



National Homelessness Law Center Seeks Assistance with Subpoena

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Project Title

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Scope of Work

Timing

The Homelessness Law Center must either produce the records or contest the subpoena by August 26, 2024.

Jurisdiction

Louisiana

Contact Information

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Description

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor has subpoenaed the Homeless Management Information Services (HMIS) database from all homeless service agencies in Louisiana under the guise of an audit of their performance. This database request includes client names, SSNs, and any and all client information for the past 5 years. Because homelessness has a deeply racially disparate impact (40-50% of people experiencing homelessness are Black, despite being only 13% of

the population, Native American households are also impacted at double their population), this could result in private data becoming public for thousands of disparately Black and Brown Louisianans, as well as damaging the ability of homeless service providers to build relationships with people experiencing homelessness, and also will likely be used to reduce funding for homeless services. The Law Center has seen efforts for similar audits in other states, and is concerned about this sparking a trend elsewhere, so there is a need for a robust defense here to stop the trend before it starts.

Subtasks (0)

Reminders(1)

 1 day(s) before