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Planning Meeting on Family Homelessness

September 17, 2007

**The National Academies
The Keck Center
500 Fifth Street, NW, Room 110
Washington, DC**

10:00 am Welcoming Remarks

Rosemary Chalk, BCYF Director

Mary Ellen O’Connell, Senior Program Officer

Goals and Purpose of the Planning Meeting

Lillian Gelberg, IOM Member and UCLA

Introduction of Meeting Participants

10:30 am What We Know about Homeless Families, Including International Comparisons (10-15 minute presentation, then Q&A)

Beth Shinn, New York University

11:00 am What We Know about Interventions with Homeless Families (15-20 minute presentation, then Clarifying Q&A)

Debra Rog, Westat

11:45 am Hennepin County’s Approach to Family Homelessness: A Case Example (15-20 minutes presentation, then Q&A)

Marge Wherley, Hennepin County, Minnesota

12:30 pm Lunch Provided in the Meeting Room

1:30 pm

Response and Discussion

Respondents (10 minutes each):

A Policy Perspective:

Nan Roman, National Alliance to End Homelessness

A Research Perspective:

Jim Wright, University of Central Florida

An Academies' Perspective:

Elena Nightingale, Scholar-in-Residence & Member, Institute of Medicine and BCYF Member

General Discussion

Lillian Gelberg, Moderator

Comments from Participants Related to Other Relevant Work

Discussion Questions:

To what extent have the right questions been addressed by available research? Are the responses needed to family homelessness clear based on the available research? Is it clear whether and how responses should differ for different subgroups?

Do we know why family homelessness increased? Is there a clear role for homelessness prevention?

Would an independent research synthesis drawing on research from related disciplines and specifically aimed at informing policy and practice be useful at this time? Are there identifiable sub-topics? Who would be the key audiences for this work?

Is there a need for a research agenda specific to homeless families? What are the key disciplines? What is the best way to accomplish this?

Is it clear what the next set of studies should be? What are the priority knowledge gaps related to family homelessness?

Are there roles that would be appropriate for the NRC/IOM/BCYF to play in developing these efforts? Is it feasible to launch this activity in the near future?

What are the appropriate next steps?

4:00 pm Concluding Remarks and Adjourn