

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recommends that recipients of Supportive Housing Program funds comply with the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, as amended, and with 24 CFR Part 582 and 583; and

WHEREAS, the Supportive Housing Program provides funds for the operation and maintenance of Safe Havens, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing and permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County through the Department of Community Services Division of Human Services wishes to comply with HUD recommendations regarding the Homeless Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, HUD has adopted a Continuum of Care Program that allocates HUD homeless assistance grants to organizations that participate in local homeless assistance program planning networks. Each of these networks is called a Continuum of Care; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, desire to establish an advisory board in conjunction with the Continuum of Care to assist the County in achieving a Ten (10) Year Plan to End Homelessness:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

SECTION 1: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD

There is hereby established an advisory board to be known as the "Homeless Advisory Board," herein referred to as the "Advisory Board."

SECTION 2: COMPOSITION

A. The Advisory Board shall be comprised of sixteen (16) “Core Member Seats” and sixteen (16) “Community and Business Member Seats” as follows:

Core Member Seats (16)

Palm Beach County Commissioner;
Palm Beach County Sheriff or Sheriff’s appointee;
Palm Beach County Chief Judge or judge’s appointee;
Palm Beach County School Board Chairperson or Board Member;
City of West Palm Beach, Mayor or Commissioner;
City of Boca Raton, Mayor or Council Member;
City of Delray Beach, Mayor or Commissioner;
City of Boynton Beach, Mayor or Commissioner;
City of Riviera Beach, Mayor or Council Member;
City of Belle Glade, Mayor or Commissioner;
Palm Beach County Health Department Director;
United Way of Palm Beach County Executive Director;
Heath Care District Chief Executive Officer;
Children’s Services Council Chief Executive Officer;
Florida Department of Children and Families District Administrator;
Emergency Shelter Grant Advisory Board Chairperson or Board Member.

Community and Business Member Seats (16)

Seven (7) Business Representatives;
Three (3) Private Foundation Representatives;
Two (2) Formerly Homeless Representatives;
One (1) Faith Based Community Representative;
One (1) Philanthropist;
One (1) Housing Authority Representative;
One (1) Hospital Executive Officer.

SECTION 3: APPOINTMENTS, TERMS, VACANCIES AND COMPOSITIONS

- A. All members of the Advisory Board shall be residents of Palm Beach County, Florida at the time of appointment and while serving on the Advisory Board.
- B. The maximum number of Boards and Commissions that an individual appointed by the Board of County Commissioners may serve on at one time shall be three (3).
- C. Terms of office for the Advisory Board members shall be two (2) year terms. There shall be no limit on the number of terms an individual may serve.
- D. "Core Member Seats" shall be filled by individuals selected and appointed by the government entity or organization designated for the seat. Appointments shall be requested by County staff upon adoption of this resolution and generally every two (2) years thereafter in a manner that will provide for appointment or reappointment prior to the term expiration.
- E. "Community and Business Member Seats" shall be filled by individuals nominated by a majority vote of individuals in Core Member Seats. The nominations shall be approved by the Board of County Commissioners.
- F. A vacancy occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term and in the manner prescribed above. The Board of County Commissioners may remove a member for cause inconsistent with the functions of the Advisory Board.
- G. Advisory Board members shall not be prohibited from qualifying as a candidate for elected office.
- H. In the event that a municipality, organization or government agency designated for a Core Member Seat chooses not to participate on the Advisory Board, the Board of County Commissioners may designate a replacement entity. Such replacement does not require an amendment to this Resolution.

SECTION 4: AUTHORITY

The Advisory Board shall have the following authority and powers:

- A. Gather community input on homelessness.

- B. Review and comment to the Board of County Commissioners on homeless legislation.
- C. Assist in the preparation of and oversee implementation of the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness.
- D. Make funding recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.
- E. Recruit private and public sector representatives to the membership of particular Advisory Board committees. Adopt rules and by-laws providing for the governance of the Advisory Board, which rules and by-laws will be adopted by a majority vote of the members of the Advisory Board.

These members shall be subject to the rules and by-laws of the Advisory Board, if rules and bylaws are created, and to the overall authority of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida.

SECTION 5: CODE OF ETHICS

Advisory Board members shall abide by the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics as stated in County Resolution 94-693 as may be amended.

SECTION 6: RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of the Homeless Advisory Board shall be to assist the County in reaching its Ten (10) Year Plan to End Homelessness goals.

These include the following:

1. Review progress made in the County towards achieving the objectives identified in the Ten (10) Year Plan to End Homelessness and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. The primary recommendations may include systematic changes, policy changes, and funding recommendations.
2. Foster and promote cooperation between governmental agencies, community-based non-governmental non-profit organizations and business interests in

order to ensure the efficient and timely implementation of the (10) Year Plan to End Homelessness.

3. Provide information regarding the needs and other factors affecting the smooth implementation of the Ten (10) Year Plan to End Homelessness within Palm Beach County.
4. Determine roadblocks affecting program implementation and recommend corrective measures to the Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 7: MEETINGS

- A. The Advisory Board shall meet a minimum of eight (8) times a year; however, members may be required to attend additional meetings. A majority of the members appointed shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of the Advisory Board's business. In the presence of a quorum, Advisory Board business shall be conducted by a vote of a majority present and be governed by Robert's Rules of Order. The Chair shall have the authority to call emergency meetings, as is needed and appropriate, by informing members at least one week in advance.
- B. Reasonable public notice of all Advisory Board meetings shall be provided, and all such meetings shall be open to the public at all times.

SECTION 8: OFFICERS

- A. The Chair shall be a County Commissioner appointed by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.
 1. Duties of the Chair:
 - a. Call and set the agenda for Advisory Board meetings;
 - b. Preside at Advisory Board meetings;
 - c. Establish committees, appoint committee chairs and charge committees with specific tasks; and
 - d. Perform other functions as the Advisory Board may assign by rule or order.

2. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Chair, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners shall appoint a replacement.
- B. The Vice Chair shall be elected by a majority vote of the Advisory Board and shall serve for a term of one (1) year.
1. The Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in the Chair's absence, and such other duties as the Chair may assign.
 2. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Vice Chair, the Advisory Board will elect another member to fill the unexpired term.
- C. The Secretary shall be elected by a majority vote of the Advisory Board and shall serve for a term of one (1) year.
1. The Secretary shall be responsible for the record-keeping functions and will review all Minutes and correspondence of the Advisory Board.
 2. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Secretary, the Advisory Board will elect another member to fill the unexpired term.

SECTION 9: REMOVAL FOR LACK OF ATTENDANCE

Members of the Advisory Board shall be automatically removed for lack of attendance. Lack of attendance is defined as failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings or failure to attend at least two-thirds of the meetings scheduled during a calendar year. Participation for less than three-fourths of a meeting shall constitute lack of attendance. Members removed under this paragraph shall not continue to serve until a new appointment is made and removal shall create a vacancy.

SECTION 10: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall become effective upon approval by a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners, Palm Beach County, Florida.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

ADDIE L. GREENE, CHAIRPERSON -
JEFF KOONS, VICE CHAIR -
KAREN T. MARCUS, COMMISSIONER -
BURT AARONSON, COMMISSIONER -
WARREN H. NEWELL, COMMISSIONER -
MARY McCARTY, COMMISSIONER -
JESS R. SANTAMARIA, COMMISSIONER -

The Chairperson thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2007.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

ATTEST:
SHARON R. BOCK,
CLERK & COMPTROLLER

BY: _____
Tammy K. Fields
Assistant County Attorney

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk