MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

FROM: Maddy Oritt, Financial Analyst

DATE: August 14, 2019

SUBJECT: Homeless Resource Centers Update

During the 2016 General Session the Legislature passed H.B. 436, “Housing and Homeless Reform Initiative,” which provided an initial appropriation of $9.25 million in General Fund and federal funds for improving services for homeless individuals in Salt Lake City, including the construction of three new homeless resource centers. The Legislature appropriated an additional $10.8 million during the 2017 General Session (H.B. 441). Three new homeless resource centers were to be built, ultimately replacing the large homeless shelter in downtown Salt Lake.

The original schedule called for opening of the new centers, along with closure of the downtown shelter, by June 30, 2019. In your July 16 meeting, the Department of Workforce Services and Shelter the Homeless, the nonprofit organization that is currently developing the new homeless resource centers, will provide an update on construction and operations of the new centers.

Shelter the Homeless also periodically sends transition updates by email. The most recent update is attached to this memo. For more information, visit https://homelessutah.org/resource-centers/.