




**Interoffice Memorandum**

June 4, 2024

**AGENDA ITEM**

**TO:** Mayor Jerry L. Demings  
–AND–  
County Commissioners

**THRU:** Carla Bell Johnson, AICP, Deputy County Administrator   
County Administrator's Office

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**SUBJECT:** **June 18, 2024 – Work Session Item**  
Homelessness Update

The Mental Health and Homelessness Division will update the Board on the state of homelessness within the Central Florida region and Orange County. Homelessness, throughout the nation, has been exacerbated by the challenging housing market, which has made housing unaffordable for many individuals and families. While the County has made significant investments in projects, programs, and services to support those experiencing, or on the verge of, homelessness, there is a need to revisit this important topic through meaningful discussion focused on current facts and innovative strategies to address this complex community issue.

At this work session, staff and community partner, Martha Are, Chief Executive Officer of Homeless Services Network of Central Florida, will present an overview of national and local statistics, our regional Continuum of Care and Coordinated Entry System, a comprehensive summary of services funded by Orange County, updates on recently approved legislation (HB 1365) and other legal considerations, as well as potential future opportunities for further exploration.

This work session is for informational purposes only. No action is requested of the Board.

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