

Minutes  
HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
November 5th, 2007 – 11:30am  
Siouxland Health & Human Services Building

**Member present:** Alan Graff, Tam Baker, Vernon Brown, Randy Bartunek, Carol Twedt, Hugh Grogan, Wendy Giebink, Kerri DeGraff, Shirley Halleen

**Members absent:** Judy Buseman

**Others present:** Shireen Ranschau, SF Housing, Melanie Bliss, Sioux Empire Homeless Coalition, Darlene Monen, Homeless Advocate, and Stacey Tieszen, HAB Homeless Coordinator.

### **I. Approval of Minutes – 10/01/07 Minutes**

Upon motion by Shirley Halleen, seconded by Tam Baker, the HAB approved the minutes of the 10/01/07 meeting as provided. Carried unanimously.

### **II. Discussion of HAB Strategy Session**

The Board will wait until Carol Muller, Strategy Session Facilitator, can attend and provide a final synopsis of the session. Stacey Tieszen will follow-up with Carol Muller to see when she may be able to attend.

### **III. Introduction/Welcome ~ Darlene Monen, Homeless Advocate ~ Melanie Bliss, SE Homeless Coalition**

Darlene introduced herself and explained that she is concerned for the teenage and young adult homeless population and has been working with some of them to get them re-established and back on their feet. She provides these services with no outside funding. She is interested in networking with others.

Melanie discussed Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week Activities including Project Connect at Salvation Army on November 13. Additionally, HAB member, Wendy Giebink, stated that the McKinney Vento Homeless Education Program is having their annual awards luncheon on the 16<sup>th</sup> and Carolyn Downs of the Banquet, and Westminster Presbyterian will be receiving awards for their commitment to the needs of the homeless and those in poverty.

### **IV. Homeless Coordinator Progress Report**

Stacey Tieszen provided an update of the activities and accomplishments since the last HAB meeting. Discussion of a new food program that is in progress by

the ELCA. They will also hope to have some hygiene/toiletry necessities available. Request was made to have them come to the HAB and share how their program will work. Stacey will follow up on this. Food does continue to be a need in the community.

Discussion of the Pass It On Bus Pass program and Stacey's continued involvement with it. A final decision on Stacey continuing to be the primary contact was tabled until the November 26<sup>th</sup> PTAB meeting as the program goes up for final review at that point.

Discussion was also had as to how the Neighborhood Revitalization in the 11<sup>th</sup> and Duluth areas will affect the people currently living there.

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

### **A. Program Committee – Hugh Grogan reported.**

- Work towards new goals and objectives continue. Hugh provided handouts from May 2007 on the Chronic Homeless numbers for Sioux Falls in regards to numbers/data. This information was originally shared with the HAB in May 2007 and does not include any new numbers.

### **B. Faith-Based Committee – Tam Baker reported.**

- Grant request has been made to the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation for the January 29<sup>th</sup> Faith-Based Conference. The grant was authored by Angela Hyde of the Community Outreach which would be the grant recipient as the 501 (c) 3. The HAB provided a letter of support.

### **C. Implementation Committee**

- ~ Housing First Subcommittee – No updates. Discussed eliminating this committee or folding it into the Program Committee.
- ~ Financing Subcommittee – No updates. Will proceed based on the final report of the Strategy Session.

## **VI. Old Business**

### **A) Pilot Project Updates: Hugh Grogan reported.**

Discussed the program and having the HAB come for a tour once things are finalized. Discussed November 19<sup>th</sup> as a possible tour date.

**B) Business Case Update – Will finalize once the Strategy Session wrap-up is complete.**

## **VII. New Business -- None.**

**VIII. Adjournment** – the meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.