

**MINUTES
HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2006 – 12 PM
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM**

Members Present: Alan Graff, Hugh Grogan, Vernon Brown, Lori Blom, Tam Baker, and Carol Twedt.

Members Absent: Judy Buseman and Randy Bartunek.

Others Present: Dr. Peter Holland, Dwight McElhaney, Ken McFarland, Russ Sorensen, Jean Beddow, Salvation Army Board; and Suzanne Schroeder, Community Development staff.

I. Approval of Minutes – 10/16/06 Meeting

Upon motion by Hugh Grogan, seconded by Vernon Brown, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2006, meeting as emailed. Carried unanimously.

II. Committee Reports – Provide Accomplishments and Target Dates

- A. Need Committee/Homeless Reporting Dashboard – Hugh Grogan.** Hugh Grogan reported the Need Committee has not yet had a meeting of the full committee - Tam, Judy, and Hugh. He reported they have been talking over the phone and have been targeting other members to bring in. They are looking at categories of people to be served, because if we are dealing mostly with single people rather than families, they need different services. Human Services staff, Teresa Jensen, and Rae Burnett, have been looking at the needs of the chronic homeless and Native American chronic homeless and staff will be ready to do a presentation to the Joint City/County Meeting in November so the City Council and County Commission have a sense of what is being done this winter. Discussion was held that this presentation must be very concise and to the point. He said the Union Gospel Mission continues to have empty beds; though if they are full, they will allow people to sleep on the floor. He said they continue to look for apartments to lease as emergency shelters since the future of the small motels is in doubt.

Alan Graff welcomed Jean Beddow, Salvation Army Board Member, to the meeting. She said the Salvation Army has a real interest in the needs of the chronic homeless here in Sioux Falls and across the country. She said they do not want to create an emergency shelter for the chronic homeless unless there is a real need for such a shelter. Hugh Grogan said Human Services is attempting to count those people who do not fit into the shelter system. The Kateri Drop-in Center has said they will refer people to the missions; and if the missions cannot accommodate them, they are to contact Human Services so they can be placed in a motel room. He said they are trying to create a

tracking system of shelter occupancy, the number people turned away each night, and people served by Human Services. Jean Beddow said the Salvation Army's mission is to meet the community's need for an emergency shelter.

B. Strategy Committee – Vernon Brown and Carol Twedt. Vernon Brown said the committee is working on identifying the subgroups of people who need housing such as veterans and people coming out of prison. The committee has looked at both Tower of David and River Tower Apartments with the idea that some units could be rented for use by the chronic homeless but found both places have a very low vacancy rate. The HAB could partner with agencies to provide supportive services for the persons placed in such units. Discussion was held on various possible sites for supportive housing. Discussion was held on possible new members from the community who will be asked to serve on this committee. Lori Blom was asked to begin preliminary work on an RFP for supportive service providers for units for the chronic homeless. Lori Blom distributed a list of shelters, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing in Sioux Falls.

C: Financing Committee – Randy Bartunek. Dwight McElhaney said there is nothing new to report as the Financing Committee has taken their activities as far as they can until goals or projects have been identified by the Need and Strategy Committees.

D. Faith Based Community Committee – Tam Baker. Tam Baker said they had not yet had a meeting but have been contacting persons in the faith community about committee membership.

III. Discuss Homeless Coalition Interaction with HAB – Hugh Grogan. Hugh Grogan said the Homeless Coalition has not met on funding priorities

IV. Joint City/County Meeting – November 20, 2006.

A. Amendments to Joint Cooperative Agreement

Dwight McElhaney reported the amendment has been put together and is being reviewed by the City Attorney's Office. Ken McFarland said the rescission process of the ordinance has begun and will be accomplished before completion of the amendment. The City Clerk's Office has the amendment to put on the agenda for the joint powers agreement. Ken McFarland said he will follow-up with Deb Owen. After adoption of the ordinance, all members will be reappointed along with new member Dr. Peter Holland. He said he has told the City Attorney's Office the Joint Cooperative Agreement will be on the agenda of the November 20 Joint City/County meeting.

V. Other Business - None

VI. Discussion Items

Tam Baker made a motion, seconded by Hugh Grogan, that the HAB take another look at the Dahl House property for sale at 8th and Minnesota as a possible site for supportive housing for the chronic homeless. Discussion held on this proposal and it was determined this property may not be suitable. The motion was withdrawn.

VII. Next Meetings- November 13 and December 4, 2006.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.