



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

(for Agencies/Organizations)

The governing body of _____ has met and considered the Mission/Core Beliefs/Statement of Purpose of the Homeless Services Council of Southwest Indiana, hereinafter called the "Council," and agrees to participate with and in the Council as it seeks to define, implement and evaluate the Region 12 Homeless Service Council for people who are homeless or near-homeless in our communities.

In covenanting to do so, this organization commits itself to explore all collaborative avenues available to the larger community including, but not limited to, participating in the Coordinated Entry Process, developing avenues of cooperation in expanding available services, creating standards of performance, expanding multiple provider services, establishing standards of measurement of outcomes, and exploring multi-agency funding opportunities.

We believe that addressing the needs of homeless/near-homeless persons is a community endeavor that requires the participation of the larger community, including homeless/near homeless persons, agencies whose mission is to serve the needs of homeless/near homeless persons, local governments, agencies serving the public safety, the corporate community, and representatives of foundations and other potential funding sources.

We further believe that every endeavor of this Council shall be to serve the needs of the disadvantaged and otherwise marginally empowered persons. We agree that the Council shall pursue strategies that will include funders and potential funders as fully participating members of the Council and that agency members shall seek opportunities to include both clients and "front line" employees in the work of the Council.

We agree to fully maximize the use of referrals to mainstream resources, including, but not limited to, SSI, SSDI, SCHIP, Medicaid, Veteran's Health Care, Food Stamps, TANF, and WIA. We will keep copies of applications for mainstream resources on hand and make applications available to all clients not already receiving assistance. When possible, we will assist clients in preparing their application and scheduling initial appointments.

In seeking to maintain equity of representation, participating member organizations shall each have only one vote. The organization's voting representative shall be _____. In her/his absence at any given meeting, s/he shall be authorized to send a voting proxy from our organization.

Authorized Signature _____

Date _____

Printed Name & Title