

Minutes
HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
December 17th, 2007 – 11:30am
Project Safe Home Facility

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

Members absent: Judy Buseman, Wendy Giebink

Others present: Shireen Ranschau, SF Housing, Melanie Bliss, Sioux Empire Homeless Coalition, Russ Sorenson, Planning Department, Kari Benz, Lori Dearborn and Randy Dobberpuhl, Minnehaha County Human Services (Project Safe Home Staff) and Stacey Tieszen, HAB Homeless Coordinator.

I. Approval of Minutes – 11/19/07 Minutes

Upon motion by Hugh Grogan, seconded by Vernon Brown, the HAB approved the minutes of the 11/19/07 meeting as provided. Carried unanimously.

II. Project Safe Home Tour – County Safe Home Staff

County Human Services staff led a tour of the facility, discussed the process and guidelines for the program. Information was provided on the program's progress.

III. Homeless Coordinator Progress Report

- Stacey Tieszen provided an update of the activities and accomplishments since the last HAB meeting. Stacey is working on a food/feeding programs inventory for Sioux Falls. Discussion of Stacey's continued involvement as the contact person for the Pass-It-On bus pass program. The County Human Services office administers the program to 14 agencies and the City provides the bus passes for no fare. Carol Twedt made a motion to have Stacey continue on in her role as the administrator for 2008. Shirley Halleen seconded the motion. Vernon Brown moved that it be re-evaluated in June 2008. The motion was then amended as follows: Stacey will continue on as the program administrator for the County Human Services office until June 2008 where it will be re-evaluated. The motion passed unanimously. Alan Graff asked that this item remain on the Agenda until that time. Stacey also provided the informational flyer that will be mailed out to the local churches and faith-based organizations and discussed the progress of the Soul Connections Conference which is scheduled for January 29th, 2008.

IV. Committee Reports – Review Accomplishments & Target Dates

- A. Program Committee – Hugh Grogan reported.**
 - Hugh stated that the Program Committee continues to develop its goals and objectives while identifying the gaps in services in the community. Program Committee meets again on January 8th.

B. Faith-Based Committee – Tam Baker reported.

- Tam stated that the Committee has not met, but that individual work towards the Soul Connections Conference is being done. Discussed having the HAB members meet with Bill Kirlin-Hackett, the conference guest speaker, while he is in town on January 28th. Discussed having the HAB meeting be at 4pm on January 28th and the possibility of having the meeting at Foley's.

C. Implementation Committee – No updates.

V. Old Business

A. Business Case – Alan Graff reported.

- Discussed the business case, its purpose and requested that HAB members carefully evaluate it and provide any necessary feedback. Discussed when to present it, who to present it to and how. Randy Bartunek stated that a type of non-profit agency meeting should be held so that area agencies could vie for the Housing First Project. Shireen Ranschau from SF Housing discussed a potential transitional housing program with the Veteran's Affairs Capital Grant and Per Diem Grant. Sioux Falls is considered an under-served area in regards to housing for Veterans as it does not have a domiciliary.

VI. New Business

A. Executive Committee Development

Will need to determine the process for establishing a Chair person, a Vice-Chair and a Second-Chair. HAB members were asked to consider whether it is an appointment or an election.

B. 2010 United Way Initiatives

Kerri DeGraff discussed the March deadline for presenting new initiatives to United Way and shared that new initiatives comprise approximately 2% of the total campaign.

C. Charis Ministry Partners

Pastor Paul Stjernholm of Peace Lutheran will attend the January 7th, 2008 HAB meeting to discuss this new feeding ministry venture. Information about the program was provided to HAB members.

VII. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 1:34pm.