

Minutes

FIVE COUNTY LOCAL HOMELESS COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Five County Association of Governments
1070 W. 1600 South Bldg B
St. George, UT

Monday December 1, 2008 12:00 pm

<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>REPRESENTING:</u>
Mayor Mary Reep	
Ms. Sherri Dial	FCAOG
Mr. Bill Woods	Iron County Care & Share
Bob Green	Washington County School District
Frank Yoder	Resource & Re-entry
Chelsea Kunz Gambles, CSW	Safety Net
Sherri Michel-Singer	DOVE center
Jordi Roesti-Drew	Red Rock Center for Independence
Jeanne Heath	United Way
Lloyd Pendleton	State Office of Community and Culture
Kim Yeoman	Disability Law Center
Stephen Lisonbee	Department of Workforce Services
Sue Kimball (on Phone)	Erin Kimball Memorial Foundation

Excused: Kara Coop, Anne Yero

Not in attendance: Heidi Miller

Welcome & Introductions

Mayor Mary Reep

Called the meeting to order at 12:10

Orientation

Lloyd Pendleton

Handouts and presentation about the State Vision for Homeless Coordinating Committees was presented. The state Vision is "Everyone has access to safe, The presentation focused on providing housing as the first step to end chronic homelessness and working as a community to end chronic homelessness by the year 2014.

Providing housing to chronically homeless individuals will save tax dollars by ending more expensive intervention i.e. jail, emergency rooms or emergency shelters. Once a homeless individual is housed there must be case management follow-up to assist the individual in creating a support system that will keep the in housing and allow them to be self-sufficient. Using the Self Sufficiency Matrix is one way to measure the progress an individual makes toward self-sufficiency. Mr. Pendleton also presented the history of the Local Homeless Coordinating Committee (LHCC), explained some of the projects in the state and the expectation for this LHCC.

- Create and implement locally the plan to end chronic homelessness and reduce overall homelessness by 2014. Including Mayor Reep and Mr. Pendleton presenting to the FCAOG Steering Committee when it is prepared for adoption.

- Prioritize and coordinate funding to implement supportive service programs to reduce and prevent homelessness.
- Use Homeless Management Information System to report and manage results
- Develop a ‘pathway’ to self-reliance for the homeless.

The Point-in –time survey’s average for 2005-2007 of homelessness measures the Five County area as having 118 Chronically Homeless individuals.

Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness update

Chelsea Kunz Gambles

Chelsea and Sherri have meet and reviewed the information in the plan. They will be assigning information updates from the members of the Committee to complete the document. The committee includes Bill Woods, Kara Coop, Sherri Dial and Chelsea Kunz-Gambles.

Homeless Count Information & Coordination

Bill Woods

HIMS was explained and discussed. There are some situations that need research on how to report the homeless numbers when the information cannot be added into the data base because of confidentiality.

Point-in-Time count

The point-in-time count will be on January 28, 2009. The local agencies will complete the paperwork. A discussion about how to improve the reliability of the information was covered. (i.e. how to find unsheltered homeless individuals, how to report on homeless individual at the hospital or jail).

Committee vision

- Focusing on the needs of the community and the ability to end chronic homelessness.
- Write the Plan to end chronic homelessness by the year 2014.
- Coordinate programs in the five county area to meet the needs of the homeless population.
- Find ways to increase housing for the Chronically Homeless.

Officers and election (Vice-chair)

Bill Woods nominated for Vice-chair

Moved by Bob Green

2nd by Frank Yoder

Approved unanimously

Resource information

Information for the committee

1. Collecting name and information on individual who are chronically homeless
 - a. Mayor Reep could ask at the Prison for names and cost per individual.
 - b. Lloyd could follow-up with the hospital
2. Update and compile resource information

Make sure 211 has current information

Include information in the Five County Human Service Directory

 - Continuum of Care Balance of State- Ilene Dwyer
3. Possible new members
 - Ty Tibbits Color County Housing
 - New Director of the St. George Housing Authority
 - Paul Thorpe –Southwest Behavioral health Center
 - Doctor’s Free Clinic

Program information – 5 minute sharing for programs in the area

- Iron County Care & Share
 - Funding has been cut on some of the ICCS project.
 - Still trying to find the funding for transient housing on the pantry property.
- Dixie Care & Share
- RRCI
 - Working with one of the pilot vouchers to provide housing for a homeless individual.
 - Focus on advocating and assisting people with disabilities.
- Resource & Reentry Center
 - Working with 51 individual
 - Need to raise more funds
 - Trying to complete the funding for a 57 unit facility for homeless individuals. Need to submit plans to the BLM to receive approval for the county to donate the land to the project. Frank need funding to create the plans (\$20,000). Lloyd asked if the project could be increase to 75 units. The information he provided suggests the 75 units is a ‘break even’ point to allow the units to be self-sustaining. One of the major problem for the RRC population is finding employment. Frank is trying to find ways to create employment for his clients.
- DOVE Center
 - Picked as a participate in the Avon Wishing Wall. They were able to collect wishes form enough individual to “beat” the other programs across the US to receive a \$20,000 donation.
 - Provide parenting classes on Tuesday @ 6 pm
 - Lynn Lyndly
 - Open to the public
 - Employment needs is an issue for the people at the DOVE center also.
- Disability Law Center
 - Offices in Salt Lake City and Cedar City.
 - STAT teams at 1-800-662-9080 will assist individuals with disability law issues
 - VR “watchdog”
 - Fair housing training
- Erin Kimball Memorial Foundation
- Housing First
 - Continuum of Care meetings
 - 4 pilot vouchers have assisted 6 individuals
- Washington County School District
 - 337 home less student in the WCSD area
 - Coins for Christmas are still raising funds and the deadline to sign up for assistance is Friday.
 - Homeless families need to be a consideration in any plan.
- Safety Net
 - Statewide coalition to assist families and individual associated with the FLDS organization and wanting to integrate with non-FLDS communities.

- House off Bluff (Drop-in center for homeless youth) is closed. The SLC Family Support Center is working on a proposal to reopen the center.
- Department of Workforce Services
 - There are five (5) employment openings at DWS. Taking applications until Wednesday at midnight.
 - DWS workers are all able to assist clients with Social Security applications for disability issues. (SOAR)
 - Applications of DWS services are available online at www.utahhelps.utah.gov

Approve the minutes from October 22, 2008

Moved by Steve Lisonbee

2nd by Bill Woods

Approved unanimously

Schedule Future Meetings 2009

January 21, March 18, May 20 (after Housing First)

11:30-1 pm