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September 28, 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

October 26, 2006

1:30PM-3:00PM

LOCATION: COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES CORPORATION

374 LAWN STREET, PGH, PA 15213

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

Some issues to be discussed:

- **Engagement Center**
- **HOCC to review agenda-Questions posed by Homeless Alliance Committee for HOCC to review:**
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Introductions/Updates/Announcements

- 1:45 pm Mac initiated meeting.
- Introductions

City Sweeps

- **SWEEPS-** Mac viewed City worker doing a sweep while on rounds with Safe-A-Life (in August, shortly after our last meeting, Wed before Mayor O'Connor passed away) and noted that not only were items swept, but also thrown away. The city worker approached Mac and some individuals and were told to move their stuff or it would be removed. They were told to remove selves from the park & were addressed in a profane manner. Threat to call the police. Police were called on "two homeless men with disorderly conduct" in the park. Three cars appeared and Mac and Kirk showed ID and were told to go ahead on their way, no issues beyond that. Mac with follow up with City and was assured the issue would be addressed with the worker with regard to the profanity and approach that the worker used. No other outcome from with regard to the sweep/belongings being discarded.

Announcement/Updates/Panhandling:

- Jonathan raises question-Fort Duquesne between 6th and 7th Streets, old Easter Seals building. Is anyone aware that folks have been using the building (like 30-40 individuals) as a shelter? Outreach folks are not/were not aware. Building owner has been encouraged to secure the building.
- Anything new for report from police in relation to panhandling? Not at present, but Sgt. DelCimmuto reports around the 600 block Ft. Duquesne/900 block Liberty Ave-police have noted gatherings, but not necessarily homeless individuals/homeless related. Police have had increased complaints, but the shift reports have not specified that there is homeless relation as an issue. Peaked interest due to the congregations forming, there has been some disturbance and disorderly conduct issues. Regarding panhandling, there have not been any complaints/reports in relation to aggressive panhandling. Additionally, Sgt.

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DelCimmuto has spent some personal time in town during two evenings recently and took special note to observe and did not note any aggressive activity.

- Mac has noted an incident recently while on rounds where two homeless individuals were near a restaurant, leaning against wall, eating. Police appeared and asked the men to move on.
- PDP has had some issue with street homeless. They often are able to give referral info, but have needed to explore ways to address the belongings left on the streets. Have been working with Mac on this issue.

Engagement Center (EC)

- **Task assigned:** budget associated with the Engagement Center-**HOUSING PORTION.**
- Chris identifies an article: Homes for homeless, no strings distributed by email today. Concept of housing first is addressed in this article regarding a model in New York (Pathways). This is the type of model that we are looking at. NY has recently expanded, within the housing first model. Many encampments shut-down and housing first options presented. These models are proven to be effective and cost efficient.
- HOUSING COMPONENT:
 - ACT model /or/ Modified ACT team: This would include Community Aides, Case Managers, Psychiatric Nurses, Psychiatrist, MSW, D&A Specialists , security presence to cover all segments of the EC and ON-CALL budget as well.
 - 25 on-site/25 off-site, scattered housing “slots”.
 - We have to also realize that there may also be overlap with the other components of the center in relation to staff, but cannot realistically address budget based on this. Need to treat the housing as separate entity.
 - Sgt. DelCimmuto highly recommends security presence being present.
 - OUTLINE OF BUDGET:
 - Aide Position (4.5 FT)=\$112,500
 - Case Managers (4FT)=\$160,000
 - D&A Specialists (2FT)=\$76,000
 - MSW/Psychiatric RN (4)=\$240,000
 - Psychiatrist (20hr/week)=\$105,000
 - Security (3.5)=90,000
 - ON-Call=\$20,000 (based on \$2.50/hr standby during non-traditional hours. Standard base pay per hour when going “out” while on-call)
 - **TOTAL=\$803,500**

Severe Weather Emergency Shelter (SWES)-In beginning phase of discussion regarding planning for SWES. Safety Net is heading up SWES again this year.

OTHER-

- N/A this meeting.

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