




Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

February 23, 2023

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
-AND-
County Commissioners

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

FROM: Donna Wyche, Manager 
Mental Health and Homelessness Division

SUBJECT: **Work Session – March 7, 2023**
Homelessness Update

The Mental Health and Homelessness Division implements strategies to address homelessness through direct contracts with service providers and in collaboration with the Homeless Services Network of Central Florida (HSN), which is the region's lead agency for the Continuum of Care. The topic of homelessness has been frequently referenced during the Board's recent discussions regarding housing related issues within Orange County. Staff will provide an update to the Board on the state of homelessness within the region and Orange County. This presentation will review the various definitions of homelessness, provide an overview of County-funded homeless projects, discuss specific programs aligned with national best practices, and outline challenges and upcoming opportunities.

Additionally, Martha Are, Chief Executive Officer of HSN will provide the Board information on the role of HSN as the region's designated lead agency on homelessness, Point in Time data for the region and Orange County, the coordinated entry system, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funding, and the regional impact.

This work session is for informational purposes only, and no action is requested of the Board.

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c: Byron W. Brooks, AICP, County Administrator