

Municipality of Anchorage

Assembly Committee on Homelessness



Statement of Mission

The mission of the Assembly Committee on Homelessness is to provide a forum to delineate specific and tangible action the Assembly and the Anchorage Community can take to combat the problem of homelessness in Anchorage. Since the inception of the Committee, the Assembly has increased its understanding of the scope, nature, and consequences of homelessness, as well as, the effectiveness of numerous remedial efforts. This increased understanding allows the Assembly to efficiently allocate resources and so, the Committee is ready to take the next logical steps.

The Committee on Homelessness will focus on a three-legged stool strategy:

- 1) Acting on projects and policies the Assembly and the Anchorage Community believe will eradicate homelessness;
- 2) Convening stakeholder groups to discuss and resolve barriers to the goals set by the Assembly and Administration; and
- 3) Assisting in the success of the Administration's efforts.

The public nature of the meetings of the Committee on Homelessness will also provide the community with a meaningful avenue to participate in the discussion and contribute to the efforts to mediate the problems associated with homelessness. This avenue will allow the public to appropriately evaluate the efforts of their elected officials and also, to take some ownership in the efforts being made.

Finally, the Committee on Homelessness will continue to track the dashboard of objective metrics on a monthly basis. By using objective metrics, the Assembly will be in a position to timely evaluate the effectiveness of the expenditure of resources; further allowing the Assembly to be effective stewards of the Community's valuable resources.