

## EXECUTIVE ORDER 2010-03

### Continuing the Governor's Interagency and Community Council on Homelessness as the Governor's Arizona Commission on Homelessness and Housing (Amending and Superseding Executive Order 2004-13)

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 30,000 people experience homelessness each year in the State of Arizona and of that total, families comprise approximately 30% of the homeless population; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 10 percent of the homeless population has been homeless for more than one year, many homeless individuals and families are turned away from homeless shelters due to a lack of capacity, and many have experienced repeated incidents of homelessness over the past three years; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple state agencies bear the responsibility of serving the homeless and those who are at risk of homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, ending homelessness requires collaboration among state agencies, local governments, the private sector and service provider networks to coordinate program development, deliver essential services and provide housing; and

**WHEREAS**, ending or reducing homelessness contributes to economic development and improves the overall quality of life within our communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The *Arizona Commission on Homelessness and Housing (Commission)* shall serve as a statewide homelessness planning and policy development resource for the Governor and the State of Arizona.
2. The *Commission* shall oversee the implementation and progress of the Housing Arizona State Plan to prevent and end homelessness, and revise the State Plan as needed.
3. The *Commission* shall be chaired by the Governor of the State of Arizona, and in his/her absence, co-chaired by the Directors of the Department of Economic Security and the Department of Housing, each of whom shall have the power to convene the *Commission*.
4. The *Commission* shall be comprised of at least thirteen (13) members, each of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, and serve, without compensation, at the pleasure of the Governor.

Membership shall include the Directors of the following governmental entities:

- Arizona Department of Housing
- Arizona Department of Economic Security
- Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families
- Arizona Department of Corrections
- Arizona Department of Public Safety
- Arizona Department of Health Services
- Arizona Department of Veterans' Services

Membership shall include a combination of at least six (6) representatives to be chosen by the Governor from among the following:

- Arizona Department of Education
  - Arizona Early Childhood Health and Development Board
  - Business community
  - Non-profit community
  - Faith-based community
  - Housing Developer or housing authority
  - Homeless or housing advocacy organization
  - Homeless Emergency Shelter provider
  - Permanent Supportive Housing program
  - Homeless youth program
  - HUD Continua of Care
  - Local government leader(s)
  - Homeless or formerly homeless
  - Governor's Youth Commission
5. Members of the *Commission* shall either attend meetings and vote in person or send an officially designated alternate. Alternates shall have been delegated by the member with full authority to vote and otherwise act on behalf of the member.
6. The *Commission* shall be supported by a work group to assist with its duties and make recommendations about its work. The work group shall report its activities and recommendations to the *Commission*. The work group shall be comprised of staff from each state agency represented on the *Commission*, representatives of the state's continuum of care organizations, a statewide homeless advocacy group, and other public and private entities as determined by the *Commission*. The work group shall also assist the *Commission* in reaching out to local communities regarding the state's plan to prevent and end homelessness.
7. The *Commission* may also form a Community Advisory Board to provide the *Commission* with perspective on community-specific issues throughout Arizona. This board will focus primarily on rural communities but will seek input from each of the fifteen counties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

*Janice K. Brewer*  
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capital in Phoenix, Arizona this 13th day of January in the Year Two Thousand and Ten and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Fourth.

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE



**Executive Order 2004-13**  
**Establishing the Governor's Interagency and**  
**Community Council on Homelessness**

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**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The *Governor's Interagency and Community Council on Homelessness* (the "*Council*") is created to develop and implement a plan to prevent and end homelessness in the State of Arizona.
2. The *Council* shall be chaired by the Governor of the State of Arizona, and in his/her absence, co-chaired by the Directors of the Department of Economic Security and the Department of Housing, each of whom shall have the power to convene the *Council*.
3. The *Council* shall be comprised of the following eighteen (18) members, each of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, and serve, without compensation, at the pleasure of the Governor:
  - Director, Department of Economic Security;
  - Director, Department of Housing;
  - Director, Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families;
  - Director, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System;
  - Director, Department of Health Services

- Director, Arizona Department of Corrections;
  - Director, Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections;
  - Director, Arizona Department of Commerce;
  - Director, Arizona Department of Veterans' Services;
  - Director, the Office of the Courts;
  - Director, Government Information Technology Agency;
  - The Arizona School Superintendent (or his/her designee); and
  - Six members of the public.
4. Members of the *Council* shall attend meetings and vote in person.
5. The *Council* shall serve as a statewide homelessness planning and policy development resource for the Governor and the State of Arizona, and shall:
- Develop a plan to prevent and end homelessness in Arizona including evidence-based improvements to programs and policies that will ensure services and housing are provided in an efficient, cost-effective, and productive manner.
  - Develop recommendations to:
    - 1) expand and maximize housing resources as central to all efforts to end homelessness;
    - 2) increase access to mainstream state and federal social service resources such as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Social Security Income (SSI) and veteran benefits;
    - 3) expand and maximize service resources such as mental health and substance abuse services;
    - 4) improve cross system policies and procedures through system integration, streamlined application and eligibility processes, and improved outreach;
    - 5) ensure persons in state institutions have access to services that will help prevent homelessness upon their discharge.
  - Develop a strategy to implement the plan and to recommend resource, policy and regulatory changes necessary to accomplish the goals of the plan;
  - Recommend and assist in developing partnerships with private entities, including corporate, philanthropic and faith and community-based organizations, as well as the federal and local government, to obtain involvement and support to achieve the goals of the plan;
  - Monitor and oversee the implementation of the plan to ensure accountability and consistent results;

- Identify and maximize the leveraging of resources to improve the system of services for people who are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless; and
  - Meet with the Governor to discuss and consider the *Council's* recommendations.
6. The *Council* shall be supported by a work group to assist it in its duties and make recommendations about its work. The work group shall report its activities and recommendations to the *Council*. The work group may be comprised of state agency staff, representatives of the state's continuum of care organizations, a statewide homeless advocacy group, and other public and private entities as determined by the *Council*. The work group shall also assist the *Council* in reaching out to local communities regarding the state's plan to prevent and end homelessness.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

*Iat Negolterano*  
GOVERNOR



DONE in Phoenix on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and four and of the independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty-Eighth.

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*Jamie K. Brewer*  
Secretary of State