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November 30, 2006– 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

JANUARY 25, 2007

1:30p-3:00p

LOCATION: COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES CORPORATION

374 LAWN STREET, PGH, PA 15213

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

Some issues to be discussed:

- **Agenda items**
 - **SWES**

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

- 1:45 pm meeting initiated.

Severe Weather Emergency Shelter (SWES)-

- Mac distributed info from Allegheny County DHS with regard to SWES. When SWES opens: Beginning @ 7p, individuals to intake at Smithfield St Church and will be able to access meal and address hygiene. Individuals will then be segregated: Up to 20 women to go to Miryam's and a cap of 75 (men) at Smithfield Church. Smithfield Church will be the core group of males. Overflow plan is for individuals to go to Shepherd Heart Church @ 13 Pride St-with focus on veterans/youth for this location. Transportation aspect has not been ironed out at this time. There are also other details that may/may not be ironed out at this time such as:
 - What if an individual appears after 7pm, 9pm or later? What if they are referred at late hour from hospital ER or alternate agency? ~ Unsure
 - What if a male/female is identified at late hour, such as after 12mn? ~ Unknown
 - Who is providing extra staffing at these sites? ~ Mac unsure, but is with understanding that Safety Net will not be staffing at Miryam's nor Shepherds Heart, these locations will staff internally.
 - Will Shepherds Heart take non-vets if Smithfield at 75 individuals? ~ Unknown.
 - Is there anything set up for volunteers and donations? ~ Unknown if anything has been distributed regarding.
 - Mac will coordinate with Stephanie Chiappini to see if some of these issues can be
 - Safety Net has moved to new location on Forbes Ave. They are going to be transferring from Mercy Medical to Mercy Behavioral Health in the future.

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- Fri 12/1/06 is the first day SWES is open. Unknown if will be open, but based on weather forecast there is potential.
- Safety Net number 8a-5p: 412-232-5739
- SWES 24hr automated message regarding shelter: 412-779-1329

13 Pride Street

- Jonathan Cox brings information with regard to 13 Pride Street as the PDP was given an information packet yesterday. This is Shepherd Heart Church-Veterans Engagement Center. Jonathan raises some concern with regard to the staff member at 13 Pride Street not being aware of many of the Homeless Alliance committees, such as the HOCC mtg. Also, the center at the Pride St is called the Veteran's Engagement Center. We do not want this to be confused with the Engagement Center that the Homeless Alliance has been so diligent in bringing to fruition. Beverly suggests that Chaplain Mike at Shepherd Heart Church be contacted to discuss any issues, inclusive of the name of the drop-in center called Veteran's Engagement Center as this may undermine the current work/name on the Engagement Center. Shepherd Heart will house the drop-in center, which appears to be for any individual. There is also a program that includes two year transitional housing for veterans with a capacity of 20 veterans, but many HOCC members were informed that it is for 10 veterans. This is for HOMELESS, Mentally Ill and/or Dually Diagnosed veterans. There will be case management provided. Very similar to VA 268 program in Calansville. VA is providing the services/Shepherd Heart is providing the space. The County is aware of this project and the name it is under. Chris is going to contact Chaplain Mike, invite to the HOCC meeting, see if they will accept services outside of the provided VA services, etc.

Elections/Nominations – positions to begin January 2007-

- Chair: Mac McMahon nominated. All in attendance in favor. Mac accepts.
- Co-Chair: Chris Laemmle nominated. All in attendance in favor. Chris accepts.
- Secretary: Becky LaBovick nominated. All in attendance in favor. Becky accepts.

Engagement Center (EC)

- 12/14/06 1:30p-3:30p meeting @ Cathedral of Learning sponsored by the School of Public Health. This meeting was scheduled as a result of the 10/18/06 follow-up to Future Search/10yr Plan Meeting. This meeting is by invitation only for 30 individuals, there will be approximately 5 individuals from the Homeless Alliance present. This is a stakeholders meeting that includes business, University, City, State, Foundations, Funders, etc. Diane Johnson will be presenting the Engagement Center. There is a Power Point presentation that will be updated and presented at the meeting. Approximately 10-15 minutes in duration, then open to discussion on how this project can be realized and actualized. Education to also be provided. List of invitees who have RSVP'd that they will be present is not known at this time. There appears to be more interest shown and this meeting purpose is to generate further buy-in and support. In the process of the Engagement Center concept/development, homelessness has now been identified on many levels as a Public Health issue and individuals who are in more affluent positions have now become more involved and have expressed buy-in and support. Individuals like Adrienne Walnoha, Bob Goodman, Karen Peterson have been crucial in this process. Jeff Lingle has also been crucial in this process from the development standpoint. There is currently a floor plan that has been developed, representing a new structure. There is also an architect who is working with Jeff on formulating further visual representation of the structure.
- General discussion of the Engagement Center. Also general discussion on how we can be more inclusive/coordinate more with individuals/agencies/committees who

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work with the homeless population. There remains a disconnect amongst the various homeless committee meetings.

City Sweeps/Street Rounds/Panhandling

- **SWEEPS/Street Rounds**- PDP Ambassadors took a walk downtown with Mac McMahon yesterday for further education and problem solving on where to send homeless individuals for various problems/issues such as food, clothing, various services, etc. Holley has list of many resources that will be helpful to the Ambassadors and will forward on to Rick Orrico as soon as possible. Rick receives many calls of complaint with regard to panhandling. There have been some issues with aggressive panhandling. The Ambassadors have been encouraging these individuals to move on and will re-approach to encourage that they move on. If too aggressive, or if too many times encouraged to move on and don't, then PDP will contact the Pittsburgh Police. Certain cases require police to be notified, but his is not the PDP's first line of resolving the issue with an individual. The Ambassadors carry a small placard that has the actual City ordinance with regard to panhandling/aggressive panhandling. Again, PDP Ambassadors will try to solve in different manner and call police only when necessary. PDP has run in to some difficulty with the Pittsburgh Police Officers-PDP has found some officers to be more supportive than others in their response to the issue. Police response also varied, based on priority of calls at that particular time.
- **Issue with the downtown Wintergarden**-this was not meant to be a place for an "inside Market Square". Homeless are discouraged from loitering in this location.
- **HOCC**-Still with vested interest in coordination of the street homeless. This may be a goal for HOCC to return to more discussion with regard to case discussions/education/problem-solving/etc. with regard to the chronic, street homeless.

Announcement/Updates

- N/A

REGULAR ATTENDEES:

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