

**Mayor and Chairs Commission on Homelessness
Short-Term Recommendations**

1. Disseminate data that accurately reflects homelessness needs and the provision of services regionally:
 - a. Implement common data elements.

Develop and implement a universal intake form for collecting data in order to assure that there can be comparison of consistent data throughout the region.
 - b. Encourage all homelessness service providers to participate in the Point-In-Time (PIT) count.

Members of the Mayors and Chairs group will support the collection of accurate data by writing a letter to each homelessness service provider in their locality with the recommendation that they cooperate with the yearly count of the homeless by participating in the PIT collection and submitting their count within the required timeframe.
2. Develop a *Regional Relocation Assistance Fund*

Service providers will evaluate homeless individuals/families that have families/friends outside the region. If the individuals/families are welcomed to relocate with their families/friends, they will receive travel assistance to the destination.
3. Promote cooperation and collaboration among service providers:
 - a. Jurisdictions will clarify with service providers that local funds will be used to assist agencies that work within the collaborative network. Attach funding to Continuum of Care participation, data collection using universal format and timely reporting of data.
 - b. Jurisdictions will communicate with service providers “not in the fold” and clarify that funding will support participation in regional homelessness efforts. Funding will include FEMA, DHCD, and other funders of homelessness efforts.
 - c. Develop “round table” discussion opportunities for service providers to exchange ideas on the complexities of providing homelessness services.
 - d. An ongoing steering committee (The Mayors and Chairs Task Force?) will meet periodically with the provider group to discuss what is working, what’s not working, etc.
 - e. An ongoing provider work group will meet regularly to discuss and recommend regional and local solutions.