

**MINUTES
HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2007 – 11:30 AM
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM**

Members Present: Alan Graff, Hugh Grogan, Carol Twedt, Randy Bartunek, and Tam Baker via conference call.

Members Absent: Vernon Brown, Lori Blom, and Shirley Halleen

Others Present: Russ Sorenson, Melanie Bliss, Johanna Sailor, SD Public Radio, and Suzanne Schroeder, Community Development

Agenda

- I. **Approval of Minutes – 2/5/07.** Upon motion by Carol Twedt, seconded by Hugh Grogan, the HAB approved the minutes as mailed. Motion Carried.

- II. **Committee Reports – Review Accomplishments & Target Dates**
 - A. **Need Committee** – Hugh Grogan reported that the Detox Center has been added to the dashboard, which is a work in progress. He said he is waiting for further counts, such as the floor count, from the Union Gospel Mission. Discussion was held on the layout of the dashboard form. Alan Graff asked Hugh Grogan to continue dialog with homeless representatives to gain information on the number of homeless in Sioux Falls and how they are being served. Hugh Grogan distributed copies of the 2007 Needs Committee Survey of the Homeless conducted January 30, 2007, at the Good Shepherd Center. Hugh Grogan reported he is working with the Planning Department on the bus pass situation and a solution may be found to retain the free bus passes for the homeless.
 - B. **Strategy Committee** – Carol Twedt reported the committee has not met for a long time, though they have been meeting with several banks who would like to be involved in some way to assist the homeless in Sioux Falls.
 - C. **Financing** – Randy Bartunek said he had no report until the Need and Strategy Committees have made their recommendations.
 - D. **Faith Based Community Committee** – Tam Baker reported that ten churches have entered into a cooperative effort to use the Salvation Army's lunch wagon to launch a feeding ministry for the homeless. They plan to begin March 4, 2007, at various locations in the downtown area. Discussion was held on the need to coordinate efforts of the various agencies and groups assisting the homeless.

- III. **Old Business**
 - A. **Homeless Coordinator Position Document** – Discussion was held on the job description and the talents needed for the Homeless Coordinator position. Carol Twedt made a motion that the HAB approve the job description for this

position as amended and authorize Judy Buseman and Hugh Grogan to have it placed on the March 19, 2007, Joint City/County meeting agenda for their approval. After approval at the March 19 Joint City/County meeting, action to fill this position can commence. Seconded by Tam Baker. Alan Graff pointed out the job description says the person will report to the HAB and will administratively report to Hugh Grogan in County Human Services. The motion Carried.

- B. **County Pilot Project Proposal** – Hugh Grogan reported the target date for beginning the project is the end of March and the project is scheduled to run for one year to evaluation the program and its effectiveness. Carol Twedt said that she feels it will be at least six months before the program is up and running.
- C. **Website – Definitions** – Hugh Grogan reported the federal definition of homelessness does not count doubled-up persons as homeless. Discussion was held on using the definitions used in the 10-Year Plan to end homelessness. Carol Twedt made a motion, seconded by Hugh Grogan, that the HAB use the definitions of homelessness as used in the 10-Year Plan. Discussion was held on whether or not the definitions should be on the HAB website at this time. Carol Twedt withdrew her motion.

IV. **New Business** – None

V. **Next Meetings –March 12 and March 26, 2007 – 11:30 a.m.**

VI. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.