

Mission Statement of the Community  
Commission on Homelessness:

“Engaging Our Community in Successfully  
Housing People Experiencing Homelessness”

## **2009/2010 Goals for the Community Commission on Homelessness**

The Community Commission on Homelessness (CCH) holds the following as its goals and will generate agendas and action items from these goals:

**The CCH will review and revise the Housing Vision Plan and then implement the updated Housing Vision.**

**First Action Item:** Prior to revision of the Housing Vision, review Resolution 6608 to ensure that it supports current CCH efforts and revise as needed by December of 2009.

**The CCH will engage in systematic and regular assessment of community programs, services, and needs surrounding homelessness and will provide reports and recommendations to the City Commission and County Commission.**

**First Action Item:** The CCH will draft a “State of the Homeless” report for presentation to the City and County Commissions by December 2009, contingent on completion of the revision of the Housing Vision.

**Second Action Item:** Establish a subcommittee by August of 2009 to evaluate and clarify the roles of and contractual agreement with the homeless outreach caseworkers and revise and update as necessary by November of 2009.

**The CCH will develop a detailed description of the characteristics of and criteria for a successful shelter, such as support services, transportation services, internal or external programs (medical, food, social, jobs, and etc.), and communication and conflict resolution protocols to employ with neighboring properties.**

**First Action Item:** Place the above stated goal on the agenda for the CCH’s July meeting.

**Second Action Item:** The CCH Chair, select committee members, and city staff will work to generate a list of action items and timetable for the above stated goal prior to the July 14 CCH meeting.

**Third Action Item:** Establish a list of ten or more criteria by October 2009 that can be used as guidelines by the Planning Commission to evaluate a land use application for a 100-bed shelter.

**Additional Action Items:**

- By August 2009, establish a subcommittee to identify candidates for CCH as terms expire in December 2009, and report nominations by October of 2009.
- CCH chair, committee members, and City staff work together to develop reporting mechanism for items of importance to the CCH mission and work, to be established by September of 2009.
- Point-In-Time Survey response
- (From the “Parking Lot”) Discuss case management for drug and alcohol after treatment.

## **Point-In-Time Survey Discussion Points**

- Assessment of people not counted (such as EKAN clients, families) and possible factors contributing to noninclusion
- Review of conditions under which surveys were removed from final count and discussion of how to lower the number of discarded surveys.
- Comparisons of how counts were done in past versus this survey with recommendations for improving new methodology.
- Support of current survey and new methodology with explanations of how differences in numbers might have occurred.
- Dialogue with United Way about methodology, census process in Douglas County, and ideas for improvement for future.
- Clear communication to United Way about concerns.
- Education to public and governing bodies that clarifies what a point-in-time survey means (and what it does not mean)
- Emphasis on better recruitment and training of volunteers for next survey
- Review of the perceptions on the survey by people experiencing homelessness.
- Note that First Step House residents will not be automatically included in future surveys, since First Step House is now defined as a treatment center and not emergency housing.