

## **Speaker Biography**

**Philip Mangano**

**Executive Director of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness**

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In March 2002 Philip F. Mangano was appointed to lead the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness. As Executive Director of the Council, Mr. Mangano has engaged every level of government and the private sector to constellate a National Partnership to end homelessness. The priority of the Council has been to ensure that the President's commitment to ending chronic homelessness achieves realization.

In 2007, Mr. Mangano was nominated as one on TIME Magazine's *100 Most Influential People*. In 2006 he was named by *Governing Magazine* as the first Federal official ever to be honored with its *Public Official of the Year Award*, has been recognized by mainstream and business media in the United States for his leadership on the issue of homelessness and new results in ending homelessness being achieved in cities across the country through the National Partnership created by the Council. The Council has been named as one of the 2007 "Top 50 Government Innovations" nationally by Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

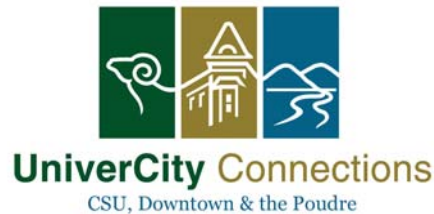
Recent affirmations of the work of the Council and Mr. Mangano have come from diverse quarters. The National Human Services Assembly recognized Mr. Mangano in September 2006 with its "Essence of Leadership" Award for excellence in national public sector leadership. In 2006, he was also recognized with the 2006 *HOME* magazine annual "Shelter" award for his work in "enriching community spirit and well-being by fostering a sense of home." In September 2006, Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher presented Mr. Mangano with the Kentucky 2006 Spirit of Unity Honor of Excellence Lifetime Achievement Award. In October 2006, he was recognized with the Rev. Canon Brian S. Kelley Public Servant Award by the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, which acknowledges a public official who has demonstrated leadership in addressing the needs of the poorest.

The Interagency Council is comprised of 20 Cabinet Secretaries and Federal agency directors who convene regularly at the White House to ensure that Federal resources are more available and accessible to homeless people. For the past seven years, the Federal budget has included consecutive record years of resources targeted to homelessness.

The mission of the Council is to coordinate the Federal response to homelessness and to create partnerships throughout government and the private sector that end homelessness. The Council has led the creation of a national partnership that now includes 20 Federal agencies, 49 states, three territories, the District of Columbia, and 300 local communities. Through the Council's leadership, unprecedented interagency and community collaborations have taken place. Ensuring that jurisdictional CEO's extend political will to the issue of homelessness, Mr. Mangano has focused the partnering of the Council with Governors, Mayors, and County Executives. The prioritization of the Council on the prevention of homelessness and rapid rehousing of homeless people has focused Federal policy and encouraged local plans and investments from the public and private sectors.

These partnerships have led to unprecedented state and local investments across the country. Additional collaborations with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, and the National Governors Association have resulted in new visibility on the issue of homelessness across the country.

Mr. Mangano brings to his role more than 25 years of experience in the issue of homelessness, both in public policy and solution-oriented programs. In his work in Massachusetts, Mr. Mangano originated the abolitionist notion of changing the verb and intent of homelessness from managing the response to ending the disgrace by moving beyond a status quo that was well intentioned to innovations that are results oriented.



Prior to his appointment, Mr. Mangano was the founding Executive Director of a regional advocacy alliance which became the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance (MHSA), a statewide coalition of 80 agencies which operate more than 200 programs. During his 12-year tenure, MHSA developed statewide strategies to reduce and end homelessness in Massachusetts which influenced the national dialogue in Washington and throughout the nation. His continuing commitment to the abolition of homelessness began in his work in Boston and continues in Washington.

Mr. Mangano began his work in homelessness in the 1980s, starting as a full-time volunteer on a Boston breadline, and then working with African-American churches in responding to homelessness, and eventually serving as Director of Homeless Services for the City of Cambridge. He worked with Children's Services of Roxbury, Massachusetts to create housing programs for homeless families.

Throughout his career, Mr. Mangano has initiated involvement with many faith-based organizations on the issue of homelessness. As Director for the family homelessness and housing programs operated by St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, Mr. Mangano worked closely with the historic African-American Church and the Cambridge Black Pastors' Conference. Mr. Mangano was also responsible for the creation of Cambridge Clergy for Affordable Housing, a multi-congregational effort to respond to homelessness issues.

Under Mr. Mangano's leadership, the Council has prioritized the President's Management Agenda to encourage strategies that are evidence-based, customer-centric, and results-oriented. Focused on performance and accountability, the Council has initiated strategies that, as Mr. Mangano has characterized them, "move beyond funding to investing, beyond inputs to outcomes, and beyond managing the crisis to ending the disgrace." He has led the application of cost benefit analysis and business planning to the issue of homelessness. *The Christian Science Monitor* credited the Council for "taking a business-school approach to the problem," and financial magazine *Fortune*, commenting on the Council's work, said that "while applying the metrics of business to homelessness may sound icily clinical, ultimately this is the language of hope." *Bloomberg News* noted that the new approach "offers practical solutions to a costly problem."