

Agenda Item #: **5 B 2**
PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: December 5, 2006 () Consent (X) Regular
() Ordinance () Public Hearing

Department
Submitted By: Community Services
Submitted For: Division of Human Services

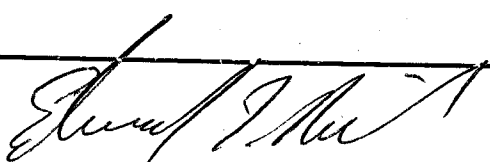
I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

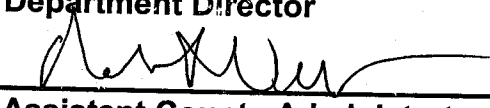
Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to: **Conceptually approve** establishment of a Homeless Advisory Board to address homelessness and related housing issues in Palm Beach County.

Summary: The impetus for developing a Homeless Advisory Board stems from the federal mandate that communities implement plans to end homelessness. This Board would serve as liaison to the BCC as well as facilitate coordination of a vision and adoption of the ten-year strategic plan to end homelessness. The purpose of developing a Homeless Advisory Board is to achieve consensus on dealing with this multi-faceted and complex issue and to help secure funding for projects identified in the strategic plan. Additionally, the Board will be accountable for tracking and reporting the progress in achieving the goals and objectives outlined in the plan. The Advisory Board will include, but not be limited to, representatives of: the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners; local municipalities, particularly the entitlement cities (West Palm Beach, Boynton Beach, Delray Beach, and Boca Raton); developers; health care services; the Economic Development Council; community revitalization programs; banking/financial institution(s); foundation(s); faith-based organization(s); League of Cities; law enforcement; judicial; legal services; and a formerly homeless individual. A resolution defining the Advisory Board membership, functions, and operating parameters will be brought to the BCC at a future date. The current Division of Human Services will provide staff support to this Board. (Human Services) Countywide (TKF)

Background and Justification: In 1995, the BCC began addressing homelessness when homeless individuals and families began congregating in County parks. From this initial project, Human Services staff began to work with the Palm Beach County Homeless Continuum of Care to bring federal resources to supplement local dollars. This is a County-wide issue that has not gone away. Efforts to date have been coordinated by service providers. To truly address the issues of homelessness and attainable housing, others need to participate. The Division has served as the lead entity for homeless services since January 2006, and is charged with developing a plan to end homelessness in Palm Beach County in the next ten years. The issues of homelessness housing that is attainable for this population have become closely linked. Therefore, the combination of these issues has necessitated the need for a more comprehensive, all inclusive Homeless Advisory Board.

Attachments: Draft Homeless Advisory Board Coordination Diagram

Recommended By:  11-20-2006
Department Director Date

Approved By:  11/20/06
Assistant County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	
External Revenue	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	
NET FISCAL IMPACT	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
 # ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Is Item Included in Current Budget:	Yes _____		No _____		
Budget Account No.:	Fund _____	Dept. _____	Unit _____	Obj. _____	
	Program Code _____		Program Period: _____		

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Departmental Fiscal Review:

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Administration Comments:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

Elizabeth Blasen 11/16/06 N/A

 11/16/06 OFMB Contract Administration
E. Jones 11/17/06

B. Legal Sufficiency:

pm 11/16/06 *pm* 11-14-06

[Signature] 11/29/06
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD COORDINATION DIAGRAM**

