



# Hudson County Alliance to End Homelessness 'Keys to Ending Homelessness in Hudson County'



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The Hudson County Alliance to End Homelessness has taken a leadership role in bringing the community together to draft the Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness. Alliance membership includes a number of Continuum of Care committee members, various representatives from the non-profit, public, and private sectors, as well as the United Way of Hudson County, the Hudson County Division of Housing and Community Development and the Jersey City Division of Community Development.

## Purpose

In recent years HUD has strongly encouraged CoC's nationwide to develop Ten Year Plans to End Chronic Homelessness, by developing a Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness the Alliance hopes to show HUD that Hudson County is committed to addressing homelessness in their community. The Ten Year Plan will also be a way for the county to show HUD that the CoC is in-line with their strategies for addressing homelessness, which could result in additional funding for permanent housing and other homeless services in Hudson County. Although HUD requires that the Ten Year Plan focus on the Chronically Homeless the Alliance has decided to use this as an opportunity to draft the most comprehensive and realistic plan possible. It is extremely important to the Alliance that the plan address family and other subpopulations of homelessness, and also that the recommendations and goals remain achievable. The Alliance has brought a diverse set of interests and resources to this planning table and firmly believe that ending chronic homelessness is possible in Hudson County.

## Co-Chairs of the Ten Year Plan

Co-Chairs of the Ten Year Plan include; Thomas A. DeGise, Hudson County Executive, Jerramiah Healy, Mayor of the City of Jersey City, Chanda Gibson, Vice President in Corporate Services and Real Estate, Goldman Sachs, Jorge Meneses, Bank of New York, Bishop Thomas A. Donato, Archdiocese of Newark, Bishop Robinson, President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Daniel Altilio, President, United Way of Hudson County.

- Representing a diverse set of community interests, these chairs will provide valuable input to the planning process. In addition, they are capable of bringing necessary resources to the table during the planning and implementation.

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The Alliance chose this as the title of their plan to indicate that the only way to end homelessness is to give people a permanent residence, and thus their own key. Along the way, and in order to remain stable in that housing, various preventative measures, services, case management, etc, will also be provided. The group expects to have a draft of the plan completed for review in late December 2006. The work behind drafting this planning document will be done by the five Task Forces that have been identified. These Task Forces were formed around what the Alliance determined to be the 'root causes' of homelessness:

**Discharge:** Co-Chaired by Min Gloria Walton, Luis Tamayo New Jersey Department of Human Services  
*Next Meeting Date: 10/30/06, 10 am, 138 Monticello Ave., Jersey City*

**Family Break-up & Domestic Violence:** Chaired by Pastor V.P. Taylor, Tailored 2 Perfection W.O.M.  
*Meeting Weekly, Tuesdays, 10 am, 880 Bergen Ave., Rm. 302, Jersey City*

**Healthcare:** Chaired by Henrietta Johnson, Director of Special Populations, MASSH  
*Next Meeting Date: 10/23/06, Noon, 953 Garfield Ave., Jersey City*

**Mainstream Resources:** Co-Chaired by Susanne Byrne, St. Joseph's Home & Phillip Holmes, City of J.C.  
*Next Meeting Date: 11/01/06, 1pm, St. Lucy's Shelter, 619 Grove St., Jersey City*

**Permanent Affordable Supportive Housing:** Chaired by Carol Ann Wilson, Dir. Hudson County Health & Human Services  
*Next Meeting Date: To be Announced*

**Hudson County Alliance to End Homelessness:** Co-Chaired by Daniel Altilio, President, United Way of Hudson County, and Anne Miller Christensen, Executive Director, WomenRising  
*Next Meeting Date: 11/03/06, 10 am, Project Home, 657 Bergen Ave., Jersey City*

**For additional information about the Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness – 'Keys to Ending Homelessness in Hudson County' – or to join a Task Force, please contact :**

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