

NAME	AGENCY/ADDRESS	SERVICE PROVIDED	TELEPHONE (AREA CODE 412 UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED)	EMAIL ADDRESS
------	----------------	------------------	---	---------------

January 25, 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 ☺)

February 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
- SWES - open yesterday, tonight, tomorrow and closed Sat based on weather forecast at this time. **SWES number: 412-779-1329** – message is updated regularly to alert when SWES is open.
- Point-In-Time (P-I-T) surveys to be completed 1/25/07 and due at begin of 2/07 to Terri Laver.
- Mae-Emergency Shelter. Women are being transported to Miryam’s after intake at Smithfield Church. Miryam’s has bins for belongings for the women and then they can typically remain in the building until the day program opens if they should choose. Overflow of men go to Shephard’s Heart Church when Smithfield Church reaches 75 individuals (men), veteran status preferred.
- Further general discussion related to P-I-T surveys: pros/cons.

Amy Kroll-General overview of new Allegheny County Forensic Initiative for CIT with the City Police, Pre Booking Diversion Issues and other combined initiatives.

- Allegheny County Forensic Initiative.
- Sequential Intercept Model-Intercept individuals before entering the criminal justice system.
- Forensic support
- Cro-MISA
- MH Court
- Max-out Program (Re-Integration)
- Grant-Dept of Justice for CIT Program for 30months. Nationally known in 35 other states. PA never had a CIT (Community Treatment Team-Crises Intervention). Steering committee has been formed. In conjunction with the City Police. 2 committees: protocol & curriculum. 40hr training for volunteer police officers, Mon-Fri and will have modules that include psychiatric disorders, education on thought disorders, mood disorders, etc. They will actually have assignments to do such as mock auditory hallucinations while doing certain tasks in the community and to undergo a mock psychiatric evaluation.

NAME	AGENCY/ADDRESS	SERVICE PROVIDED	TELEPHONE (AREA CODE 412 UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED)	EMAIL ADDRESS
------	----------------	------------------	--	---------------

- Also training/education to include issues such as: Developmental disorders, risk factors with PTSD, co-occurring illness such as D&A, aged issues such as dementia, visits places such as inpatient units. Consumer prospective will also be involved.
- De-escalation techniques - more focused on mental illness.
- Need: 50 dispatchers/50 officers/20 MH Professionals.
- Mobile Crises will be another portion of the curriculum.
- Plan includes Central Receiving Centers-RN staffing/D&A specialists/On-Call psychiatrists/etc.
- Persons who commit non-violent crimes will be given education regarding being sent to a center or directly to jail. The centers are of voluntary nature ONLY. They will not be locked facilities.
- Holistic Triage will be provided at the center.
- By May 2007-protocol that the police have to follow based on the person's need: MH, D&A, medical, etc.
- If crime committed: police are pre-booking diversion system. There will be two persons in the jail, one already is an established FT employee currently in the jail- another staff member to be hired for Tue-Sat or Wed-Sun 10p-6a or 7a and assess/monitor/establish identification-holistic assessment will be completed and appropriate diversion for NON-VIOLENT crimes. Will access attached services as indicated, such as: if the individual is involved in CTT/ICM/etc. Concept - Divert the jail sentence and intervene immediately. Service plan will be quickly formulated and will need to be followed with idea of outcome: person more stabilized by time of preliminary hearing.
- Initially there will be some County respite beds until further collaborative/services in place.
- Individuals will be followed closely in the community.
- Two centers are to be established. These centers will be for a set number of individuals (example, #14 each center). Average stay of few days, then on to alternate disposition (such as home or alternate living arrangement). Example: Pitt student, first psychotic break, for public safety-this person may be placed temporary for several days to stabilize to a degree before return to dorm at Pitt or apartment in Oakland).
- Officer responsibility with CIT: Officers will need to make judgment call on what service is most needed at that time: Mobile Crises? 302? Triage Center? Medical ER?
- These are voluntary, non-locked centers. Again, the offense must be non-violent in nature.
- Dept of Justice grant-to view other sites to settle curriculum and to get the classes running.
- Other grant for 3years- staff salary, respite beds (central receiving center), steering committee to get program up and running.
- No monies identified specifically for the Triage Centers at this time.
- 1st year 30 individuals served-GOAL under the terms of the grant.
- 2nd & 3rd year 100+ individuals served-GOAL under the terms of the grant.
- Diane Johnson-Similar to the drop-off center in the Engagement Center proposal. ??May this be incorporated with this forensic program/model as well? Amy would like to coordinate/collaborate to see if this could be incorporated. There is already some funding and more funding being explored for the forensic individuals. There is a huge overlap with homeless and forensic. Possibly, the other center could be geared more towards the ones who do not fit engagement center for homeless.
- Many of these forensic center models have been visited, such as in Florida. Very blended centers that incorporate forensic/mh/d&a/homelessness/etc.
- There is a primary goal to keep those with mental illness out of the criminal justice system.

NAME	AGENCY/ADDRESS	SERVICE PROVIDED	TELEPHONE (AREA CODE 412 UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED)	EMAIL ADDRESS
------	----------------	------------------	--	---------------

- Police Officers often struggle with the issue of not wanting to arrest an individual, but had no other option/solution.
- Huge recognition dinner annually will ensue for the officers who participate.
- Ft. Lauderdale: took 10yrs to come to fruition for their model, similar to the one being established in Allegheny County.
- In 2005 - Innovations in American Government award won by Allegheny Co Forensics.
- Funding is already being searched for with regard to when the grant terms expire: one is a 30 month term; the other is a 3yr term.
- A portion of the CIT monies gained are to help pay the cost of monies to train and deploy City Police Officers. This is often OT monies. Often, City of Pgh Police Dept is understaffed on all shifts with current budget. Budget will not cover officers who are "pulled" to do CIT.
- Goal for 33%-50% of City Officers planned to be trained in CIT.
- National Conference being planned-using the Sequential Intercept Model. Workshops may include EBP-Evidence Based Practice (Models), prison re-entry, etc. NOVEMBER 14-16, 2007 @ Sheraton Station Square. 11/14/07-pm only; 11/15/07 all day; 11/16/07 am only. Sue Martello @ 350-7399 is contact for further information. Name of the conference is not set yet. Cost \$175/individual at this time.
- How can EC help the forensic initiate and vice versa??? There needs to be dialogue between the two groups. Office of Community Services and Office of Behavioral Health need to meet first and foremost to structure how these two initiatives can coordinate/collaborate. EC RFI due 2/15/07.
- 2/22/07 next CIT meeting-Amy will need to check with Assistant Chief MacDonald and with Office of Behavioral Health and will get back to HOCC.
- 3/21/07-Forensic Behavioral Task Force meeting. Human Services Bldg @ 1p-3p in the basement.
- Amy will try to get a rep from forensic services to the HOCC meeting on regular basis.

Engagement Center (EC)

- December meeting that incorporated funders, academia, stakeholders, etc. To gain buy-in. Homeless Executive Committee has further discussed, Marc Cherna made a commitment that the County is fully behind the EC. Needs to be lead agency identified and RFI put out this week that is due
- Three things being worked on at present: RFI-Request for Information due by 2/15/07.
 - Lead Agency
 - Agency interested in the housing portion: both the on-site units and the scattered site units.
 - Who is interested in bringing services on-site.
- When all RFI's received, the County will review via internal process and they will identify the lead agency.
- Upcoming HUD application-County wants to include the 25 off-site, scattered, housing units be applied for.

SWES

- **80/night** on average, thus far.
- Wed 1/24, Thu 1/25, Fri 1/26 OPEN. Closed Sat 1/27 as per current weather forecast.
- Has been open 7-8 days this year.

City Sweeps/Street Rounds/Panhandling/Other

- This past year (since 1994) has been highest number of deaths. Three deaths in November-December 2006. Mac would like to establish relationship with County Coroner to find out this info. One death was result of being struck by vehicle on Rt 28. One individual deceased in North Side Park. One individual deceased due to

NAME	AGENCY/ADDRESS	SERVICE PROVIDED	TELEPHONE (AREA CODE 412 UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED)	EMAIL ADDRESS
------	----------------	------------------	---	---------------

heroin overdose shortly after being housed. Would like to know the causes of death of others.

- SWEEPS-Mac was out last night: 3 individuals lost their sleeping bags kept under the bridge, as Public Works removed the articles. Need increased communication/coordination with Public Works. Now the metallic yellow signs are posted and any given Tuesday items/belongings may be swept. Mac reviews frequently with folks on the street the issue of Tuesday sweeps. If public works will not work with street outreach, Mac would like to approach Mayor Ravenstal.
- Outreach schedule: Safe A Life (OSAL) reviews case management issues with Safety Net frequently. **OSAL needs more volunteers!!**
- OSAL- Rounds on
 - Tue 6:30p Northside
 - Wed 6:30p Downtown
- Safety Net-Mac is not sure if these days are correct and is not sure of the times.
 - Tue/Thu- Downtown
 - Wed- Northside
 - Tue- Oakland
 - ?? Southside
 - ?? McKees Rocks
- Safety Zones around schools-Rich Venzia at meeting last Friday. Issue raised re: accusations of homeless individuals camping out on school property (such as Martin Luther King Elem on North Side). Use of Pgh Police/School Police to move the individuals away/out of that area. Signs to be posted and are to be enforced. 3/13/07-Date of announcement of the school safety zone description, what schools are targeted, etc. This will be a comprehensive description of this safety initiative. This also includes what houses need to be boarded up. Safety zone around school is 1000 ft, to our knowledge.
- There have been issues on the North Side (along with the School Safety Zone issue) about the congregation of homeless, specifically the men waiting to enter Light of Life for the evening meal. Light of Life is very close to Martin Luther King Elem. There is not pressure to stop feeding the evening meal, but generally there is not a want to have sight of these persons waiting. (Out of sight, Out of mind??)
- Mac updates: KDKA-Market Square issue aired. Mike Edwards was on the air regarding complaints of persons "hanging" in market square. It was made clear that this is not necessarily an issue of the homeless, but another group of persons using this area inappropriately. It was made clear that the homeless were not targeted as the "problem" persons.
- LET'S BRAINSTORM~How can we do a better job at counting the actual homeless, on the streets? Need assist from other entities such as Pgh Police, City Public Works, etc. Need to expand beyond the city. Let's brainstorm how we can expand this to other agencies that also come in regular contact with the homeless persons in our County. Jail needs included. Hospitals are being included already, but compliance still has room for improvement.
- **REMINDER: DHS Quarterly Providers Meeting on Friday 1/26/07 9am, Human Service Building, Simmons Room.**

Meeting adjourned 3:30pm.

REGULAR ATTENDEES:

Baldwin, Devin	Three Rivers Youth LOFT/TLP 508 Franklin Ave Wilkinsburg, PA 15221	Emergency Shelter and Transitional Living Program	242-5580 x37	Devin.baldwin@threriversyouth.org
----------------	--	---	--------------	--

<i>NAME</i>	<i>AGENCY/ADDRESS</i>	<i>SERVICE PROVIDED</i>	<i>TELEPHONE (AREA CODE 412 UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED)</i>	<i>EMAIL ADDRESS</i>
X Baum, Robert	WPIC 3811 O'Hara St Pgh, Pa 15213	WPIC	647-9326	baumrr@upmc.edu
Chalich, Theresa	Bethlehem Haven 905 Watson Street PGH, PA 15219	Mental health	412-391-1348 x104	tchalich@bethlehemeanh.org
Chiappini, Stephanie LMSW	Operation Safety Net Mercy Hospital 1400 Locust Street PGH, PA 15219	Medical outreach, case management, transitional housing	412-232-5739	schiappini@mercy.pahs.org
X Cox, Jonathan	Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership		566-4190	jcox@downtownpittsburgh.com
Coyne, Alex	Oakland Business Improvement District		683-6243 x19	alex@oaklandbid.org
DelCimmut o, Michael SGT.	Zone Two Police Station 2000 Centre Ave PGH, PA 15219	Pittsburgh Police	255-2827	Michael.delcimmuto@city.pittsburgh.pa.us
X Denne, Jewel	WPIC 3811 O'Hara St Pgh, Pa 15213	WPIC	235-5310	denneja@upmc.edu
DiFrancesco, Jamie	CHSC	Intern	716-8738	JDI010@yahoo.com
Downey, Glen	ACLU Intern			
X Fowler, Fred	Senior Planner Office of Behavioral Health 304 Wood Street PGH, PA 15222		350-3449	ffowler@dhs.county.allegheny.pa.us
Gant, James	Three Rivers Youth The HUB 28 th & Smallman	Drop-In Center Outreach	338-0883	James.gant@threeriversyouth.org
Gemmel, Natalie	CHSC	Intern	621-6513	
X Haberchak, Ed	Allegheny County DHS United Way Bldg One Smithfield Street 4 th floor Pgh, Pa 15222	ACDHS Bureau of Hunger and Housing	350-4031	
X Johnson, Diane	WPIC-NLP 2552 Centre Avenue Pgh, PA 15219	Outreach	578-7729	Johnsond@msx.upmc.edu
X Kroll, Amy	OBH-Forensic Services 304 Wood St Pgh, Pa 15222		350-7337	akroll@dhs.county.allegheny.pa.us
X LaBovick, Becky	WPIC-Safe Haven 1917 Perrysville Ave PGH, PA 15214	Safe Haven HOCC Secretary	322-4189	Labovickr@upmc.edu
X Laemmle, Chris	WPIC-Outreach and NLP 2552 Centre Avenue Pgh, PA 15219	Outreach **HOCC CO-CHAIR	578-7730	Laemmlecp@msx.upmc.edu
McMahon,	Parental Stress Center	Pending possible	361-4800	Dianem677@aol.com

<i>NAME</i>	<i>AGENCY/ADDRESS</i>	<i>SERVICE PROVIDED</i>	<i>TELEPHONE (AREA CODE 412 UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED)</i>	<i>EMAIL ADDRESS</i>
	Diane 5877 Commerce St. PGH, PA 15206	HUD/PH Program, waiting to hear!	© 480-9044	m
X	McMahon, Mac CHSC 3201 Craft Place Pgh, PA 15213	Street Outreach/SOT **HOCC CHAIR	621-6513 x106	mac99861@cs.co m mmcmahon@chscorp.org
	McNicholas, Bridget	Operation Safety Net	Intern	
X	Miller, Robert SGT. Pittsburgh Police Zone 2 2000 Centre Ave Pgh, Pa 15219	Pittsburgh Police	255-2827	Bob.miller@city.pittsburgh.pa.us
x	Orrico, Rick Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership Manager, Safety Ambassador Program 925 Liberty Ave, 1 st floor PGH, PA 15222	Downtown Safety Ambassadors	325-0152	rorrico@block-by-block.com
	Payne, Dennis DHS United Way Building One Smithfield St. 4 th floor Pgh, PA 15222	ACDHS	350-4984 350-3837	dpayne@dhs.county.allegHENY.pa.us
	Pilarski, Mary Frances VA Hospital 122 B-H 7180 Highland Dr. PGH, PA 15206	VA Healthcare for the Homeless Veterans	412-365-5273	Mary.Pilarski@med.va.gov
	Puttaiol, Asha ACLU Intern			
X	Quinn, Mae 1410 Fifth Avenue Pgh, PA 15219	Miryam's-Day Program/Residential & Transitional Housing	471-0155	miryamsresprog@aol.com
X	Sonney, Holly Bethlehem Haven 905 Watson Street PGH, PA 15219	Mental health	412-391-1348 x103	hsonney@bethlehemhaven.org
X	Upsher, Curtis CCBHO 1 Chatam Center 112 Washington Place STE 200 Pgh, Pa 15219	BHMCO	454-2163	upsherc@ccbh.com
X	Vanderhorst, Beverly VA Hospital 122 B-H 7180 Highland Drive PGH, PA 15206	VA Healthcare for Homeless Vets	365-4640	Beverly.vanderhorst@va.gov
X	Venezia, Rich Allegheny County DHS United Way Bldg One Smithfield Street 4 th floor Pgh, Pa 15222	Allegheny County Dept of Human Services	350-4354	Rvenezia@dhs.county.allegHENY.pa.us
	Violet Pittsburgh City Paper	?	?	?
	Walczak, Vic ACLU		681-7864	vwalczak@aclupgh.org
	Walnoha, CHSC	Outreach / Housing	621-6513 x101	awalnoha@chscorp.com

<i>NAME</i>	<i>AGENCY/ADDRESS</i>	<i>SERVICE PROVIDED</i>	<i>TELEPHONE (AREA CODE 412 UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED)</i>	<i>EMAIL ADDRESS</i>
-------------	-----------------------	-------------------------	---	----------------------

	Adrienne	374 Lawn Street Pgh, Pa 15213	Supervisor		org
	Waters, Rocky	NCM-Safe Haven 1329 Lake St #105 Pgh, Pa 15233			
X	Wild, Kelly	Light Of Life PO Box 6823 Pgh, Pa 15212	Shelter Residential Recovery Program Director	803-4113	kwild@lightoflife.org