

Minutes
HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
August 4th, 2008 – 11:30am
Siouxland Health & Human Services Building

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

Members absent: Hugh Grogan, Randy Bartunek, Kerri DeGraff

Others present: Russ Sorenson, Planning Department, Melanie Bliss, Sioux Empire Homeless Coalition, Kari Benz, Minnehaha County Human Services, and Stacey Tieszen, HAB Homeless Coordinator.

I. Approval of Minutes – 07/14/08 Minutes

Upon motion by Shirley Halleen, and seconded by Alan Graff, the HAB approved the minutes of the 07/14/08 meeting as provided. Carried unanimously.

II. Homeless Coordinator Progress Report

- Stacey Tieszen provided an update of the accomplishments and activities since the last HAB meeting. Discussed the “Sock It to Poverty” Campaign that Life 96.5 and Community Outreach are sponsoring to get needed undergarment items to kids in need in the SF School District. Discussed the Homelessness in SF video that Wendy Giebink and her son, Skye Giebink, have been working on. Will be doing the Family Focus Needs Survey with homeless families on August 12th at the Office of Indian Education’s Open House/Back to School Fair. Sioux Empire United Way generously provided Payless shoe cards as an incentive for families to take the survey. Have had two Site Committee Meetings in regards to the Housing First Business Plan. Discussed community awareness presentations.

III. Old Business

A. Army/Navy Reserve Building Update

- The Site Committee looked at the Building and met with architects from Miller, Sellers and Heroux to discuss what the facility could look like should the Housing First project move forward with this location. An agreement is being finalized with the architects based on the input from the Committee as well the agreement with the City and County for the cost share of the architectural services.

B. Board Terms

- Handout with proposed updated Board terms based on member input was provided. Judy Buseman will present the reappointment of Board members to the Joint City/County meeting on August 18th.

IV. New Business

No new business.

V. Committee Reports

A. Program Committee – Hugh Grogan

- Program committee is focused on getting the community needs identified through the completion of the Family Focus Needs Survey they have developed. The first survey date will be on August 12th.

B. Faith-Based Community Committee – Tam Baker

- No Report. Next meeting is on August 11th.

C. Finance Committee – Alan Graff

- Alan Graff stated that he has worked to schedule meetings with several local community partners to talk about the Housing First Business Plan.

VI. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 12:20pm.