Please complete this assignment on **Homelessness in the Tampa Bay Area**. (FLORIDA)

Answer the following questions in your paper:

• Why is this issue considered a social problem? (1paragraph; use references - i.e., do some research, gets statistics, etc.)

• When, how, and where did this problem originate? Has it been around a while? Are we just seeing it publicized more? (1-2 paragraphs)

• What other social problems are related to this one? List all of the social problems that are related to the problem that you chose – both as a cause of it and as an effect of it (i.e., homelessness is related to unemployment). (1-2 paragraphs; use references)

• What groups/segments of the population are affected by this problem?

• Who is hurt by it? Is anyone immune?

• Think critically: Who benefits (or stands to gain) from this problem? (Explain your answer!)

• How does it affect you personally? Think about your own life and how this problem intersects with it. Address this question even if you have never encountered the problem yourself.

• What is being done in your community to address the problem – be specific (i.e., what services, policies, etc.). (This might be 4-6 paragraphs; do some research; you may want to talk to a representative of the services for information; how does the service, policy, etc. address the issue/help the victims, etc.)

• What else do you think could be done, and by whom, to alleviate the problem? Address all possible solutions that you can think of.

• What are the barriers to resolving the issue? (i.e., why is the problem not being resolved?)

• Summarize/Conclusion (1 paragraph)

For this paper, read the textbook readings for this week. Then identify a social problem in your own community similar to one that is discussed in **chapters 14 & 15**. It must be a social problem that is currently being addressed through some type of community service, intervention, policy, etc. For example, your community may be addressing

Required Textbooks: Hart, C.L. & Ksir, C. (2014). Drugs, society, and human behavior (17th ed.). New York: McGraw-Hill. ISBN: 9781259913860

**Important Note: Quoted material is not allowed for course work**

Paper Requirements

• 1000 - 1200 words (not including title page and references page). Be sure to address all areas outlined above.

• APA format (title page, references/citations)

• Use headings and subheadings throughout the paper

• Use at least 5 references (3 must be no older than 3 years)