

**State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
John H. Lynch, Governor**

Executive Order 2006-11

An Order Establishing the Interagency Council on Homelessness

Whereas, homelessness in New Hampshire is a significant challenge that leaves some of our most vulnerable citizens without access to the means necessary to meet their basic human needs; and

Whereas, more than 6,400 individuals were documented as receiving shelter or transitional services in 2005;

Whereas, children represented 25 percent of those staying at state-sponsored shelters last year;

Whereas, there were 1,025 homeless school-aged children documented in 2006;

Whereas, greater access to affordable housing will assist New Hampshire businesses and strengthen the state's economy;

Whereas, chronic homelessness consumes a considerable amount of expensive resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, by the authority vested in me by part II, article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby establish the Interagency Council on Homelessness for the purpose of implementing *A Home for Everyone: New Hampshire's Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness.*

- a. The Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) shall be comprised of up to 25 members, appointed by the Governor, including the following representation:
- New Hampshire Legislature;
 - Commissioner of Health and Human Services or designee;
 - One member of the NH Local Welfare Administrators Association nominated by the Association;
 - Director of the Office of Homeless, Housing and Transportation Services or designee;
 - Homeless Coordinator for the Veteran's Administration or designee;
 - Coordinator of the Office of Resettlement Services or designee;
 - Director of the Division of Family Assistance or designee;
 - Administrator of the Bureau of Behavioral Health Services or designee;
 - Commissioner of the Department of Corrections or designee;

- Department of Health and Human Services representing alcohol and drug abuse prevention, treatment and recovery;
 - Director of the NH Housing Finance Authority or designee;
 - Head Start Administrator or Head Start Program Director;
 - Coordinator of Homeless Education, Department of Education;
 - One member from a housing finance agency;
 - Five members from housing assistance services agencies, including representation from organizations that serve minority and resettlement populations;
 - One member from a homeless advocacy agency;
 - One member from an interfaith-based organization;
 - One Director from a HRSA-funded Healthcare of the Homeless program;
 - One member from the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence nominated by the Coalition;
 - One member from a youth services agency; and
 - One member who is homeless or formerly homeless.
- b. Members shall serve a term of three years; however, initial terms shall be staggered as follow: 8 members shall be appointed for one year; 8 members shall be appointed for two years; and 9 members shall be appointed for three years. Members shall be eligible for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled to serve unexpired terms in the same manner as the original appointment.
- c. If it becomes necessary to add members during the implementation of the 10-year plan, the ICH shall submit names to the Governor for approval.
- d. The Chair shall be appointed by the Governor in consultation with ICH and shall serve as Chair at the pleasure of the Governor.
- e. The Office of Homeless, Housing, and Transportation Services, Department of Health and Human Services shall cooperate with and assist the ICH with its work.
- f. The Council shall report to the Governor once a year on its progress toward implementing the 10-year plan to end homelessness.



Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 21st day of December, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and six.

John Lynch

 Governor of New Hampshire