

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
REGARDING HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by the City of Kansas City, Missouri, and JACKSON COUNTY, MO

WHEREAS, the Homelessness Task Force was established by the City of Kansas City, Missouri, through Resolution 090788 (attached as Exhibit A), to develop a plan to address the issues associated with homelessness in the Kansas City metropolitan area, which is to include an immediate and long term strategy, as well as funding options, that will be presented to the Kansas City, Missouri City Council for recommendation and implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas City, Missouri City Council has the goal to join with additional governmental entities in the Kansas City metropolitan area to collaborate for a solution to end homelessness throughout the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City, Missouri and JACKSON COUNTY, MO believe that a joint collaboration would be beneficial to develop a solution to the issues associated with homelessness in the Kansas City metropolitan area; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, AND  
JACKSON COUNTY, MO THAT:**

1. The Homelessness Task Force is charged with developing a Plan to address the issues associated with homelessness in the Kansas City metropolitan area and reporting the Plan to the Kansas City, Missouri City Council for recommendation and implementation.
2. JACKSON COUNTY, MO will join with the Homelessness Task Force to help develop a Plan with immediate and long term strategies and funding options to address issues associated with homelessness.
3. JACKSON COUNTY, MO will work with the Homelessness Task Force, and will appoint five (5) representatives to work with the Task Force to participate in the process, to develop a strategy for governmental entities, private businesses and the community to create partnerships for implementation of the approved Plan.

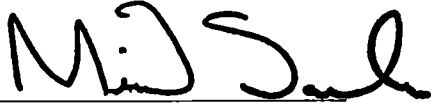
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COUNTY CLERK

4. The Chair for the Homelessness Task Force will be responsible for noticing and conducting the joint meetings in accordance to the Homelessness Task Force's rules and procedures.

JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI



Name Michael D. Sanders, County Executive



Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri

Date: 3-3-2010

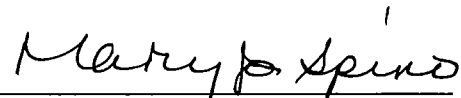
Date: 3-2-10

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: 

William G. Snyder, Acting County Counselor

ATTEST:

By: 

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk County Legislature

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR RESOLUTION NO. 090788

Establishing a Homelessness Task Force (Task Force) to identify the issues related to homelessness; developing a Plan (Plan) to address these issues which will include both immediate and long term strategies, funding options, and suggestions as to how the Council may best partner with governmental entities, private businesses and the community in furtherance of the Plan; presenting said Plan to the Council for recommendation and implementation; and directing the City Manager to make available staff and non-monetary resources as necessary.

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that homelessness is a pervasive concern within the city as well as the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Homeless Management Information system data, of all of the homeless persons receiving services in the entire state of Missouri in 2007, 38% of homeless persons were served in Kansas City, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, since 2007, local United Way 2-1-1 data on calls for services related to homelessness and homelessness prevention indicate a 45% increase in need for services; and

WHEREAS, the number of homeless individuals and families continues to grow as a result of the country's current economic situation; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2009, Council adopted Resolution No. 090558 which supported the conference entitled From This Day Forward: Ending Homelessness in Kansas City, held on June 26, 2009, to address the issue of homelessness and to educate private and public participants, as well as community members, to work together toward a solution; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the goal of finding a viable solution to end homelessness and the issues associated therewith, the Council desires to establish a Homelessness Task Force and invites the county governments of Cass, Clay, Jackson and Platte to join forces with the City to collaborate for a solution; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that this issue is not limited to Kansas City, Missouri, the Council has the goal in the near future to join with additional cities and counties in the surrounding area in forming a metropolitan-wide commission to combine these efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Homelessness Task Force will develop a plan to address the issues associated with homelessness in the Kansas City metropolitan area, which includes immediate and long term strategies as well as funding options, and present said plan to the Council for implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force will be composed of no fewer than thirty-two (32) members who will be appointed by the Mayor and may include representation from business and government, professional expertise in fields including medicine, legal system and law enforcement, education, mental health, social services and housing, as well as Councilmembers, as specified in Section 2 below; NOW, THEREFORE;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the Homelessness Task Force is hereby established to identify the issues related to homelessness; to develop a Plan (Plan) to address these issues which will include both immediate and long term strategies, funding options, and suggestions as to how the Council may best partner with

governmental entities, private businesses and the community in furtherance of the Plan; and to present said Plan to the Council for recommendation and implementation.

**Section 2.** That the Task Force members shall be appointed by the Mayor and shall be composed of no fewer than thirty-two (32) members to be represented by individuals in business and government and/or have professional expertise in fields including medicine, the legal system and law enforcement, education; mental health, social services and housing and who all have knowledge regarding the issue of homelessness. In addition, the Task Force shall include Councilmembers from all six districts. The Task Force members shall include:

- The Mayor or designee
- Seven members of the City Council, with one from council districts 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, and two from council district 3
- Five at-large members who shall be residents of Kansas City, Missouri
- Two members from the field of higher education
- Two members from the field of elementary and secondary education
- Three members from the business sector including a member from the Downtown Council, a member from the Kansas City Civic Council and a member from the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce
- One member from the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
- One member from the Kansas City, Missouri Municipal Court Judiciary
- One member from the Housing Authority of Kansas City, Missouri
- One member who is a director of an emergency shelter for homeless persons
- Three members from the healthcare field including the Director of the Kansas City, Missouri Health Department, one member from Truman Medical Center and one member from St. Lukes Medical Center
- Two members from faith-based organizations
- One member from the Department of Veterans Affairs
- One member from the Mid-America Regional Council
- One member from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Community Planning and Development
- Two members from homeless provider agencies
- Two members from law enforcement including the Chief of Police and one member from the Kansas City Missouri Police Department
- One member who is the Human Services Division Manager of the City's Neighborhood and Community Services Department
- Two members from philanthropic organizations such as the United Way and the Health Care Foundation
- One member from the Homeless Services Coalition

**Section 3.** That the Plan shall be presented to the Council for implementation on or before September 30, 2010. The Task Force will oversee implementation of the Plan, as directed by Council.

**Section 4.** That the Task Force is authorized to collaborate with other governmental entities which may join in this effort to develop a Plan for the Kansas City metropolitan area.

**Section 5.** That the Task Force shall adopt its own governance structure and shall determine its leadership.

**Section 6.** That the Task Force will report quarterly on its progress to the Public Safety and Neighborhoods Committee.

**Section 7.** That the City Manager is directed to make available to the Task Force such staff and other non-monetary resources as may be necessary or appropriate.