

Minutes  
HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – 11:30am  
Siouxland Health & Human Services Building

**Members present:** Shirley Halleen, Judy Buseman, Carol Twedt, Wendy Giebink, and Kerri DeGraff, Alan Graff, Vernon Brown, Hugh Grogan, Tam Baker

**Members absent:** Randy Bartunek

**Others present:** Russ Sorenson, Planning Department, Tim and Nancy Nicolai, Arena Motel Owners, Lori Dearborn and Randy Dobberpuhl, County Human Services Safe Home staff, Kari Benz, County Human Services Assistant Director, Shireen Ranschau, SF Housing, Dennis Nelson, Homeless Advocate, and Stacey Tieszen, HAB Homeless Coordinator.

**I. Approval of Minutes – 10/06/08 Minutes**

Upon motion by Carol Twedt, and seconded by Hugh Grogan, the HAB approved the minutes of the 10/06/08 meeting as provided. Carried unanimously.

**II. New Business**

**A. Site Committee**

- Tim Nicolai and his wife, Nancy, are the owners of the Arena Motel. They currently work closely with County Human Services in providing motel rooms to homeless families and singles. They have read thru the HAB's Business Plan and were interested in talking with the HAB about being a potential site location. Tim explained the layout and land. Will need to consider this information further. Carol Twedt made a motion to gather more information and to work with Tim on this. Motion was seconded and all were in favor. Shirley Halleen commended Tim and Nancy for their work and willingness to partner up to help serve the homeless. Tim offered to have HAB members come tour the location.

**B. Homeless Advocate**

Dennis Nelson, Homeless Advocate, came to the HAB meeting to address his concerns with how the homeless are treated by law enforcement.

**C. Press Conference/Video Showcase**

Press Conference will be on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at the Anne Zabel Studio provided an appropriate size screen can be found.

**D. Corporation for Supportive Housing**

Have been unable to coordinate a time that works with George Stone to come to Sioux Falls to talk with us about the business plan and funding considerations.

**E. Project Safe Home Initial Report**

Kari Benz, County Human Services Assistant Director, and staff, Lori Dearborn and Randy Dobberpuhl, along with Director Hugh Grogan, provided information about the first 9 months of Safe Home and described in detail the data that was compiled. The information was very positive, focusing on cost savings as well as qualitative life enhancement benefits. The information will be shared with both the County Commissioners and City Councilors in the near future.

### **III. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues was made by Vernon Brown. Seconded by Tam Baker. All were in favor.