

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

**ITEM NO. D(3)**

**AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT  
MEETING DATE: May 1, 2007**

**TITLE: Presentation of the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness**

DEPARTMENT: Community and Economic Development	PUBLIC HEARING: NO
ATTACHMENTS <b>A. Resolution</b> <b>B. Executive Summary</b>	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: James Harris, 918-7319

**PURPOSE:**

Moses Carey, Co-Chair of the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness, will present the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness for Orange County. It is recommended that the Board accept the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness in Orange County and direct staff to present information regarding future critical decision points during the implementation stage of the Plan.

**BACKGROUND:**

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 included 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.

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

The Executive Summary of the Plan is included with this abstract providing more detailed information regarding these goals. The full plan will be available separately.

At this time, the original Partnership members are being asked to accept the final Plan as an initial step toward implementation of the goals contained therein.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Acceptance of this Plan does not have any direct financial implications. However, it should be noted that additional resources will be necessary to implement the strategies contained in the Plan. A Carrboro Board of Aldermen member posed the question as to why Carrboro is expected to contribute to the cost of a proposed new position since the Carrboro taxpayers would already be paying for the support of this county human services position through taxes to the County. This question has been passed on to the Steering Committee Co-Chair Moses Carey and the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness Work Group staff will be prepared to answer the question. If the Town were to participate in the funding, the human services allocation would be the recommended funding source.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

It is recommended that the Board accept the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness in Orange County and direct staff to present information regarding future critical decision points during the implementation stage of the Plan.