



Legislation Text

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Revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (OCPEH)

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Overview: The Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (OCPEH) was established in 2008 to coordinate funding and activities to end homelessness in Orange County. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was created to outline the roles and responsibilities of the partner jurisdictions of Orange County and the Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Hillsborough. This item proposes changes to the existing MOU, last updated in June of 2023. The proposed changes have been determined by staff to be minor and are highlighted in the attached 2024 Draft Memorandum of Understanding.

☆ **Recommendation(s):**

That the Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a revised Memorandum of Understanding for the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness.

Background:

- In April 2008, the Orange County Board of Commissioners (BOCC), the Chapel Hill Town Council, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen (now Town Council), and the Hillsborough Board of Commissioners endorsed the Orange County 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to fund a Partnership Coordinator position and support the Plan's implementation by the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness.
- In November 2014, the BOCC authorized an update to the MOU to reflect how the Orange County 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness had evolved to become an on-going program, which the Partnership to End Homelessness played a key role in implementing.
- In 2022, the Town Council authorized an update to the MOU to bring the MOU in line with the existing structure and positions of the Partnership, including a Homeless Programs Manager, a Housing Access Coordinator, and a Homeless Programs Coordinator.
- In 2023, the Town Council authorized two minor modifications to the MOU.
- For purposes of clarity, the Partnership to End Homelessness' Executive Team is recommending minor modifications to the existing MOU as shown in the attached 2024 Draft Memorandum of Understanding.

Fiscal Impact/Resources: The MOU commits the County and municipalities to ensure funding for the Homeless Programs Manager, Housing Access Coordinator, a portion of the Homeless Programs Coordinator and Street Outreach, harm Reduction and Deflection (SOHRAD) positions and operating expenses, and gap funding for Coordinated Entry not provided by US Housing and Urban Development but does not require such funding to be provided if not available. Approval of the proposed amendments to the MOU will have no anticipated fiscal impact. The Town of Chapel Hill portion of FY 2024-25 funding for these positions and the related operating expenses and expansion items Bridge Housing and Coordinated Entry is \$325,693.



Attachments:

- Resolution
- 2024 Draft Memorandum of Understanding
- Existing Memorandum of Understanding approved in 2023.

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A REVISED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY PARTNERSHIP TO END HOMELESSNESS (2024-06-12/R-2)

WHEREAS, in April 2008, the Orange County Board of Commissioners, Chapel Hill Town Council, Carrboro Board of Aldermen, and Hillsborough Board of Commissioners endorsed the Orange County 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness and entered into a memorandum of understanding to fund a Partnership Coordinator position and support the Plan's implementation by the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, in November 2014, the 2008 memorandum of understanding was revised to better reflect how the Orange County 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness had evolved and to more accurately describe the structure of the Partnership to End Homelessness and its role in coordinating homeless program services in the County; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Town Council authorized an update to the MOU to bring the MOU in line with the existing structure and positions of the Partnership, including a Homeless Programs Manager, a Housing Access Coordinator, and a Homeless Programs Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Town Council authorized an update to the MOU; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership to End Homelessness Executive Team is recommending an update to the existing Memorandum of Understanding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council authorizes the Mayor to execute a revised Memorandum of Understanding with the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness, as described in the June 12, 2024 meeting materials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Town Council intends to use some of the Town's funding allocation to evaluate the structure of the Partnership to End Homelessness and the future approach to ending homelessness in Orange County.

This the 12th day of June, 2024.

The Agenda will reflect the text below and/or the motion text will be used during the meeting.

By adopting the resolution, the Council recommends that the Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the revised Memorandum of Understanding for the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness.