accordance with Department of Commerce policies.

The appointed members of the Council shall serve four-year terms. No member shall serve more than two full four-year terms. The Governor shall fill any vacancy on the Council by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. The Governor may at any time remove any member of the Council for inefficiency or neglect of duty in office.

The Council shall meet at least quarterly in a location agreed upon by the members and the Department of Commerce. A majority of the Council’s voting members must be present at any given meeting to achieve a quorum. Staffing to the Council shall be provided by the Department of Commerce with assistance from member state agencies. Each state agency shall cooperate with the Council and furnish it with such information as necessary to meet the responsibilities and expectations bestowed upon this Council.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately, and shall supersede Executive Order 94-11, which is hereby rescinded.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 13th day of April, 2015, at Olympia, Washington.

By:

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Jay Inslee  
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

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Secretary of State