

Laws of Minnesota, 2003, Chapter 128, Article 15, Section 9

Sec. 9. [WORKING GROUP ON SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR LONG-TERM
376.23 HOMELESSNESS.]
376.24 The commissioners of the department of human services,
376.25 trade and economic development, the Minnesota housing finance
376.26 agency, and the department of corrections shall convene a
376.27 working group to develop and implement strategies to foster the
376.28 development of supportive housing options in order to:
376.29 (1) reduce the number of Minnesota individuals and families
376.30 that experience long-term homelessness;
376.31 (2) reduce the inappropriate use of emergency health care,
376.32 shelter, chemical dependency, corrections, and similar services;
376.33 and
376.34 (3) increase the employability, self-sufficiency, and other
376.35 social outcomes for individuals and families experiencing
376.36 long-term homelessness.
377.1 The working group must include metropolitan area and
377.2 greater Minnesota representatives of:
377.3 (1) counties;
377.4 (2) housing authorities;
377.5 (3) nonprofit organizations knowledgeable about supportive
377.6 housing;
377.7 (4) nonprofit organizations experienced in the provision of
377.8 services to the homeless;
377.9 (5) developers and other business interests;
377.10 (6) philanthropic organizations; and
377.11 (7) other representatives identified as necessary to the
377.12 development of the plan, including other government agencies.
377.13 The working group shall:
377.14 (1) determine the key characteristics of individuals and
377.15 families experiencing long-term homelessness for whom affordable
377.16 housing with links to support services is needed;
377.17 (2) identify a variety of supportive housing models that
377.18 address the different needs of individuals and families
377.19 experiencing long-term homelessness;
377.20 (3) determine the existing resources that may fund these
377.21 models for families and individuals who are experiencing
377.22 long-term homelessness;
377.23 (4) identify the gaps in capital, operating, and service
377.24 funding that affect the ability to develop supportive housing
377.25 models;
377.26 (5) propose a formal, interagency decision-making process
377.27 and a plan to fund supportive housing proposals based on the
377.28 agreed upon criteria, with the goal of maximizing access to
377.29 funding for the capital, operating, and services costs of
377.30 supportive housing proposals either scattered site or project
377.31 based;
377.32 (6) identify and recommend models to coordinate mainstream
377.33 resources and services, i.e., resources and services available
377.34 to the general population, or more specifically, low-income
377.35 populations, that can be utilized to assist individuals and
377.36 families experiencing homelessness, so that housing and
378.1 homelessness supports can be maximized; and
378.2 (7) identify and recommend remediation actions to remove
378.3 barriers individuals and families experiencing homelessness face
378.4 when attempting to access mainstream resources and services.

378.5 The plan must include an estimate of the statewide need for
378.6 supportive housing, an estimate of necessary resources to
378.7 implement the plan, and alternative timetables for
378.8 implementation of the plan and propose changes in laws and
378.9 regulations that impede the effective delivery and coordination
378.10 of services for the targeted population in affordable housing.
378.11 The commissioners must report on the status of efforts by
378.12 the working group to improve the effectiveness of the delivery
378.13 and coordination of services and access to housing for
378.14 individuals and families experiencing long-term homelessness and
378.15 recommend next steps to the appropriate committees of the
378.16 legislature by February 15, 2004.