Performance Note
HB0347S01 - Homeless Services Amendments

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Performance Note Report

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Funding For:

New Services or Benefit

Public Benefit:

Purpose: Creates a state Homeless Coordinator (coordinator) within the Governor's Office of Management and Budget appointed by the Governor as an advisor on homelessness issues, and under the direction of the Homeless Coordinator creates the Office of Homeless Services within the Department of Workforce Services. This includes assisting and coordinating the provision of homeless services through state and federal funding contracts, and managing the Homeless Management Information System. The coordinator is responsible for maintaining a comprehensive annual budget, overview, and strategic plan on homelessness in cooperation with the Utah Homeless Council (UHC). This bill expands the UHC to include an executive committee and further defines members of the UHC with administrative support provided by the coordinator. The coordinator, office and UHC shall cooperate with local oversight bodies to develop a common agenda and vision for reducing homelessness, develop a spending plan that coordinates funding, and align local funding to projects that improve outcomes and target specific needs. Additionally, the coordinator, office, and UHC will coordinate gap funding with private entities and recommend performance and accountability measures that are included in contracts for funding.

Services: The services provided by the coordinator and the Office of Homeless Services through this bill include: 1) The Department of Workforce Services will provide administrative support to the Office of Homeless Services2) The Governor's Office of Management and Budget will provide administrative support to the coordinator3) Direct advisement to the Governor on statewide homelessness issues; 4) Comprehensive homeless services budget and funding coordination including private, local and state funding; 5) Management of the restricted accounts related to homelessness;6) Strategic plan development, maintenance and implementation to ensure homelessness throughout the state is rare, brief and nonrecurring and outlines specific goals and benchmarks; 7) Administrative support for, and coordination of the Utah Homeless Council; 8) Contract management and monitoring. Contracts include specific goals and benchmarks based on the program type; 9) Technical support to funded homeless service providers around the state to improve program and data quality; 10) Administration and management of the Homeless Management Information System; and11) Coordination with, and support to the local jurisdictions known as the Local Homeless Coordinating Committees/Councils.

Expected Outcome: The expected outcomes include1) Development and maintenance of a comprehensive annual budget for homeless services2) Annual strategic plan modification,

development, and timeline implementation3) Increased statewide collaboration as measured through UHC member participation in meetings and completed action items4) Statewide, local systems and provider performance measures are focused on making homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring, the expected outcomes include: a) Rare - decrease in individuals who experience homelessness for the first time, b) Brief - decrease in days spent in emergency beds or shelters, c) Non-recurring - decrease in persons returning to homelessness, d) Non-recurring - increase in individuals exiting to and retaining housing.

Implementations and Resources: The bill will be implemented through the Governor's appointment of a Homeless Coordinator and by creating the Office of Homeless Services within the Department of Workforce Services. The Department will issues rules related to the implementation of the legislation.

How: The proposed activities will result in the state effectively coordinating funding, planning, and services related to homelessness.

Performance Measures

Goal

Title: Successful exits to permanent destinations.

Description: This is a federal system performance measure showing the percentage of those exiting out of homelessness and entering into permanent housing. The target is to have a 10% increase in the percentage of people exiting to a permanent destination each year.

Collection Method: Homelessness data will be collected and reported from the Utah Homeless Management Information System (UHMIS). Reliability will be ensured by the UHMIS Steering Committee, the Office of Homeless Services and the homeless service providers throughout the state.

	2021	2022	2023
Percent Change	10.00	10.00	10.00
Baseline	0.00	0.00	0.00

Goal

Title: Successful exits or retention of housing in Permanent Housing projects.

Description: This measures the percentage of those exiting out of homelessness and entering into permanent housing or retaining housing in a permanent housing project.

Collection Method: Homelessness data will be collected and reported from the Utah Homeless Management Information System (UHMIS). Reliability will be ensured by the UHMIS Steering Committee, the Office of Homeless Services and the homeless service providers throughout the state.

	2021	2022	2023
percent	93.00	93.00	93.00
Baseline	0.00	0.00	0.00

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