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*Johnson-Cook / Benami*  
*Anything in these*  
*I need to know?*

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May 31, 1994

The Honorable Carol H. Rasco  
Assistant to the President  
for Domestic Policy

Dear Ms. Rasco:

Enclosed is our report entitled Homelessness: McKinney Act Programs Provide Assistance but Are Not Designed to Be the Solution (GAO/RCED-94-37), which was requested by the Chairman, Subcommittee on Housing and Urban Affairs, Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs. This report discusses the impact of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act in the cities of Baltimore, Maryland; San Antonio, Texas; Seattle, Washington; and St. Louis, Missouri. The report is based on the experiences of a wide variety of experts in these localities and of federal, state, and local government officials who administer the McKinney Act programs.

This report contains a recommendation to the Executive Director of the Domestic Policy Council's working group on homelessness.

Sincerely yours,

Keith O. Fultz  
Assistant Comptroller General

Enclosure

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Report to the Chairman, Subcommittee  
on Housing and Urban Affairs,  
Committee on Banking, Housing and  
Urban Affairs, U.S. Senate

May 1994

# HOMELESSNESS

## McKinney Act Programs Provide Assistance but Are Not Designed to Be the Solution



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## Pre-Briefing: Homeless Issues

### 1. DPC Responsibility

- perception of outside world is that we are now responsible. This is now a DPC working group with WH imprimatur and interagency participation
- Key: interagency, not just HUD

### 2. What does the Council do?

- specific concern: things that used to be done by the Council are not being done because of lack of budget, clear mandate to continue

- specific tasks:
  - mailing list
  - data base
  - technical assistance: through people in field
  - publications (not HUD, but interagency)
    - monthly newsletter
    - bimonthly program announcements

- need to let the world know what will continue to be done and by whom, and what won't

- if problem for HUD, then other agencies could be asked to pick up certain pieces

### 3. What about the Council itself?

- Should we have a meeting of the principals
- purpose: send clear signal about (1) continuing priority - signal to staff; (2) plan implementation; (3) affirm everyone's roles in an interagency effort

### 4. Plan Implementation

- need a work plan from Council staff on how the various commitments will be met

- process in place (again interagency) for taking on the follow-through on each recommendation

### 5. Longer Term

- need to think about having Executive Director report to Domestic Policy Advisor

*Revs in back*

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

26-May-1994 01:29pm

TO: Carol H. Rasco  
FROM: Jeremy D. Benami  
Domestic Policy Council  
CC: Suzan D. Johnson  
SUBJECT: Cuomo mtg on homelessness

Spoke to Jackie Lawing who says Andrew Cuomo's office has been trying to call to set a meeting with you, but with Ros out as you know that has not happened.

The person who needs to be called (perhaps Ros will be back or Pat could do it) is Terry Nicolosi P6/b(6).

Thanks.

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June 8  
11-2

Cuomo  
on travel -

after that  
for about  
wk -

Susan -  
N/A

Jeremy

5/26 voice  
4:15 mail

2/20/94

Try for  
2:00 on 6/8

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

26-May-1994 03:52pm

TO: Patricia E. Romani

FROM: Carol H. Rasco  
Economic and Domestic Policy

CC: Jeremy D. Benami

SUBJECT: see attached re: meeting

Pat, please see the attached and call the person named at HUD, ask for some options on dates, how long they want for the meeting, etc. Then check with Jeremy and Suzan Johnson Cook to determine which of the dates they are available on the list of options, then talk with me....thanks.

Pat Ramoni

Wright in Scott  
5/20/94

Harold  
Covino

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 9, 1994

Next week  
456-2216  
Set date  
for next

MEMORANDUM FOR ANDREW CUOMO

From: Carol H. Rasco, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy  
Subject: Agenda for Meeting on the Status of the Interagency Council

I know that our offices are trying to set up a meeting between us to discuss next steps for the Interagency Council and implementation of the homeless plan.

I wanted to suggest a couple of topics for the agenda that might require a little thought and preparation. First, I would like to discuss our vision for the ongoing role of the Interagency Council itself and to agree on the purpose and subjects for future meetings of the Council's members. I would be interested in your thoughts about timing and agendas for such meetings this year.

Second, I am concerned about the continuity of some of the ongoing functions of the Council that are no longer funded, but are being kept up by HUD. Specifically, Congressman Vento recently wrote concerning the database with consolidated grant information that the Council used to maintain. I understand that HUD is intending to keep that up, but that the transition has not occurred yet. I would greatly appreciate it if you could bring to the meeting a status report on each of the functions of the Council and an indication of which ones HUD intends to continue and how so that I know what we are and are not going to do. It strikes me that the Council's role in disseminating information and providing technical assistance in the field was very important, and I would like to know how much of that will continue.

Please let me know if there are other specific issues you would like to discuss. Thank you very much.

cc: Jeremy Ben-Ari  
Suzan Johnson-Cook  
Jacquie Lawler

FAX: 456-2878

Ramoni in Scott

AGENDA  
Interagency Council on the Homeless  
6/8/94

1. DPC View of Interagency Council

- role/purpose
- structure

2. Continuing Council Functions

- publications
- mailing list
- regional staff
- plan implementation

3. Plan implementation

- work plan
- working groups

4. Interagency Council

- meetings/agenda

July 5 - working group }  
1st last wk in July } Principals at a site  
wk in Aug.



JUNE 8, 1994

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS NEED CLEARANCE FOR MEETINGS WITH  
CAROL H. RASCO, WEST WING, 2ND FLOOR.

2:00 P.M. MEETING  
CUOMO, ANDREW MARK  
LAWING, JACQUIE

DOB  
DOB

[Redacted]  
P6/b(6)

4:30 P.M. MEETING  
ELLWOOD, DAVID  
BANE, MARY JO  
PRIMUS, WENDELL

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Cuomo and Lawing Phone

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Ellwood Phone  
Bane Phone

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