

**MINUTES
HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2007 – 11:30 AM
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM**

Members Present: Tam Baker, Shirley Halleen, Vernon Brown, Judy Buseman, Randy Bartunek, Hugh Grogan, and Lori Blom.

Members Absent: Alan Graff and Carol Twedt

Others Present: Wendy Giebink, Sioux Falls School District; Ken McFarland, Minnehaha County; Russ Sorenson, Planning Department; and Suzanne Schroeder, Community Development staff.

AGENDA

- I. **Approval of Minutes of the December 18, 2006, and January 8, 2007, meetings.** - Upon motion by Judy Buseman, seconded by Hugh Grogan, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2006, and January 8, 2007, meetings as mailed. Carried unanimously.

- II. **Wendy Giebink – Education Liaison for Homeless Education Project.**
Wendy Giebink gave the Board an overview of how the Sioux Falls School counts homeless children attending school in the system. She said in the 2005/2006 school year they identified 629 students as meeting their criteria of homelessness. The primary night-time residence for the students are shelters, hotels/motels, or doubling up with friends or family. She said the students identified as homeless are identified through friends, relatives, agencies, churches, or they self-identify themselves as homeless. She said she cannot stress enough the negative effects homelessness has on the development and lives of the children who are affected and she hopes the Homeless Advisory Board will help address the needs of all the homeless, not just the chronic homeless. She said the four areas which families need help in stabilizing their lives are: 1. Access to child care, 2. Access to transportation, 3. Access to job training, and 4. Treatment programs and Case Management.

- III. **Committee reports – Review Accomplishments and Target Dates**
 - A. **Need Committee – Documented Long-Term Chronic Homeless** -Hugh Grogan said the Needs Committee is proceeding with the survey at the Kateri Center on Monday, January 29, 2007, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Homeless Reporting Dashboard – Hugh Grogan said Human Services is doing daily tracking of open beds in the shelters.
 - B. **Strategy Committee** – Vernon Brown said that Inside Town Hall program on the Homeless Advisory Board generated several phone calls from the public.

He reported he had received a phone call from the Downtown Rotary expressing interest in participating in programs to assist the chronic homeless. He reported the committee did meet with CitiBank who expressed interest in assisting with the staffing needs of the HAB. The Strategy Committee has met with Lloyd Companies.

Discussion was held on the definitions section for the Website which was distributed by Hugh Grogan. It was decided by the HAB to defer further discussion to the meeting of February 5, 2007.

- C. **Financing Committee** – Randy Bartunek said had no new updates. The committee is waiting for updates and recommendations from other committees.
- D. **Faith Based Community Committee** – Tam Baker said they have been discussing how to get churches more involved in assisting the homeless. She said there will be no further meetings until March 2007 as she will be out of town.

IV. Discussion Items

- A. **Homeless Coordinator Position Document** – Randy Bartunek distributed copies of the draft job description he presented last month. He has not made any other revisions nor has he been provided any other drafts for discussion.

Tam Baker announced that the conference call with Phil Mangano will be at 9 a.m., January 29, at the Minnesota Ave. First Premier Bank.

- B. **County Pilot Project Proposal** – Hugh Grogan. He said County Human Services is funding a pilot project to provide housing and case management to eight of the chronic homeless. The housing location will be Dakota House which is a four-plex at 704 N. Dakota Ave. They feel case management services will be on a request-for-proposal basis since this is a short-term program for evaluation purposes.

V. Next Meetings – February 5 and 26, 2007 at 11:30 a.m.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.