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Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

11-05

March 1, 2011

THE GOVERNOR'S INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

WHEREAS, the total number of people served at emergency shelters in Rhode Island last year was 4,284, including 688 families; and

WHEREAS, the availability and accessibility of safe emergency shelters are critical to the safety and well being of the homeless; and

WHEREAS, homelessness has continued to be a major problem in the State of Rhode Island as affordable housing remains difficult to obtain and the effects of homelessness continue to adversely impact the State's general welfare and economy; and

WHEREAS, the State's significant interest in developing effective strategies and solutions to address the problems of homelessness, including preventing discharge from State care and making provisions for the availability and use of temporary emergency housing, requires collaboration by all levels of government and coordination of resources from community, volunteer and faith-based organizations, as well as businesses; and

WHEREAS, I believe that establishing a mechanism to achieve these strategies and solutions is a priority.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINCOLN D. CHAFEE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby order as follows:

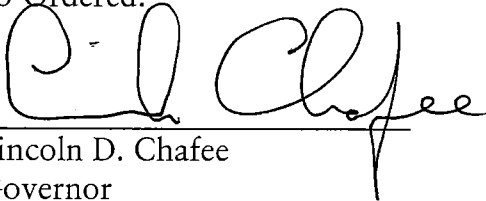
1. The Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness, continued by Executive Order 07-07, is reactivated with the charge of examining problems associated with homelessness and developing and implementing strategies and programs for assuring a coordinated, effective response to reducing homelessness in Rhode Island.
2. Specifically, the Interagency Council shall:
 - a. Coordinate services for the homeless among state agencies and instrumentalities, community, faith-based and volunteer organizations, advocacy groups and businesses;
 - b. Identify and seek to remedy gaps in services, specifically in the area of availability and use of temporary emergency housing;
 - c. Develop strategies and recommendations to address the problems associated with chronic homelessness that will serve to reduce the number of homeless people in Rhode Island; and
 - d. Promote and support the development of permanent supportive housing for people with disabilities, the reentry population and youth aging out of foster care.
3. The Chief of the Office of Housing and Community Development shall chair the Interagency Council. Interagency Council members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, and shall include: the Chief of the Office of Housing and Community Development; the Director of the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation; the Chair of the Housing Resources Commission; the Director of the Department of Administration or designee; the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services or designee; the Director of the Department of Human Services or designee; the Director of the Department of Health or designee; the Director of the Department of Children, Youth and Families or designee; the Director of the Department of Elderly Affairs or designee; the Director of the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals or designee; the Director of the Division of Veterans' Affairs or designee; the Director of the Department of Labor and Training or designee; the Director of the Department of Corrections or designee; the Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education or designee; and a representative of the Governor's office.

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4. The Interagency Council shall meet at least annually and report to the Governor its findings and recommendations for reducing chronic homelessness and improving services to Rhode Island's homeless.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon the date hereof and shall remain in effect through March 31, 2013.

So Ordered:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lincoln D. Chafee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor