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February 22, 2007– Homeless Outreach Coordinating Committee Meeting

*******TO ALL HOCC MEMBERS*******

PLEASE CHECK OVER YOUR INFORMATION IN THE LIST AND MADE SURE IT IS ACCURATE. PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL BECKY LABOVICK WITH ANY ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS. EMAIL: LABOVICKR@UPMC.EDU OR VIA PHONE: 412-322-4189. Thanks!
Becky

NEXT HOCC MEETING (4th Thursday of every month ☺)

March 22, 2007

1:30p-3:00p

LOCATION: COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES CORPORATION

374 LAWN STREET, PGH, PA 15213

TEL: (412) 621-4706, should you need directions.

- **Agenda distributed**

HOCC has a WEBSITE!! It is: <http://hocc.pghfree.net/index.htm>

- 1:40 pm meeting initiated by Mac McMahon.

Introductions/Announcement/Updates

- Introductions
- Fred updates: March 13th 5p-6:30p Session for testimonials on FY 08-09 plan for adults with mh issue. Will be at the Simmons Room-Human Services Bldg-100 Smithfield St. Info will be posted on the County website 3/1/07. For more info, contacts are: Fred Fowler 412-350-3449/David Opaska 412-350-7394.
- Becky presented HOCC screen shots, specifically regarding the mission of HOCC—to be used for the 2007 Committee Goals/Action Steps in accomplishing goals of the Homeless Alliance.
- Mac distributed “On-Site & Off-Site Assistance” listing. Listing of facilities, completed as much as Mac was able, for: drop-in services, food pantry, food/meal availability, where located, hours, etc.
- Mac reflects back to spending time on developing a site for some weekend days that were very cold. Shepherds Heart church did open over the weekend of the Super Bowl. Wind Chill advisory plans-this was noted as need for procedure/protocol when weather becomes inclement. This will be up for discussion in the near future.

SWES

- SWES has been open a lot in the past month due to weather. SWES has been going well, food has been at sufficient quantities, and volunteers have been assisting. No known frostbite/death due to cold this year to our knowledge. Open approximately 25 days, but not certain on exact number of days.

Other/Updates

- CIT-Mac passed around flyer with regard to the upcoming CIT “Save the Date”
- Mac will be attending some of the CIT meetings and will be able to readily discuss
- Mac spoke with Terri Laver-248 people on street on last point in time survey.
- Engagement Center RFI’s went out and were returned: 5 RFI’s returned. One for services only, Two were for the whole project, One for lead agency and housing, Last for lead agency and drop-off center. RFI’s still in consideration phase-eight persons will review. Reggie Young is head of the committee, committee formed from the Alliance Committee members.
- HUD award back: Allegheny County Continuum of Care awarded overall \$12.1 million. All applicants who applied were renewed and 5 new programs were funded.

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2007 Committee Goals/Action Steps in accomplishing goals of the Homeless Alliance?

- Review of the overall goal---increase affordable housing by 1000 units over next 10yrs and/or preserve existing and new lo-income housing to chronically homeless and homeless. (see 2007 Committee Goals form distributed by the Homeless Alliance-distributed at the meeting today)
- HOCC mission distributed for review & to explore how HOCC could establish goals and action steps in accordance with the HOCC mission.
- Two meetings have already been coordinated around the engagement center and 10 year plan to help to educate and to establish “buy-in”.
- Responses: Integration of services/Advocacy/Engagement Center
- It is noted that our current mission focuses on the “individual” homeless persons, but due to HIPAA, individual case conferences are not an option. Instead,
- **Goal 1-How can your committee contribute to the goal to increase affordable housing by 1000 units over the next 10yrs and/or to preserve existing and new low income housing to chronically homeless and homeless? (more external approach)**-really is not applicable to the HOCC committee (BUT YES IT IS, we answered essentially in Goal #2). Mac does state his thoughts that we need to continue to promote the Engagement Center and Housing First/Harm Reduction programs such as Safe Haven programs (SEE Goal #2). Also, the preservation of SRO-such as Wood St Commons. General discussion regarding. PRESERVATION OF SERVICE that already exists. How do we contribute to this as a committee? Serve as a monitor of the existing programs-know where they are, know the status of beds..... SEE GOAL #2 AS THIS GOAL ALSO APPLIES TO GOAL #1!!
- **Goal 2-How does your committee fit in to the various stages of development of a comprehensive approach to ending chronic homelessness? The approach considers the Engagement Center, Harm Reduction Housing and Housing First programs.**
 - EDUCATE regarding EC, Harm Reduction, Hsg First
 - MONITOR-verify & monitor to see if this is actually what is being done. Flag issues or programs that are noted to the appropriate persons such as the director of the program, county, etc. This could even apply to the formulation of the Engagement Center as it actually develops (space, staffing, etc.) Very/Monitor that agencies are following best practice based on the model they follow.
 - Promote Engagement Center-promote to the general community, local government, etc related to the benefits of this model.
 - Be proactive with community.
 - HOCC WEBSITE-increase awareness of this as a tool.
- **Goal 3-the Homeless Alliance intends to bring awareness and education concerning homelessness. Topics of importance include: how to avoid it, how to help, warning signs and where and how to access resources easily. How can your committee be a part of this effort whether through supplying info or participating in programs/activities? Creative ideas welcome.**
 - Cost/Benefit plans-research the actual monies involved in associated costs such as inpatient stays/rehab stays/etc and how much can be saved by use of the existing community services available at this time in our county. Following a specific set of cases or numbers of persons to determine associated costs as they traverse through systems (hospital/jail/etc). HMIS/Encaps could potentially be helpful in this process IF information is kept up to date and as complete as possible. Would also need to rely on the established relationships between agencies.
- **Goal 4-List OTHER significant goals, plans, and/or action steps your committee is involved in not mentioned under the 3 H.A. goals.**

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- General discussion, as we are out of time today: Strengthen relationships with departments (such as Public Works). Example: regarding sweeps-in the midst of the terrible/cold/inclement weather, homeless persons had items removed that were crucial (such as their sleeping bags & gear/extra clothes/etc). Develop with the County a plan for extreme cold weather beyond the SWES parameters. More coordinated on street issues-though better coordination going on between OSAL/OSN/PDP. On-Site/Off-Site Assistance list. Proactive measures overall.

Engagement Center (EC)

- Addressed when discussing above H.A. Goals.

City Sweeps/Street Rounds/Panhandling/Other

- Briefly addressed when discussing above H.A. Goals.

OTHER ISSUE: Do committee members have concern with parking at CHSC site for the meetings? Any ideas of where the meeting could be held? Many members have been receiving parking tickets with each meeting due to being over time on parking. If meeting is moved, it is important to continue to have free parking. Any suggestions, please call/email Mac. Also, please consider and be ready to discuss as indicated at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 3:30pm.

REGULAR ATTENDEES:

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