

Minutes
HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
March 24th, 2008 – 11:30am
Siouxland Health & Human Services Building

Members present: Kerri DeGraff, Randy Bartunek, Shirley Halleen, Wendy Giebink, Judy Buseman, Carol Twedt, Alan Graff, Tam Baker, Vernon Brown

Members absent: Hugh Grogan

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

I. Approval of Minutes – 03/03/08 Minutes

Upon motion by Tam Baker, seconded by Randy Bartunek, the HAB approved the minutes of the 03/03/08 meeting as provided. Carried unanimously.

II. Homeless Coordinator Progress Report

- Stacey Tieszen provided an update of the activities and accomplishments since the last HAB meeting. Discussed the conference attended in Oacoma on causes of homelessness and trauma-informed services. Discussed the follow-up meeting with the faith-based community and the database that will be created for churches to connect with each other about resources and services. Discussed the possibility of creating a Homeless in SF video and that it would be about \$2,000.

III. Committee Reports – Review Accomplishments & Target Dates

A. Program Committee – Hugh Grogan reported.

- Program committee put together a timeline on which aspects of research and data compilation, along with a family business plan will be completed over the remaining months of 2008. Community education and awareness on homeless issues is still a vital component as well.

B. Faith-Based Committee

- Hasn't met since the last HAB meeting. Stacey will continue on as a member of the 'taskforce' that evolved out of the Soul Connections Conference working with the faith community and Community Outreach. Stacey also continues to do presentations at adult forums/groups at local congregations.

- **C. Implementation Committee** – Committee dissolved as tasks have been completed.

IV. Old Business

A. Business Plan

- Non-Profit Meeting Follow-Up – Distributed copies of letters of interest received by the agencies and discussed what services/options may be available in regards to the targeted services needed for the Business Plan.
- Discussed a potential location and various options that are very tentative at this point in regards to the Business Plan. Further research and discussion will need to take place before any type of decision can be made.

V. New Business – None

VI. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 12:50pm.