

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
NUMBER Fifty-Four

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON THE HOMELESS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE

WHEREAS, the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act channels funds targeted to the diverse homeless population in Delaware through five federal agencies which administer a total of twelve separate programs for the homeless; and

WHEREAS, the programs authorized in the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act are administered by a number of state agencies and local governments and a private agency in Delaware; and

WHEREAS, state and federal support for services to the homeless are currently provided through the State of Delaware Grant-in-Aid program and several state agencies and local governments and a private agency; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs/Division of Community Services (DCA/DCS) currently administers the major portion of public funds for services targeted to the homeless which are carried out by eight private, non-profit service providers throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, the diversity of administrative and service provider agencies require a coordinated effort to provide effective services and recommend solutions to the diverse needs of the homeless in Delaware;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL N. CASTLE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order the following:

1. The Delaware Interagency Council on the Homeless is hereby established.
2. The Council shall be convened by the Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs or the Secretary's designee.
3. The Council shall be composed of persons charged with the management of programs mandated and authorized by the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act in Delaware or their designee(s) and persons currently charged with the management of other public funds targeted to services for the homeless in Delaware or their designee(s). Council members shall, therefore, include representatives from appropriate administering entities within the following departments and agencies;
  1. The Department of Community Affairs (Convener);
  2. The Budget Office;
  3. The Department of Health and Social Services;
  4. The Delaware State Housing Authority;
  5. The Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families;
  6. The Department of Public Instruction;
  7. City of Wilmington, Department of Real Estate and Housing;
  8. New Castle County, Department of Community of Development and Housing;
  9. United Way of Delaware for the local Federal Emergency Management Administration Board;
  10. Office of the Controller General for the State Grant-in-Aid Program; and
  11. Representation from Emergency Housing Service Providers (to be designated by the Secretary).

4. The duties of the Council shall be
  - a. To review activities and programs in the State of Delaware that provide service to the homeless;
  - b. to take such actions as may be feasible to reduce duplicative administrative functions and activities for both administering agencies and service provider agencies;
  - c. to effectively coordinate and maximize resources of existing programs and activities to assist homeless individuals;
  - d. to review existing data regarding the homeless population and services provide to that population;
  - e. to develop non-duplicative methods of collecting such information that enables a uniform database for analyses;
  - f. to identify impediments, including any statutory and regulatory restrictions to the effective provision of needed services to homeless persons in Delaware;
  - g. to document the efforts of each agency represented on the Council to increase the opportunities for homeless individuals to obtain shelter, food, and supportive services;
  - h. to recommend such changes in existing programs and services, expansion of existing programs and services, and additional programs and services as may be necessary to address the diverse causes and conditions of homelessness; and

- i. to identify specific public and private resources, administering entities, and service provider entities as may be necessary to implement such recommendations.
5. The Council shall seek such information and advice from service providers and research organizations as may be necessary and practicable to carry out the aforementioned duties.



APPROVED this 15<sup>th</sup> day  
of April, 1988.

Michael A. Coker  
Governor

[Signature]  
Secretary of State