

FIVE COUNTY LOCAL HOMELESS COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes
January 21, 2009
11:30 am-1 p.m.

**Southwest Behavioral Health Center
3rd Floor Conference Room
474 West 200 North
St. George, UT**

Meeting is Recorded

Sign-In Sheet Passed Out

<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>REPRESENTING:</u>
Mayor Mary Reep	
Sherri Dial	FCAOG
Bill Woods	Iron County Care & Share
Frank Yoder	Resource & Re-entry
Chelsea Kunz Gambles, CSW	Safety Net
Sherri Michel-Singer	DOVE center
Jordi Roesti-Drew	Red Rock Center for Independence
Lloyd Pendleton	State Office of Community and Culture
Sue Kimball (on Phone)	Erin Kimball Memorial Foundation
RaAnne Hant	Utah HMIS
Ty Tippetts	Color Country Community Housing
Dotti Higley	Color Country Community Housing
Heidi Miller	Cedar City housing Authority
Natalie Thornley	VA
Lynn Jorgensen	VA
Lane Ronnow	St. George Housing Authority
Stephanie Volker	SWBHC
Paul Thorpe	SWBHC
Excused:	
Kim Yeoman	Disability Law Center

Welcome & Introductions

Bill Woods called the meeting to order

Approval of the Minutes

Motion to accept: Frank

Seconded by: Jordi

All agreed

Approval of the Agenda

Agenda:

No changes

Motion to Accept: Lane

Seconded by: Michelle

All Agreed

1. **CoC Updates:**

a. Homeless Count Information & Coordination and Point in Time Count

- RaAnne - Stated there are updated Point-in-Times forms
 - Forms will be on colored paper.
 - Blue is recommended.
 - Organizations who serve homeless will do a second count five days after the count on the night of the 28th.
 - Individuals will be asked where they were on the 28th.
 - All gathered information will be given to Bill Woods and he will explain which surveys need to be completed.
 - Deadline to contact Bill is February 5th.
 - Bill will be contacting the organizations on the list. He can choose others to assist him.
 - Reports can be entered in METYSYS
 - Question 9 pertains to disability, HMIS only allows one choice, choose the most significant and list the rest on the paper report
 - Any who enter information on HMIS have to be entered by February 3rd.
 - UHMIS.org gives information on entering.
 - For law enforcement, a street survey is not required, only a general count
 - Regarding prisons, how many people are incarcerated on the evening of the 28th?

2. **Ending Chronic Homelessness by 2014**

- Report Update
- Chelsea has been requesting information from various organizations for specific information. If contacted, please respond.
- Sherri Dial handed out a rough draft on the Five County Area Commitment and asked for suggestions and/or changes.
- She will send out document by email to all members.

3. **Reports of Pilot Programs**

- St George clients
 - Both doing well
 - A third was approved in earlier meeting
- Cedar City
 - One doing well
 - The other is being terminated due to his incarceration.
 - Heidi gave overview of pilot program for new members
 - The local CoC worked with the Office of Community and Culture to secure funding to work with chronically homeless individuals to have housing. There are two vouchers for Washington County and two vouchers for Iron County that assist homeless individual to have housing.
- Frank Yoder's program Resource & Re-Entry Program will be considered a pilot program
 - Ty Tippetts, color country, looking to build a complex that houses Vets and ex-cons.

- Units will be studios, support services will be on site and a 54 unit complex is being planned. The number of unit is flexible according to the funding sources.
- Color Country is developing this project with R&RE and the VA.
- Issue of ownership and funding.
- Need for land, Washington County given approval. Need approval from BLM before building can begin. Need \$20000 to begin project, which will be next year to get funding.
- VA is committed to helping with funding.
- There is also a potential for a VA nursing home to be build in the vicinity of the other project.
- Project in early process. Wraparound services need to be in place so this can succeed.
 - Lloyd stated there are funds currently available and there was no need to wait for a year.
 - Sherri suggested a committee between Ty, Frank, Natalie, Lane, Paul, and other organizations to further discuss this projects funding.
 - Sherri will coordinate with these individuals/organizations to set a meeting.
 - Ty will chair this committee.

4. **LHCC Membership:**

Discussion of new members
 Contact members who have not attended.

5. **Resource Information:**

- a. Committee Information
- b. Five County Resource Book
 - Is being updated to the 2009 version and will be on the internet.
 - Several agencies request hard copies when it is complete
 - Send a copy to 211

6. **HMIS Reports for 2008**

See information above in item 1
 Point-in-time count (2007) was released as National numbers last week. 2005 was the first count using HMIS. Reported that chronic homelessness in decreasing even though the homelessness count is increasing because of the economic situation.
 Domestic Violence centers cannot be included in the HMIS.
 Iron County Care & Share under Bill Woods is doing excellent data.
 UHMIS is working to improve the data input and have more people involved.

7. **Program Information- Area program updates:**

- Due to the time we will not update all the agencies but information about the Iron County Care & Share's building project. It is still waiting for funding.