



ILLINOIS INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS

PURPOSE

1. Create a state plan to prevent and end homelessness, including unnecessary institutionalization, that assesses overall needs, coordinates resources, and promotes national best practices.
2. Recommend policy, regulatory, and resource changes needed to accomplish the objectives outlined in the state plan.
3. Sustain a non-partisan approach to addressing homelessness and unnecessary institutionalization.

RATIONALE

- Current efforts to address homelessness are fragmented. **Establishing an IICH would provide a vehicle for cross-agency coordination and planning.**
- Because current efforts are so fragmented, resources dedicated to addressing homelessness are not used efficiently. **Establishing an IICH would promote fiscal responsibility and ensure we are using our resources wisely.**
- Illinois is impacted by a number of Olmstead-related lawsuits. **Establishing an IICH would help Illinois ensure we are meeting requirements under these lawsuits and prevent new ones.**
- Homelessness, housing insecurity and institutionalization have a disproportionate impact on people of color. **Establishing an IICH would provide a vehicle to address homelessness and institutionalization through an equity lens.**
- Illinois is at a critical juncture where it is important that our state is an attractive place to live, work, and run a business. **Establishing an IICH would demonstrate a true commitment to preventing and ending homelessness and stopping unnecessary institutionalization.**

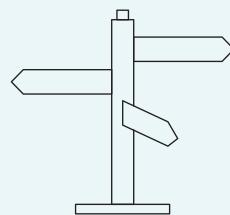
An IICH should be established by Executive Order as soon as possible.



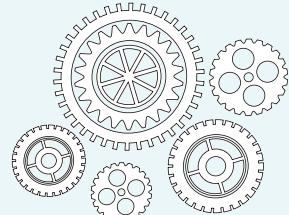
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IICH LEADERSHIP FRAMEWORK

Standing Chairperson: Representative from the Governor's Office

Rotating Co-Chair: One-year term for state agency leaders

Staff Support: Leadership from the Governor's Office

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

IICH executive leadership should include representatives from the following state agencies:

- AG
- Aging
- CMS
- DCEO
- DCFS
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Insurance
- DHS
- DJJ
- GOECD
- GOMB
- Governor's Office
- HFS
- IBHE
- ICDD
- IDES
- IDHR
- IDOC
- IDOT
- IDPH
- IDR
- IDVA
- IEMA
- IEPA
- IHDA
- Illinois Capital Development Board
- ISBE
- ISP
- Labor
- Lottery
- SOS

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

CAC members should be appointed by the Governor's office and be comprised of diverse stakeholders that equitably represent the goals and population served by the IICH, including:

- People with lived experience
- Public-private body
- Diverse sectors
- Private funders
- Representatives from Continua of Care
- Representatives from local government and community-based agencies
- Geographically diverse representatives to ensure needs of rural, suburban, and urban areas are elevated
- State agency staff

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- The Executive Leadership of the IICH should meet at least twice a year.
 - Two CAC co-chairs should be appointed by the Governor's Office.
 - One will be a public sector representative and the other will be a private sector representative.
 - The CAC should meet quarterly.

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