

## MINUTES

### HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2007 – 11:30 AM LOWER CARNEGIE BUILDING MEETING ROOM

**Members Present:** Alan Graff, Randy Bartunek, Hugh Grogan, Judy Buseman, Vernon Brown, and Shirley Halleen.

**Members Absent:** Tam Baker, Carol Twedt, and Lori Blom.

**Also Present:** Carey Deaver, Minnehaha County Human Resources; Melanie Bliss, Sioux Empire Homeless Coalition; Russ Sorenson, City Planning Department; and Suzanne Schroeder, Community Development staff.

- I. **Approval of Minutes** – 3/26/07 Minutes. Shirley Halleen pointed out that her name should be on the list of absent members on the March 26 minutes. Upon motion by Hugh Grogan, seconded by Judy Buseman, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2007, meeting as corrected. Carried unanimously.
  
- II. **Committee Reports** - Review Accomplishments & Target Dates
  - A. **Need Committee** – Hugh Grogan said he has 143 names on the chronic list and they are still working that list down. Randy Bartunek said the original list was 20 to 25 persons. Hugh Grogan said the original list was of chronic drinkers on the street and the chronic drinkers are still the priority category. The 143 names they have all need housing. He said they are trying to identify those persons who need supportive services and those who just need housing.

**Homeless Reporting Dashboard** – Hugh Grogan said he is waiting for updates from the Union Gospel Mission and St. Francis House.
  - B. **Strategy Committee** - No Report.
  - C. **Financing Committee** – No Report.
  - D. **Faith Based Community Committee** – No Report.
  - E. **Implementation Committee** – Vernon Brown said the Housing First Subcommittee is working on an inventory of properties suitable for housing the chronic homeless. He said the committee hopes to have a report on suitable properties for the next HAB meeting.

**Case Management Subcommittee** – Hugh Grogan said that Jana Elkers and Rae Burnett, of County Human Services, will coordinate this subcommittee. They are doing research on wet/dry models of housing for chronic homeless.

**III. Old Business**

- A. **County Pilot Project** – Hugh Grogan said the project is ready to go the County Commission.
- B. **Homeless Survey Results** – Hugh Grogan said he hopes to have survey results to bring to the next HAB meeting.
- C. **Homeless Coordinator Search** – Carey Deaver told HAB that 62 applications had been received for this position and the review/interview process will begin immediately.

**IV. New Business** - None

**IV. Next Meeting** – Monday, May 14, 2007 at 11:30 a.m.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.