
Central Florida Commission on Homelessness

Meeting

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THE INITIATIVE TO END HOMELESSNESS IN CENTRAL FLORIDA

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- Prevention Committee -

Goals	Task	Progress	Outcome
Ensure that all at-risk individuals for homelessness have a housing plan upon release from jails or correctional facilities.	Develop policies that prevent discharge of inmates to homelessness or discharge inmates during times in which shelter is not available. Increase collaboration between entities that work with the homeless population.	A Jail Discharge Workgroup includes representatives from Osceola, Seminole and Osceola counties Corrections Departments; Orange County Sheriff's Office; the Public Defenders Office; and service providers.	The Jail Discharge Workgroup will report to the Commission on February 2009 with an analysis of current conditions and recommended actions for ensuring housing plans for released inmates.



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- Supportive Services Committee -

Goals	Task	Progress	Outcome
Develop a comprehensive outreach program to unsheltered chronic homeless people.	Develop, print and distribute Street Cards (a homeless services resource guide) to homeless persons and the general public.	Street guides designed and distributed. Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation grant of \$15,000.	2000 Downtown Street Information Cards distributed by Orlando Police Dept.; City of Orlando Ambassadors; Dept. of Children & Families; Orange County Clerk of the Courts; Orange County Sheriff CIT Deputies; IDignity Events.

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Goals	Task	Progress	Outcome
Remove barriers to community reintegration.	Deliver services to homeless in one-day, one-stop events that allow for participation by the community.	IDignity events are held monthly. IDignity provides documents required to apply for employment, obtain access to most shelters and social services, open bank accounts or rent housing.	Recommendation to support IDignity and help identify funding sources. Each event serves 240 clients staffed by over 70 volunteers. Each event costs \$6,000.

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MOTION

To support the reintegration of homeless persons into the community by acknowledging the effectiveness of monthly IDignity events and working to identify funding sources.



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 - Finance Committee -

Goals	Task	Progress	Outcome
Analyze and understand the current baseline cost of homelessness in Central Florida, including where public, private, nonprofit, religious dollars are being spent.	Identify amount, source and use of all funds presently being used to serve the homeless.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creation of survey tool, identification of all funding sources and service providers to be surveyed. - Partnership with UCF (Dept. of Public Administration) to provide 30 UCF students to conduct field survey. 	Survey to be conducted during February 2009. Results to be reported to Regional Commission.



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