



State of Florida
Department of Children and Families

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Thank you for your willingness to serve on the Council on Homelessness (Council). Together with other stakeholders in every community around the state we are dedicated to reducing homelessness and caring for some of our most vulnerable citizens. As a representative of the State Office on Homelessness (Office), allow me to familiarize you with the important work the Council is engaged in.

Created in 2001, this 17-member Council, consisting of public and private representatives, exists to develop policy and advise the Office. We also collaborate with agency leaders and local homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) lead agencies to find ways to better serve our most vulnerable neighbors.

The Council currently carries out three committee calls every month and convenes in quarterly, face-to-face meetings which are all open to the public. The Office staffs these committee calls and meetings and will keep Council members briefed on all upcoming events. Please visit our website for up to date information related to all Council and Office meetings, events, and funding.

In this packet you will find information necessary to carry out the duties of a Council member. Please feel free to call or email me with any questions or concerns you have.

We look forward to working alongside you and the team you work with to continue in the fight to eliminate homelessness in Florida.

Sincerely,

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