

## **MINUTES**

### **HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2007 – 11:30AM LOWER CARNEGIE MEETING ROOM**

**Members Present:** Alan Graff, Judy Buseman, Vernon Brown, Carol Twedt, Lori Blom, Shirley Halleen, Tam Baker, Randy Bartunek.

**Members Absent:** Hugh Grogan.

**Others Present:** Stacey Tieszen, Homeless Coordinator; Shireen Ranschau, Sioux Falls Housing; Melanie Bliss, Sioux Empire Homeless Coalition; Russ Sorenson, Planning Department; Kari Benz, Minnehaha Co. Human Services; Kerri DeGraff, Sioux Empire United Way; Wendy Giebink, McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Liaison; Al Kingsley, Homeless Advocates of SD.

#### **I. Approval of Minutes for August 6, 2007 Meeting.**

Prior to the meeting, Randy Bartunek recommended changes to the minutes. Upon motion by Tam Baker, seconded by Vernon Brown, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2007 meeting as corrected. Carried unanimously.

#### **II. Introductions**

- A) Lori Blom resigned her position as a member of the HAB effective immediately, but would remain involved in committee work. Lori was thanked for her service.
- B) Kerri DeGraff, Initiatives Director for the Sioux Empire United Way was introduced to the HAB by Lori Blom.
- C) Wendy Giebink, McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Liaison, was introduced to the HAB by Alan Graff.
- D) Discussed briefly the process for membership with the HAB.

#### **III. Homeless Coordinator Progress Report**

- A) Stacey Tieszen provided a handout of her activities since the last HAB meeting as well as a preliminary budget for office supplies, training, and office equipment. Budget to be reviewed by Hugh, Judy, Alan and Stacey for finalization.
- B) Discussed the Backpack Buddies program (food for children for the weekend provided in a backpack at school on Fridays).

#### **IV. Committee Reports – Review Accomplishments & Target Dates**

- A) Alan Graff reported that he met with Mayor Munson to update him on HAB

progress. Another meeting was held on 08/27/07 with the Mayor, Alan Graff, Judy Buseman, Randy Bartunek, other City Department Heads and Jean Reid from Avera McKennan to discuss land options and the Housing First initiative.

B) Needs Committee – No updates.

C) Faith-Based Committee – Tam Baker

~ Conference in February 2008 to educate and motivate faith-based leaders in the SF area.

~ 'Room at the Inn' idea discussed – future potential purchase of existing hotel by faith-based partners to create immediate temporary housing.

D) Implementation Committee

~ Housing First Subcommittee – No updates.

~ Case Management Subcommittee – No updates.

~ Financing Subcommittee – No updates.

## **V. Old Business**

A) Pilot Project Updates – In Hugh Grogan's absence, Kari Benz stated that the County Human Services' office is progressing forward with staff and programming components.

## **VI. New Business**

A) Business Case Plan – in progress.

**VII. Additional Items** – Discussed creating a new Family Subcommittee.

## **VIII. Next Meeting Dates**

A) Discussion of potential dates for the next meeting – agreed to September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 11:30am at the new Siouland Health and Human Services Building. Addressed request by Hugh Grogan for meetings to move to monthly, rather than current tri-weekly schedule. Consensus that meetings should continue as is for now. Carol requested that the meetings be scheduled for the remainder of the year. Stacey will do this and email the information.

**IX. Adjournment** – the meeting adjourned at 12:55pm.