

MINUTES

HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2007 – 11:30 AM LOWER CARNEGIE MEETING ROOM

Members Present: Alan Graff, Randy Bartunek, Carol Twedt, Judy Buseman, Shirley Halleen, Tam Baker, Vernon Brown, and Hugh Grogan.

Members Absent: Lori Blom.

Others Present: Stacey Tieszen, Shireen Ranschau, Sioux Falls Housing; Melanie Bliss, Sioux Empire Homeless Coalition; Russ Sorenson, Planning Department; Sarah Holland, and Suzanne Schroeder, Community Development.

I. **Approval of Minutes for 6/4/07 Meeting.**

Upon motion by Shirley Halleen, seconded by Hugh Grogan, the Board approved the minutes of the June 4, 2007, meeting as mailed. Carried unanimously.

II. **Committee Reports – Review Accomplishments and Target Dates**

Review Progress Report of Each Committee:

- a. **Faith Based Community Committee – Tam Baker.** Tam Baker introduced Sarah Holland who is interested in helping with surveying churches to see how churches are working towards ending homelessness. Shirley Halleen said a letter is being developed which will be shared with Stacey asking churches to contact us to arrange a HAB Power Point presentation on homelessness in Sioux Falls.
- b. **Need Committee – Hugh Grogan.** Homeless Reporting Dashboard. Hugh Grogan said he is checking with shelters on a monthly basis. He said that the St. Francis House is always full and the Union Gospel Mission is never full on any one day. Alan Graff asked Hugh Grogan to continue to bring this information to the HAB on a regular basis. Discussion was held on inviting the new head of the Sioux Falls Salvation Army to an upcoming meeting.

Discussion was held on the need for a representative from the Sioux Falls School District to serve on the HAB, because they are an important source of information on homeless children in Sioux Falls.

Vernon Brown suggested that a budget for the pilot project be prepared to determine what funding is needed for implementation of the project. He said conversations held with interested banks have established that a successful pilot program is a necessary step towards attracting funding for a larger

program to house the homeless. He said he would like to see a plan on the table at the July meeting that the HAB can move on.

Alan Graff asked Judy Buseman and Hugh Grogan to meet to finalize the pilot program structure. He said after the pilot has been done, it will give the HAB a target to shoot for in funding case management.

c. Implementation Committee

Housing First Subcommittee – Vernon Brown said he would like the subcommittee to discuss the next step in terms of looking at property and he would like to schedule a tour of properties.

Case Management Subcommittee – Hugh Grogan said they are looking at some of the case management models in town. Judy Buseman suggested using Fargo, ND, case management model.

Financing Subcommittee – Randy Bartunek reported that the Finance Committee will be meeting within the next couple of weeks.

III. Old Business

- a. **County Pilot Project Update** – Hugh Grogan said he will make a presentation to the County Commission on the Pilot Project on Thursday, June 28, 2007. The project is in their 2008 budget request.
- b. **Board Term Limits** – Upon motion by Carol Twedt, seconded by Hugh Grogan, the Homeless Advisory Board adopted the staggered term limits as developed by Randy Bartunek, so only a maximum of two HAB members leave the Board in the same year. Board members would also be eligible serve two three-year terms. Carried unanimously.

IV. New Business

- a. **VA Homeless Grant** – They have a grant to develop a Homeless Coordinator Protocol.
- b. **Sioux Empire Housing** – Jim Schmidt expressed an interest in assisting with a project to house the homeless.

V. **Next Meetings** – July 16, 2007, and August 6, 2007, at 11:30 a.m. in the Carnegie Town Hall.

VI. **Adjournment** – Upon motion by Shirley Halleen, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.