

Minutes
HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
May 5th, 2008 – 11:30am
Siouxland Health & Human Services Building

Members present: Randy Bartunek, Shirley Halleen, Wendy Giebink, Carol Twedt, Vernon Brown, Hugh Grogan, Kerri DeGraff

Members absent: Alan Graff, Tam Baker, Judy Buseman

Others present: Melanie Bliss, Homeless Coalition, Kari Benz, Lori Dearborn, Randy Dobberpuhl, Minnehaha County Department of Human Services (Project Safe Home), and Stacey Tieszen, HAB Homeless Coordinator.

I. Approval of Minutes – 04/14/08 Minutes

Upon motion by Hugh Grogan, seconded by Shirley Halleen, the HAB approved the minutes of the 04/14/08 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. Did several congregation and community group homeless awareness presentations. Attended Pettigrew Heights Neighborhood Committee meeting. Presented to the Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB) for the quarterly Pass It On Report receiving a favorable response. Did homeless survey during Project Connect. Will do homeless youth survey at Bowden Youth Center during May 19-24. Attended McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Board Meeting and helped with Book Fair. Continue to compile data and information for the Program Committee. Summer Splash swimsuits and pool passes giveaway was discussed and what it would take to make it happen for next year as the program is valuable to low-income families.

III. Committee Reports

A. Program Committee

- Presented some of the additional data in regards to poverty and housing issues in Sioux Falls. Discussed the survey data obtained during Project Connect.

B. Faith-Based Committee

- Briefly discussed the possibility of an ecumenical service for the homeless this summer in a community park.

IV. Old Business

A. Business Plan

- Continued discussion of the SRO possible property and the need for a Joint Powers Cooperative Agreement between the City and Minnehaha County should

the endeavor move forward. Discussion of the SDCL requirements for counties to provide poor relief and how Minnehaha County exceeds statutory requirements. Hugh Grogan provided the 2007 data for Minnehaha County for poor relief expenditures and compared it with 9 other counties in SD.

V. New Business

- Project Safe Home Update – Project Safe Home is the Minnehaha County funded Housing First program for some of the chronically homeless in Sioux Falls. Hugh Grogan provided information in regards to the number of people being served, how the program is progressing and data pertaining to costs and usage associated with the jail, detox and some healthcare.

VI. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 1:05pm.