

## Minutes

### HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

December 14, 2009 – 11:30am

Siouxland Health & Human Services Building

**Members present:** Hugh Grogan, Kerri DeGraff, Shirley Halleen, Tam Baker, Judy Buseman, Jim Meyer.

**Members absent:** Vernon Brown, Mike Cooper, Wendy Giebink, Carol Twedt

**Others present:** Shireen Ranschau, SF Housing; Melanie Bliss, Homeless Coalition, Russ Sorenson, City Planning; Julie Becker, St. Francis House; Angela Hyde, Community Outreach, Mike Huether, Candidate for Mayor of Sioux Falls, Lynn Keller Forbes, SECOG, Pastor Paul Stjernholm, Reverend Bill Tesch, and Kevin Stillson with Charis Ministries, and Stacey Tieszen, HAB Homeless Coordinator.

#### **I. Introductions**

- As several guests were at the meeting and a few other new community members were in attendance, attendees and Board members introduced themselves.

#### **II. Approval of Minutes – 10/19/09 Minutes**

- Upon motion by Hugh Grogan, and seconded by Shirley Halleen, the HAB approved the minutes of the 10/19/09 meeting as provided. Carried unanimously.

#### **III. Old Business**

##### **A. Safe Home Update**

- Hugh Grogan provided an update in regards to the progress of the new facility for Safe Home. He shared that the Minnehaha County Commissioners did put out a Request for Proposals that will be due on December 29. Hugh Grogan also shared that progress with Community Partners continues.

##### **B. HPRP Stimulus Funding Update**

- Hugh Grogan shared some of the details in regards to funding and the requirements of the HPRP dollars. People with incomes up to 50% of AMI can be assisted with this pool of funds. There are significant reporting requirements that accompanies the funding. Discussed the need in the community for rental assistance. ICAP has already spent \$1 million of their stimulus dollars. Minnehaha County Human Services has provided over \$1 million from its annual budget towards rent, deposits and emergency shelter. Angela Hyde from Community Outreach discussed what services they are providing with HPRP funds.

#### **IV. New Business**

##### **A. Affordable Housing Development Study – Lynn Keller Forbes**

- Lynn Keller Forbes brought copies of the Request for Proposals that is out in regards to having a study done on the affordable housing needs in Sioux Falls. \$50,000 has been appropriated from the City budget to provide for the study. RFP's are due on December 17, 2009. They will plan to have a notice to proceed in January with April as an estimated completion date for the study. Lynn Keller Forbes also discussed the specific items they were looking for in the study.

##### **B. Charis Ministries – Pastor Stjernholm, Reverend Tesch and Kevin Stillson**

- Pastor Paul updated the Board on the progress of the Mobile Food to You program and the work of Charis Ministries since the last time they came and talked with them. They came to

the Board today to ask for input on where their next area of focus should be. Board members as well as others in the meeting provided a variety of suggestions with much emphasis on transportation continuing to be a large hurdle for families and individuals.

### **C. Inter-Agency Collaboration Summit – Program Committee**

- Hugh Grogan presented the idea to have the Homeless Advisory Board host a community wide summit to address family homelessness. Stacey Tieszen provided additional information. The Summit will be on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The intent of the summit is to bring people who may not be as familiar with the issues of family homelessness/homelessness in general and have them engage in a day long learning and brainstorming workshop that will culminate in some action steps and a taskforce or two. Patricia Julianelle has agreed to facilitate the meeting. She is a consultant and a national expert on homelessness having worked at the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty as well as having served for 6 years on the American Bar Association's Commission on Homelessness and Poverty. We will be able to use the Instructional Planning Center at no charge. Lunch would be provided. Hugh Grogan made a motion to have the HAB support and endorse this Summit. The motion was seconded by Tam Baker and the motion passed unanimously.

### **V. Homeless Coordinator Updates**

- Stacey Tieszen provided updates on activities since the last HAB meeting. Provided some recent numbers and trends in regards to homelessness in the State and in Sioux Falls.

### **VI. Miscellaneous Updates**

- Julie Becker mentioned that the new transitional housing program at St. Francis was nearly ready for new guests. She shared that there will be a ribbon cutting on January 6, 2010.
- Shireen Ranschau reported on a new housing grant they have applied for that is called Family Unification Program through HUD that will work with young adults ages 18 to 24 that have been in foster care at one point and up to ten families. It will provide housing assistance for up to 18 months for the youth and could be indefinite assistance for the families. It would also require involvement from the Department of Social Services.
- Candice Cummings from the VA talked about some training opportunities on grant per diem funding as well as some contract residential funding that may be available.
- Tam Baker asked if people were aware of the new regulations in regards to getting a State ID card and the increase in expense.

### **VII. Committee Reports**

#### **- Program Committee**

No additional report – focus of the Program Committee is on the Summit discussed above.

#### **- Faith-Based Committee**

No report at this time.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm