

MINUTES

HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 14, 2007 – 11:30 AM

CARNEGIE TOWN HALL LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM

Members Present: Alan Graff, Carol Twedt, Tam Baker, Randy Bartunek, Vernon Brown, Hugh Grogan, Shirley Halleen, and Judy Buseman.

Member Absent: Lori Blom

Others Present: Allison Ceynowa-Breuer, Augsburg College Student; Nathan Maas, Student Intern with Minnehaha County Human Services; and Suzanne Schroeder, Community Development staff.

I. Approval of Minutes – 4/9/07 Minutes

Upon motion by Carol Twedt, seconded by Judy Buseman, the Homeless Advisory Board voted to approve the minutes as mailed. Carried unanimously.

II. Committee Reports – Review Accomplishments & Target Dates

A. Need Committee – Hugh Grogan

- **Documented Long-Term Chronic Homeless – Status.** Hugh Grogan distributed copies of the 2007 Needs Committee Survey conducted at the Good Shepherd Center on January 30, 2007. He pointed out overall findings from the survey on summary sheet of Documented Long-Term Homeless and Overall findings from the Homeless Survey. From the survey, the overall greatest need is housing with other top needs listed as jobs, transportation, counseling/group support, food, and clothing. Tam Baker said the survey participants appreciated having someone to listen to their needs.
- **Homeless Dashboard** – Hugh Grogan said progress had been made in defining the long-term chronic homeless numbers. He said the chronics that have been identified are from long-time agencies that have worked with Human Services. He said he did not receive numbers from the Union Gospel Mission on persons sleeping on floors. Discussion was held on the need for counts throughout the year, so the HAB can get an early warning on homeless needs.

B. **Strategy Committee** – Vernon Brown and Carol Twedt. Vernon Brown reported the Strategy Committee has not met since the last meeting but reported they are working on a PowerPoint Presentation for the Downtown Rotary Club.

C. **Financing Committee** – There was no report.

D. **Faith Based Community Committee** – Tam Baker. Tam Baker reported the Committee participated in Project Connect last Tuesday, where doctors and nurses provided foot care to the homeless at the Salvation Army. She said they did exit interviews and connected with 71 persons.

E. **Implementation Committee**

- **Housing First Subcommittee** – Vernon Brown said the subcommittee has not met since the last HAB meeting as they are still getting information on properties. Possible sites will be discussed in executive session. Discussion was held on the need to identify Federal money, agencies, or financial institutions as funding sources for projects.
- **Case Management Subcommittee** – Hugh Grogan reported that at their last two meetings they have had people from Carroll Institute, the Glory House, 5th Street Connection and the Detox programs and received their input on case management programs. They will be going through the information received at their next meeting. Discussion was held on scattered site case management programs.

III. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **County Pilot Project Update** – Hugh Grogan. Hugh Grogan handed out a synopsis of the project and said the project component to house eight persons is going forward. Five interviews have been completed with potential clients. As far as the Housing First (with private landlords) with case management services, case management services are being developed to provide follow-along and intervention for 10 persons of this population. Human Services will also track outcomes on eleven other identified acute chronic individuals.
- B. **Homeless Survey Results** – Hugh Grogan had discussed this topic when he covered the Documented Long-Term Homeless.
- C. **Homeless Coordinator Position** – Upon motion by Tam Baker, seconded by Shirley Halleen, the Homeless Advisory Board went into Executive Session.