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Secretary Carol A. Beatty • Deputy Secretary Christian J. Miele

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Governor Larry Hogan Announces Secretary Carol Beatty as New Chair for Interagency Council on Homelessness *Will Serve Two-Year Term*

Annapolis, MD—Governor Larry Hogan today announced Maryland Department of Disabilities Secretary Carol A. Beatty as the new chair for the Interagency Council on Homelessness. Current chair, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Secretary Kenneth C. Holt, has completed his two-year term.

"I am proud to appoint Secretary Beatty to this important position, and look forward to her leadership and perspective on how to address homelessness in our state," said Governor Hogan. "I thank Secretary Holt for his service and progress in helping Maryland's most vulnerable citizens."

The Interagency Council was established in 2014 to examine statewide initiatives and recommend policy solutions to end homelessness in Maryland. The council coordinates policy recommendations, educates the public, analyzes the need and availability of affordable and accessible housing resources, and solicits input to identify supportive services necessary to best serve special populations including veterans, youth, families and individuals with behavioral health barriers to housing.

"I'm proud of our efforts to combat homelessness, including the consolidation of multiple programs across several agencies to create a singular Homelessness Solutions Program, which has provided streamlined delivery of resources to Maryland's local Continuums of Care," said Secretary Holt. "I congratulate Secretary Beatty on her appointment as chair, and I'm certain her expertise and leadership will ensure the council's continued progress in addressing the needs of this vulnerable population."

The Council is comprised of members from 13 state agencies, nine service providers/advocates from the community, and one person who is experiencing homelessness. [Meetings](#) are quarterly and open to the public, as is participation in the work groups.

"I am honored to accept this appointment," said Secretary Carol A. Beatty. "We know that there are correlations between homelessness and having a disability. I have worked closely with several members of the council on disability-related issues and look forward to collaborating with them to address homelessness in Maryland."

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