

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2003-07**

WHEREAS, homelessness continues to be an issue in South Dakota;

WHEREAS, there exists a need for increased and improved collaboration among state agencies, which receive various resources from the federal government, to improve access to mainstream resources critical to individuals and families experiencing homelessness and to work to eliminate homelessness;

WHEREAS, President Bush has established a United States Interagency Council on Homelessness to work to develop and implement a comprehensive national approach to end homelessness in the United States;

IT IS THEREFORE, BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, directed that the Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness be established and authorized to function in compliance with the following sections of the order.

General Provisions

Section 1. The Council consists of the following individuals or their designees:

- a) The Governor;
- b) The Secretary of Health;
- c) The Secretary of Human Services;
- d) The Secretary of Social Services;
- e) The Secretary of Corrections;
- f) The Secretary of Education;
- g) The Secretary of Labor;
- h) The Adjunct General of Military and Veteran's Affairs;
- i) The Director of Tribal Government Relations;
- j) The Executive Director of the South Dakota Housing Development Authority; and
- k) The heads of such other state departments or agencies as the governor may designate.

Section 2. The Governor shall appoint a chair from among the Council members.

Section 3. The Council shall have the following duties:

- a) Coordinate state policy and working relationship among state agencies to identify and define issues of homeless in South Dakota.
- b) Determine comprehensive and effective collaborative strategies and best practices for remediation and prevention of homelessness in South Dakota, addressing in particular the differing needs of the state's geographic areas;
- c) Review and analyze the need for, and the availability of resources to address the needs of South Dakotans statewide who are homeless.
- d) Recommend changes necessary to alleviate or prevent the situation of homelessness to include making recommendations to the appropriate state agencies and organizations regarding effective distribution of resources and access to available services and programs;
- e) Disseminate information and educate the public about the causes and responses to homelessness and

- f) Solicit input from the advocacy community, the business community, the faith community and consumers regarding policy and program development to identify and define issues of homeless and to determine comprehensive and effective collaborative strategies and best practices for remediation and prevention of homelessness in South Dakota.

Section 4. Staff of the participating state departments will provide staff assistance to the Council with the Department of Human Services providing coordination and principal staff support.

Section 5. The Council shall report annually to the governor on progress in preventing and alleviating the incidence of homelessness in South Dakota and on recommendations for executive and legislative action.

Section 6. The Council is entitled to the full cooperation of all state departments and agencies. In this regard state departments and agencies shall furnish information and any additional assistance as may be necessary and available to further the purposes of this Executive Order.

Dated in Pierre, South Dakota, this 25th day of September, 2003

M. Michael Rounds, Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State