State of Nevada

Executive Department

Executive Order 2013-20

ESTABLISHING CREATION OF THE NEVADA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

WHEREAS, homelessness in Nevada is a significant problem that leaves some of our most vulnerable citizens without access to the means necessary to meet their basic human needs;

WHEREAS, homelessness may result in increased social, personal, familial and financial costs to the State of Nevada and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the causes of homelessness are complex and homeless individuals have highly diverse needs;

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

WHEREAS, Article 5, Section 1 of the Nevada Constitution provides that, "The supreme executive power of this State, shall be vested in a Chief Magistrate who shall be Governor of the State of Nevada."

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Nevada, I hereby direct and order as follows:

1. The Nevada Interagency Council on Homelessness (Council) is hereby created to coordinate and focus the State's efforts to effectively address the challenge of homelessness in the State of Nevada. The Council will provide the opportunity for an integrated approach regarding the issue of homelessness and promote interagency cooperation. The Council will work to increase the awareness of homeless issues among state and local government agencies and local organizations that provide services to people who are homeless.
2. The Council is charged with working with the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness and with local governments to develop a ten-year plan to address chronic homelessness.
3. The Council shall consist of not more than twenty members, appointed by the Governor, who shall represent private businesses, state agencies, nonprofit organizations that provide services to homeless people, public housing, local governments, federal agencies, at least one person who is, or has been homeless, and any others with an interest in addressing homelessness.
4. The Council shall be headed by two Chairpersons to be appointed by the Governor and shall meet at such time and place as determined by the Chairpersons.

5. Members of the Council shall receive no compensation for their service on the Council. The Council may pursue funding opportunities, such as grants, gifts and donations to support its work.

6. The Council may call on service providers and other professionals with expertise in the issues surrounding homelessness to assist it in its duties and make recommendations regarding its work. These individuals may include state agency staff, representatives of the state's continuum of care agencies, homelessness advocacy groups and other public and private entities as determined by the Council.

7. At the end of every fiscal year, the Council shall present the Governor with an annual report of its work.

8. The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services shall provide administrative support to the Council within the limit of available resources.

9. All executive branch departments and divisions shall fully cooperate with the Council and shall provide information as requested by the Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this fourth day of November, in the year two thousand thirteen.

Governor of the State of Nevada

By the Governor:

Secretary of State

Deputy Secretary of State