

**FIVE COUNTY
LOCAL HOMELESS COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

Minutes

October 20, 2010

11:30 am - 1:00 p.m.

**Five County Association of Governments
Conference Room
1070 West 1600 South Bldg B
St. George, UT 84770**

<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>REPRESENTING:</u>
Council Member Ben Nickel	St. George City Council
Heidi Miller (on phone)	Cedar City Housing Authority
Colleen Tucker	Job Corps
Faye Hubbard	Department of Workforce Services
Jan Thompson	Department of Workforce Services
Ray Sim	Iron County Care and Share
Stephanie Volker (on phone)	Southwest Center Behavioral Health
Jane Lewis	Five County CAP
Lynn Jorgensen	Veterans Administration
Cameron Hatch (on phone)	Dept. of Veteran's Affairs
LuWenn Jones (on phone)	Disability Law Center & Utah DD Council
Arijanae Merida	DOVE Center
Frank Yoder	Resource & Re-entry Center
<u>EXCUSED</u>	
Sherri Dial	Five County AOG
Al Hernandez	Dept. of Veteran's Affairs
<u>ABSENT</u>	
Keisha Gaywell	St. George Housing Authority
Rueben Garcia	Dixie Care & Share
Robert Schaefer	Dixie Care and Share
Richard Rivera	St. George Soup Kitchen
Holly Malnar	DOVE Center
Bob Green	Washington County School District
Chuck Goode	Grace Episcopal Church
Michelle Post	Erin Kimball Memorial Foundation
Anne Yero	Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center
Paula Claymore	Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah
Tracie Tice	Premier Adoptions
Michelle Brown	Dept. of Veteran's Affairs

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Ben Nickel with St. George City Council welcomed all members in attendance.

Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Frank Yoder to approve the agenda for the October 20th, 2010 meeting, seconded by Ms. Jan Thomson. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Frank Yoder to approve the August 11th, 2010 minutes, seconded by Ms. Jan Thompson. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Homeless Summit Report

Ms. Jan Thompson stated the Homeless Summit was very informative and very well attended. The break out sessions was very well done. There was break out sessions which talked about Case Management, Motivational Interviewing, and Federal Strategic Planning. Ms. Jane Lewis stated that the Summit discussed HPRP funding and encouraged participants to explore other funding options prior to HPRP ending 2012. Several options were discussed such as the Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds and transitional services funding. Ms. Lewis recommended reevaluating the use of funding. Mr. Ray Sim attended the Homeless Summit and found it very beneficial. Mr. Cameron Hatch commented that although coordination is a very important aspect, there needs to be much more collaboration between partners.

Job Corps/VA partnership

Ms. Colleen Tucker handed out some information about a Job Corps program which targets veterans between the ages of 16-24. The young veterans are able to live with other veterans. Homeless individuals always have top priority with Job Corps. Mr. Frank Yoder mentioned that Job Corp needs to go and visit Veteran's Affairs. Ms. Tucker will contact Mr. Cameron Hatch at the Veterans Administration.

Dixie Care and Share Update

Mr. Rueben Garcia or Mr. Robert Schaefer from the Dixie Care & Share were not in attendance.

HPRP/TANF Subcommittee

- How many people have been helped
- TANF application process
- Dates of next HPRP workgroup

Mr. Ray Sim informed that Mr. Jonathon Hardy with the State Community Services Office is investigating how to make changes to the HPRP program specifically the Homeless Prevention Program. Mr. Hardy wants to determine how many people, if they were not served, would actually become homeless. Mr. Sim announced that Case Management would continue to stay at the local level. Mr. Sim shared with the committee that Iron County Care & Share has served 220 families and 270 individuals with housing. Mr. Nickel asked Mr. Sim if there have been any collaboration between the Iron County Care & Share and Dixie Care & Share. Mr. Sim replied that there has not been collaboration regarding Iron County Care & Shares processes and procedures verses Dixie Care & Shares. Mr. Rueben Garcia or Mr. Robert Schaefer from the Dixie Care & Share were not in attendance for Dixie Care and Share's HPRP update.

Community Sharing Information (CSI) Workshop

Ms. Jane Lewis informed about the CSI workshop. Ms. Lewis stated the CSI workshop is geared toward case management skills building and community collaboration. Ms. Lewis encouraged providers to attend the next CSI workshop on December 8th at the Five County Association of Governments in St. George. The workshop is based on many of the principles from *Bridges out of Poverty*; "Discovering Cultural Competency in the area of Family Culture & Culture of Poverty". New Frontiers for Families will be the guest presenters.

Continuum of Care sub-committee update

Ms. Heidi Miller updated the committee that the Continuum of Care had their Strategic Planning meeting and also had the Prioritization Committee meet and they have made a decision on which applicants will go in for funding and which will not. The committee renews all people that have ongoing programs and then they are eligible for a bump up with a limit of 300,000 dollars although the people have to be cash committed between 50 to 80 percent from other funds to apply. There is new staff at the balance of state level and are anticipating on getting projects in place before the application deadline.

Plan to End Chronic Homelessness

Ms. Sherri Dial was unable to attend. Agenda item tabled for next meeting.

Point in Time (P.I.T.) Discussion

- Assignments for P.I.T. leaders

Ms. Dial was unable to attend. Agenda item tabled for next meeting.

Other Updates and Business

Mr. Cameron Hatch with Veteran's Affairs who is representing Mr. Al Hernandez informed the committee about the Homeless Stand Down. Mr. Hatch explained that every year in November the agencies throughout the community come together and provide services to homeless Veteran's. The services include health screenings, flu shots, eye screenings, dental exams, hearing tests, foot care, mental health, substance abuse, VA benefits, vocational rehab, legal services and a variety of other agencies in the community. The Homeless Stand Down will take place in Salt Lake City November 5th. The Veteran's Affairs would like to have a Homeless Stand Down in St. George the last week in January.

Mr. Nickel is with Cinnamon Hills Crisis Center announced that they are always looking for service opportunities for the youth in the center to volunteer with any projects. Ms. Lewis recommended having Mr. Nickel contact the Washington County Volunteer Center.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be December 15th and Lloyd Pendleton, Division of Community and Culture and Marie Christman, Department of Human Services, Deputy Director with be down to attend. Mr. Nickel welcomed a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Frank Yoder to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Ray Sim. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.