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**NEXT HOCC MEETING
THURSDAY-OCTOBER 27, 2005
1:30PM-3:00PM
LOCATION: COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES CORPORATION
374 LAWN STREET, PGH, PA 15213
TEL: (412) 621-4706, should you need directions?**

*****Please note, the format of the minutes is altered. The Agenda, General information and the "meat" of the meeting minutes are first. The list of participants is now last. Hopefully, this will make for easier reading of the minutes! Feedback to Becky LaBovick is appreciated ☺**

Introductions/Updates/Announcements

- 1:40p Chris initiated meeting
- Handouts:
 - Copies of USA Today article(s) "Nation taking a new look at homelessness, solutions" by Martin Kasindorf, USA Today. This is an article and a two-page synopsis of how the statistical info was obtained.
 - Email from Rich Venezia regarding homeless numbers week ending Friday October 21, 2005 (pink packet)-these are the numbers related to the Katrina homeless in Pittsburgh.
 - Yellow packet: Tribune Review article on "Proposal to curb panhandling gets OK". Amendments to the proposal are included in this packet.
- Introductions-Allegheny Co DHS and Oakland business partnership.
- Announcements:
 - N/a

Mac update re: panhandling ordinance/ Engagement center

- Allegheny DHS available at meeting to further discuss panhandling ordinance and the Engagement Center.
- Mac with copy of Engagement Center proposal. Copies of these were presented to all the important persons: City Council, Downtown Ministerium, Safety Net, PDP, Alliance Meeting, Senators, etc. **Received recognition certificate of support 10-18-05, given to HOCC.**
- Panhandling ordinance changed to degree. Busking removed. Updated information in yellow packet distributed by Rich Venezia. Great deal of discussion regarding ordinance already in place and how the changes will affect this. How will the City Police be dealing with ordinance issues, how will it be enforced? Aggressive panhandling a topic addressed that needs further exploration. There are more issues to be addressed next week at Council meeting on Tuesday 11-1-05. This ordinance is really targeted towards the *aggressive panhandlers*. True homeless with needs are not the targeted individuals. Typically our homeless populations have territorial spots and are not necessarily the problem. Will folks be jailed? How will they follow up on the ordinance, how will they enforce, what will they do, will the person be served a citation, will folks be jailed? There are many issues to be further addressed/explored.
- Additional issues addressed: Who is the outreach team, whom do they consist of? Who will do the actual work? It has been explained that there are numerous agencies that work as collaboratively as possible to provide outreach and supportive service to the street population.
- Mac-we need better rapport with City Police.
- EMPHASIS: we need to all be together and on the same page. This includes City Police, EMS, agencies, County, City, etc.
- Yesterday, Representative Bodack with prime issue of wanting ordinance passed.

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- Aggressiveness/Intoxication issues need to be addressed. There has been past exploration and pilots of ways to deal with engagement/needs of an individual on the streets. WPIC DEC has been utilized in past as a means to receive information and distribute to appropriate person(s)/agencies. This pilot was not well utilized. Its prime source was meant for the layperson in community, concerned public citizens, police, etc.
- Discussion of different State/City services, regarding homeless that have been visited (Philadelphia, Ohio-Cleveland, Florida, etc.). All of these models have had more appropriate communication with various agencies of government, such as local police.
- Alex-Oakland Business District: Some of most aggressive individuals. Forbes Avenue is a definite problem. Students are an issue, professional panhandlers target students. Many of these aggressive panhandlers are not homeless. Increased awareness will be positive. Better ability for enforcing. No known arrests/citations for panhandling, primary issues have been trespass issues. Example of panhandler at Eckerd in Oakland who often has police called on him due to aggressive panhandling. It is known that he is not actually homeless. Another property that is issue is King's Court.
- Southside also a business district that is with issues.
- It appears that the prime problem districts are: Downtown, Southside and Oakland. Little heard from the other districts, such as Squirrel Hill.
- Preference that the ordinance be created as a deterrent-the ordinance would/could be in place to be used as legal leverage. Possibly not just to be used as a legal aspect to cite or arrest. Use as a buffer.
- This may not necessarily be the outcome ordinance that was originally intended or wanted, but was
- Adrienne points out that: This could be an open opportunity for police to develop not only relationship with various outreach staff, but also with the known street homeless. The street homeless known could be valuable contacts/resources for the police, especially in relation to the aggressive person(s).
- We have outreach teams in place, but their primary responsibility is not to do stringent STREET OUTREACH. All of these staff within the various agencies carry caseloads and have limited ability to do direct street outreach on an on-call basis. There are calls that come in already that are limited in how they can be dealt with/problem solved.
- Police officer(s) designated as part of this whole process and project is necessary!!
- Engagement Center plays in to this issue as they (ordinance and center) are "hitting the scene" at the same time. This is not the solution for the panhandling issue, but could be a start to positively outreach to the street homeless/homeless issues. Possible long-term solution, but not short-term solution as there is not an engagement center at this time. There is only a PROPOSAL at this time! This proposal is non-existent presently, but there is hope that it will gel within the next year to year and a half.
- Adrienne updates that if any RFP's for HUD monies are to be placed for engagement center they MUST BE DONE before the next HOCC meeting.
- Terri addresses: If enough agencies truly look at their HUD budgets and return monies that are not spent in their fiscal year budget, these monies may be able to be utilized for engagement center. There is also possibility of bonus monies attached, but must be permanent (Safe Haven). This could only be accomplished if these budgets are eased. CHSC has re-budgeted and has returned monies already in addition to putting off/shifting two programs for the next year in order to free up monies for other creative programs (such as engagement center).
- Chris raises issue of John Ames at the State level. Mr. Ames is reported with interest in the engagement center and the general housing issues of homeless and

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mental illness. There were suggestions made on ways to obtain the monies. There is also an (ongoing) issue regarding how agencies can obtain the match monies.

- Location continues to be an issue. We have the proposal, but no site (nor probable sites) identified. To place a proposal, this is necessary. Safe Haven would be a bare minimum. There are many other service related issues to be addressed and the programming could be built on as the project progresses.
- ESG monies are being discussed as being rolled in to the continuum monies.
- Engagement Center: could this absorb the emergency weather shelter? That is an issue also to be addressed/explored.
- Budget: needs revised further and plan is for it to be revised within the next month. Even so, the budget is only an anticipated budget! A "real" budget could not come until more specifics known (such as location).
- There are locations out there that have not been explored to date due to various issues: St. Regis; Connelly School; ½ of 5th Avenue school.
- Chris proposes a meeting to work out some of the details: budget, planning, location, etc. There are many persons with vested interest including business districts, business development, etc. SCHEDULED: Wednesday, 11/9/05 2:00pm @ St. Hyacinth Church.
- Reginald Young: Discusses that he does not see the correlation between panhandling and homelessness, as panhandling does not equate to homeless. This is a discussion that HOCC has had many times in past. SITE/LOCATION significant issue. NIMBY issue also important in relation to homelessness, engagement center, panhandling, etc. Discusses the many barriers in relation to the engagement center project.

Sweeps

- No updates
- **GENERAL INFO: HOCC has a WEBSITE!! It is:**
<http://hocc.pghfree.net/index.htm>

Next meeting

- Due to the upcoming holidays, we will combine the November and December meetings. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 12/8/05 1:30pm tentatively at St. Hyacinth Church-Community Human Services-2nd floor-3201 Craft St, PGH, PA 15213.

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