

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. (2)

**AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT
MEETING DATE: June 9, 2009**

TITLE: Presentation of the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness Annual Community Report

DEPARTMENT: Economic and Community Development	PUBLIC HEARING: NO
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Annual Report	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: James Harris, 918-7319 Jamie Rohe, Ten Year Plan Coordinator

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to give the Board of Aldermen an update on the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness activities for the period of 2007-08 under the oversight of the Partnership Executive Team and the support of the Partnership staff.

INFORMATION

In March 2005, the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (Partnership) was formed to institute a countywide effort that will culminate in the development and implementation of a Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Orange County. Membership includes Orange County; the Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough; Triangle United Way, Orange Congregations in Mission; the Inter-Faith Council, OPC Area Program, the Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce and UNC.

In October 2005, Orange County on behalf of the Partnership entered into a consultant agreement with J-Quad and Associates, LLC to develop a Ten (10) Year Plan to End Homelessness in Orange County. Since that time, the Partnership Steering Committee led by County Commissioner Moses Carey, Jr. and Carrboro businessman Nathan Milian, the Partnership Working Group, community focus groups, and graduate students from the UNC School of Public Health have worked with J-Quad to develop the County's 10 Year Plan that was formally approved at the Partnership's March 14, 2007 meeting. The Town of Carrboro also appointed representatives to serve on the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness Steering committee and work group. The Town appointed four members to the Steering Committee; Mark Chilton, Jacquelyn Gist, Steve Stewart and James Harris. James Harris also served on the Ten Year Plan to End Homeless Partnership Work Group which will continue to provide support to the implementation of the plan.

On May 1, 2007, Moses Carey, chair of the Orange County Board of Commissioners presented the plan to end homelessness to the Board of Aldermen. The Board had some discussion of the plan and staff was asked to put the item on an agenda for additional discussion after the members had a chance to read the document.

The focus of the Plan is to end chronic homelessness, without excluding the needs of all homeless individuals and families. To that end, the Plan contains five goals towards the elimination of homelessness in Orange County.

Goal 1:Reduce Chronic Homelessness

Goal 2:Increase Employment

Goal 3:Prevent Homelessness

Goal 4:Increase Access to Services

Goal 5:Increase Public Participation in Ending Homelessness

Tonight the Staff of the Partnership will present to the Board the first annual report for the period of 2007-08. This report will be made by Jamie Rohe, the new coordinator of the project. This position is funded collaboratively by Town of Carrboro, Orange County, the Town of Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough. Carrboro Funding for the position comes from the Human Services fund allocation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Town of Carrboro provides \$8,400.00 to support the staff position that coordinates the work identified in the ten year plan per the agreement between the Town of Carrboro, Orange County, Hillsborough, and Chapel Hill.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board accept the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness report for years 2007-08.