

Indianapolis Mayor's Leadership Council on Homelessness

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PURPOSE

The Mayor's Leadership Council on Homelessness (MLCH) is comprised of key leaders in the civic, philanthropic, corporate, and healthcare systems in Indianapolis and aims to advance and protect the homeless response system's initiatives – including managing and reconciling political pressures and short-term interests. The MLCH is a complement to the Blueprint Council (BPC) and focused on advancing the goals and strategies as defined by the BPC and Continuum of Care (CoC).

The MLCH will work across sectors to unify everyone under a shared goal, reinforce the strategy to achieve the goal, and identify specific asks for resources and system accountability. The MLCH will also align others not typically engaged in the homelessness response in support of the goals, enhancing the overall commitment of the community and amplifying political will to overcome implementation obstacles.

HOMELESS SYSTEM GOALS & STRATEGIES

- End chronic homelessness by scaling permanent supportive housing and services
- Ensure the community's homeless system is responding to the disproportionate number of Black individuals and households experiencing homelessness and work to address those inequities through diversion and rehousing

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Activate resources and leverage spheres of influence to scale solutions and ensure progress on the stated goals
- Assist in removing barriers to implementation
- Assist Mayor in reconciling short-term interests and political pressures to maintain progress on the stated goals
- Serve as a public ambassador for this work, validating progress, dispelling myths, and encouraging investment in the Housing to Recovery Fund

MANDATE

- The Council shall meet at least 6 times per year. Council members are to attend all meetings.
- The Council shall review data dashboards to monitor progress against goals.
- The Council shall engage in discussions with City representatives and CoC leadership to foster strategic decision making, to eliminate barriers to implementation, and to ensure alignment of resources around goals.

PROTOCOLS & GROUND RULES

- Meetings of the Council are not open to the public and official minutes will not be publicly published so as to create a safe and open environment for all to offer thoughts and comments freely. Confidentiality of those comments should be respected by all members of the MLCH.
- Individual members of the Council will be made public in the interest of transparency. Any media inquiries concerning the MLCH directed to individual members should be redirected to MLCH leadership to align messaging.

AGREEMENT

As members of the MLCH, we agree to make every effort to ensure the implementation and success of the goals to end chronic homelessness and to reduce racial disparities in the homelessness system in Indianapolis. We will hold the system accountable to work in a coordinated, efficient, and data-driven way so that those most in need are connected to permanent housing and compassionate, high-quality services.

Mayor's Leadership Council on Homelessness Members:

Chief Chris Bailey, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department

Yvonda Bean, Indianapolis Housing Agency

Lorenzo Esters, The Indianapolis Foundation

Ron Gibson, Indianapolis City-County Council

Pastor David Greene, Blueprint Council

Chelsea Haring-Cozzi, Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention

Lane Hatcher, Veteran Services Officer, City of Indianapolis

Lena Hill, Deputy Mayor of Public Health and Safety, Indianapolis Mayor's Office

Taylor Hughes, Indy Chamber

Matt Impink, Marion County Prosecutor's Office

Melina Kennedy, Central Indiana Corporate Partnership

Reverend Gray Lesesne, Christ Church Cathedral

Rob MacPherson, Housing to Recovery Fund

Kimberly McElroy-Jones, Health and Hospital Corp.

Fred Payne, United Way of Central Indiana

Taylor Schaffer, Downtown Indy Inc.

Rodney Stockment, Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development

Kimberly Wize, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

