

Minutes
HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
April 14th, 2008 – 11:30am
Siouxland Health & Human Services Building

Members present: Randy Bartunek, Shirley Halleen, Judy Buseman, Carol Twedt, Alan Graff, Tam Baker, Hugh Grogan

Members absent: Vernon Brown, Kerri DeGraff, Wendy Giebink

Others present: Shireen Ranschau, SF Housing, Mary Entinger, Citi Housing, and Stacey Tieszen, HAB Homeless Coordinator.

I. Approval of Minutes – 03/24/08 Minutes

Upon motion by Hugh Grogan, seconded by Shirley Halleen, the HAB approved the minutes of the 03/24/08 meeting as provided. Carried unanimously.

II. Homeless Coordinator Progress Report

- Stacey Tieszen provided an update of the activities and accomplishments since the last HAB meeting. Did several congregation and community group homeless awareness presentations. Had Soul Connections Taskforce meeting on March 28. Met with Maureen Janssen of the US Probation and Pre-Trial Services to discuss Offender Workforce Development program. They will have a kick-off celebration of this program at the Washington Pavilion on July 25. Working to compile data on poverty, housing stock/vacancy rates and other homeless data for the future Family Business Plan.

III. Committee Reports – Review Accomplishments & Target Dates

A. Program Committee – Hugh Grogan reported.

- Presented some of the initial data in regards to poverty information and housing in Sioux Falls. Also provided a draft of the types of housing available in SF (i.e. transitional, residential, permanent, etc). Discussed the need for both Lincoln and Minnehaha County data as it pertains to Sioux Falls. Also discussed having a survey available at Project Connect on April 29th to ask homeless families about what they have as unmet needs or concerns in regards to resource availability in Sioux Falls. Will expand the survey to other community locations in the near future.

B. Faith-Based Committee

- Hasn't met since the last HAB meeting. Full group of the Soul Connections follow-up committee will be on May 6th. Tam Baker provided a newspaper article about a casserole giveaway program at Peace Lutheran. Shirley Halleen discussed Lunch is Served and upcoming press and progress of the program. Request was made to contact Pastor Paul at Peace Lutheran to see what CHARIS

Ministries has been doing since we last heard from them. Stacey Tieszen will follow-up on this.

IV. Old Business

A. Business Plan

- Randy Bartunek presented information in regards to a potential location and possible expenses related to the building as well as for supportive services. This information will be presented to the City Council (County Commissioners will also be present) on Monday, April 21st at 4pm. Discussion focused on funding and when to consider seeking additional financial assistance from the local banking industry. Discussed also finding a knowledgeable, well-known person to work with the HAB on talking to lending institutions.

V. New Business – None

VI. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.