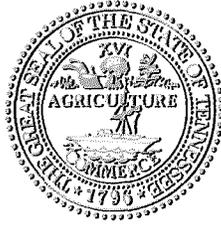


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STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 49

**AN ORDER RECONSTITUTING THE GOVERNOR'S INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON  
HOMELESSNESS AS THE TENNESSEE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON  
HOMELESSNESS**

**WHEREAS**, the problem of homelessness has long plagued both our nation and State; and

**WHEREAS**, the existence of homelessness impacts not only those citizens who do not have access to housing, but also the economic condition and quality of life of all Tennesseans; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Phil Bredesen established the Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness in Executive Order No. 21, dated December 9, 2004, for the purpose of coordinating the State's efforts to address homelessness in the State of Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, my Administration is committed to continuing the efforts to reduce and eliminate homelessness and chronic homelessness amongst veterans, adults, families, youth and children in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services established the Tennessee Interagency Council on Homelessness (the "Council") in August 2014, in connection with the Tennessee Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council includes representatives of state, federal, and local agencies and other community representatives that will participate in developing, enhancing, and coordinating the State's efforts and strategies to more effectively address the challenges of homelessness in Tennessee.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and other applicable law, do hereby order and direct the following:

1. The Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness is reconstituted as the Tennessee Interagency Council on Homelessness, as established by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. The Tennessee Interagency Council on Homelessness shall coordinate the State's efforts to effectively address the challenge of homelessness in Tennessee. It shall specifically focus on reducing homelessness among veterans and other chronically homeless individuals and assist in the development and implementation of a statewide plan to identify, develop, and ensure sustained partnerships among agencies, service providers, and advocates.
2. The members serving on the Council as of the date of this Executive Order No. 49 shall continue to serve in that capacity, and the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall fill vacancies as they arise in consultation with the Governor. The Council may include representatives that the Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services deems necessary, including, but not limited to, representatives of the following:
  - a. Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services,
  - b. TennCare,
  - c. Department of Health,
  - d. Department of Veterans Services,
  - e. Tennessee Housing Development Agency,
  - f. Shelby County government,
  - g. Metropolitan Government of Nashville-Davidson County,
  - h. Person who has experienced homelessness,
  - i. Person in recovery from serious mental illness, substance use disorders, or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders,
  - j. SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery state lead,
  - k. Community-based CABHI services provider,
  - l. Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration, and
  - m. Governor's designee, to be selected by the Governor.
3. The Council shall make an annual progress report to the Governor at the end of each fiscal year.
4. The Council shall be attached to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for administrative purposes.
5. Members of the Council shall receive no compensation for their service but may be reimbursed for those expenses allowed by the provisions of the comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration and approved by the Attorney General and Reporter.
6. All Executive Branch departments, agencies, boards and commissions shall fully cooperate with the Council in carrying out the mandates of this Order and shall provide reasonable staff support and other assistance as requested. The Council may consult with service providers and other professionals and organizations

with expertise in the issues surrounding homelessness to assist in carrying out its duties.

7. The Council shall exist for so long as resources are available, as determined by the Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services in consultation with the Governor.
8. This Executive Order No. 49 supersedes and rescinds all other Executive Orders and implementing directives concerning the Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness, including Governor Bredesen's Executive Order No. 21, dated December 9, 2004.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

  
GOVERNOR

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