

**Executive Committee Meeting  
Kentucky Interagency Council on Homelessness Meeting  
June 30, 2010**

An Executive Committee meeting of the Kentucky Interagency Council on Homelessness (KICH) was held on Wednesday, June 30, 2010, 10:30 a.m., Eastern time, Blue Grass Community Action Center, Frankfort, Kentucky.

**Executive Committee Members Present:**

Honor Barker for Ken Lucas, Commissioner, Department of Veterans Affairs  
Secretary J. Michael Brown, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet  
Eric Friedlander for Secretary Janie Miller, Cabinet for Health and Family Services  
Vickie Goins for Mary Lassiter, State Budget Director  
Rick McQuady, Chief Executive Officer, Kentucky Housing Corporation  
Gerald A. Neal, State Senator, Kentucky Legislature  
Ruth Ann Palumbo, State Representative, Kentucky Legislature  
Todd Shipp for Acting Secretary Mike Hancock, Transportation Cabinet  
Penny Young, Executive Director, Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky

**Executive Committee Members Absent:**

Laurie Dudgeon, Executive Director, Administrative Office of the Courts  
Joseph Meyer, Education Cabinet

**Steering Committee Members Present:**

Joanie Abramson, Kentucky Parole Board  
Ann Baird for Susan Best-McWain, Kentucky Disability Determination Services  
Tom Beatty, Cabinet for Health and Family Services  
D.W. Bouchard, Executive Director, Hazard-Perry County Community Ministries  
Braden Davis and Rae Jean Miller for Shelly Bengé, Kentucky River Foothills Community Action Partnership  
Walter Derricks, Community Representative  
Heath Dolen, Cabinet for Health and Family Services  
Jason Dunn, Cabinet for Health and Family Services  
Lynn Flynn, Advocacy Liaison, Cabinet for Health and Family Services  
Marlene Gordon, Homeless Advocate - SOAR  
Natalie Harris, Executive Director, The Coalition for the Homeless  
Joe Hamilton, Jr., Louisville Metro Government  
Wendy Hayden, Department of Corrections  
Lisa Howard, Cabinet for Justice and Public Safety  
Mike Hurysz, Northern Kentucky Housing & Homeless Coalition, Inc.  
Davey King, Kentucky Housing Corporation  
Karen King-Jones, Department of Veterans Affairs  
Laura Kronauer for Anne Chaney, Department for Local Government  
Audry Patton, for Andy Patterson, Phoenix Health Center  
Eric Perez, Transportation Cabinet  
George Scott, Education and Workforce Cabinet  
Beth Workman for Mary O'Doherty, Kentucky Domestic Violence Association

**Steering Committee Members Absent:**

Barbara Banaszynski, Volunteers of America, Inc.  
David Christiansen, Central Kentucky Housing and Homeless Initiative  
Michael Denney, Cabinet for Health and Family Services  
Coleman Eldridge, Governor's Office  
John Esham, Governor's Office  
Mary Marshall, Education Cabinet  
Patrick McKiernan, Department of Veterans Affairs  
Tina Messer, Administrative Office of the Courts  
Steve Thomas, U.S. HUD Louisville Field Office  
Jennifer Weeber, Hazard-Perry County Community Ministries  
Anthony Wright, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

**Others Present:**

Rob Barber, University of Louisville  
Dawn Cline, Social Security  
Barry Johnston, GRADD  
Anita Prater, Brighton Center, Inc.

**KHC Staff Present:**

Melissa Benton, Kentucky Housing Corporation  
Jon Davidson, Kentucky Housing Corporation  
Paula Johnson, Kentucky Housing Corporation  
Anne Marks, Kentucky Housing Corporation  
Amanda Palmer, Kentucky Housing Corporation  
Charla Jackson Peter, Kentucky Housing Corporation  
Keli Reynolds, Kentucky Housing Corporation  
Amy Smith, Kentucky Housing Corporation

Chairman Senator Gerald Neal called the KICH Executive Committee meeting to order. Senator Neal recognized Rod Barber from the University of Louisville and Barry Johnston from GRADD.

Chairman Neal stated the first item is approval of the September 15, 2009 Executive Committee Minutes. Penny Young made a motion that the September 15, 2009 minutes be approved. The motion was seconded and approved.

Chairman Neal stated the executive order and bylaws of the Kentucky Interagency Council on Homelessness (KICH) require that a member be elected vice chair and the he/she also serve as chair of the KICH Steering Committee. Gerry Roll, Hazard County Community Foundation, resigned as vice chair of KICH. Therefore, Jason Dunn, Cabinet for Health and Family

Services, was recommended by an ad hoc committee of the KICH Steering Committee to serve as vice chair of KICH on January 19, 2010. Mr. Dunn accepted this leadership position and has been serving as acting vice chair of KICH since that time. Senator Neal called for a motion to elect a vice chair.

Eric Friedlander made a motion to elect Mr. Dunn to serve as vice chair of KICH. Rick McQuady seconded the motion and it was approved.

Senator Neal noted an agenda change that Davey King would discuss the Point-In-Time Count (PITC) report. Mr. King stated he is chair of the Data Subcommittee and director of the Specialized Housing Resources Department of Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC).

Mr. King thanked the KHC employees responsible for this project: Laurent Houekpon who takes the lead in the PITC in collecting the data; Jon Davidson who pulls and compiles the data and Amy Smith in the Organization and Planning Department; also, Amanda Palmer, Priscilla Aguila, and Charla Peter in the Communications Department for preparing the report.

Mr. King reviewed the PITC report (attached). The PITC was conducted on January 28, 2010, and the report provides a snapshot of homelessness in the state. Remember that the "Balance of State" is all Kentucky counties except Fayette and Jefferson. There are only eleven counties that did not participate this year – that is down half from last year. This does not mean there are no homeless in those counties; they may have gone to nearby counties for services.

Mr. King stated a full report and additional information is available online at [www.kyhousing.org](http://www.kyhousing.org).

Following Mr. King's review of the attached report, he asked Executive Committee members to mark their calendars for Thursday, January 27, 2011 for the next Point-In-Time Count. He then asked for other comments or questions.

Ms. Young asked if KICH needs to revisit the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness. She also asked if the unsheltered individuals chose to be unsheltered and in what areas of the state were they located. Mr. King stated they could review data and compare. The data would show by county where they were on the map but not the reason they were unsheltered. There is a question on the PITC survey asking in which county they became homeless. Melissa Benton, the KHC KICH coordinator, stated that the Unmet Needs group is working on this. Ms. Young wanted to recognize the AmeriCorps staff and the many other nonprofits who worked on the Point-In-Time Count.

Mr. Friedlander congratulated the group on the numbers of the homeless count being lower this year.

Senator Neal asked why the precariously housed in Jefferson and Fayette Counties were not counted and about Mr. King's comment on the economic downturn that may have lowered the numbers. Mr. King replied that the \$12,000,000 of stimulus funds that created the three-year program KY HEARTH for prevention and rapid rehousing has served those individuals.

Mr. McQuady stated that the stimulus money has helped the homeless – they are moving in with relatives and the occupancies in rental units are up. However, foreclosures are also up.

Mr. King recommended an administrative policy regarding the Point-In-Time Count.

*The Point-In-Time Count (PITC) is a statewide effort to determine the number and characteristics of people sleeping in shelters, on the streets, or in other places not meant for human habitation. The PITC is coordinated by Kentucky Housing Corporation, a member agency of KICH, and is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to access resources through the Continuum of Care process.*

*Additionally, state and local government and nonprofit agencies need accurate data to determine the number and scope of homelessness, to plan services and programs appropriately, and to measure progress as a whole. The KICH Executive Committee supports the collaboration and partnership of all member agencies to participate in the PITC planning process, data collection, reporting, recruitment of volunteers, and the administration of the survey instrument on the day the PITC is held, which occurs annually on the fourth Thursday of January from 12 midnight to 11:59 p.m., local time.*

Ms. Young made a motion to approve the administrative policy supporting the Point-In-Time Count. Mr. McQuady seconded the motion and it was approved.

Senator Neal then introduced Rod Barber from the Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville, to review the Cost of Homelessness Study.

Mr. Barber reviewed the Cost of Homelessness in Metropolitan Louisville Study and stated it was prepared for KICH and Blue Grass Community Action Partnership of Frankfort, Kentucky, and funded by Louisville Metro Government.

Mr. Friedlander stated there are not enough services for individuals with behavioral health issues. The new health care reform has changed to be more useful and Medicaid is underfunded. There are significant barriers and these are challenging times. Senator Neal suggested that this gives KICH the opportunity to address these challenges and to change/improve them. Mr. Barber expressed his concern that the costs for these services are out of control and a system needs to be in place.

Senator Neal suggested that the Prevention Subcommittee be charged with investigating and analyzing the Cost of Homelessness Study and provide recommendations to the Executive Committee. Mr. Barber volunteered to work with the committee.

Mr. McQuady stated that Kentucky Housing Corporation did a Listening Tour and that the information gathered could be shared with the Prevention Subcommittee. He also stated that there was a need for more permanent supportive housing.

Mr. Dunn updated the Executive Committee on the status of Senate Bill 49 for homeless individuals to obtain a state identification card which is typically needed to obtain housing and other services. The bill started in the Senate and died in the Senate. Senator Neal said that Mr. Dunn and Marlene Gordon did an excellent job in presenting the information needed for this bill. He suggested they be positive, persistent, and still support this bill. It was stated that it probably did not pass since a fee was associated with the bill, which is viewed as a tax.

Senator Neal called on Mr. Dunn to review the next agenda item. Mr. Dunn stated that the following administrative policy is recommended as a legislative policy.

The Kentucky Interagency Council on Homelessness (KICH) Steering Committee shall, as necessary, develop and recommend legislation affecting homeless individuals and present this information to the KICH Executive Committee for consideration of approval. Upon approval, the KICH vice chair shall work with the most appropriate KICH member agency, based on legislative matter, to further refine the draft legislation to the point where the member agency would be willingly supportive in making the legislation part of its legislative

package. The KICH member agency, in making the legislation part of its package, shall utilize its resources and influence to help move the bill through the legislative process. The KICH vice chair shall assist the member agency in this effort, as needed, particularly if opposition is encountered by other groups, state agencies, or legislators. In no way does this policy obligate an agency to support or advance legislation that would be contrary to the goals of the member agency.

Representative Ruth Ann Palumbo made a motion to approve the administrative policy for legislation. Ms. Young seconded the motion and it was approved.

Senator Neal stated that these problems cannot be tackled by one agency. This group needs to be mindful of and take the opportunity to work with the other agencies at this table.

Senator Neal stated that the next agenda item is projects for assistance in transition from homelessness presented by Tom Beatty of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Mr. Beatty stated that a Request for Proposals (RFP) will be sent to community health centers so they can apply for \$475,000 which is an increase of funds from the previous year. In the past, there have only been five applications. There will be a ranking committee for the applications.

D.W. Bouchard asked if the homeless shelters will be awarded funds? Mr. Beatty stated that the community health centers are to collaborate and work with local providers for social needs and homelessness across the state, which can strengthen the shelters. He also stated this is part of the scoring criteria on the application.

Mr. Dunn said the next item on the agenda is the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. Mr. Dunn stated that this is the nation's first comprehensive plan and was presented by HUD Secretary and USICH Chair Shawn Donovan. The Executive Summary for the plan states that the goals are to end chronic homelessness and veterans homelessness in five years and families and youth homelessness in ten years. He also noted that Kentucky is already doing a lot of the steps that are in the nation's plan which includes the need for identification cards. There are not a lot of new resources and still barriers on the federal level.

The next KICH meeting will be September 21, 2010 at the Marriott in downtown Louisville, Kentucky, the day before the 2010 Kentucky Affordable Housing Conference at the same location.

There being no further business before the KICH Executive Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully,

*Paula R. Johnson*

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