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NEXT HOCC MEETING

THURSDAY February 24, 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 ☺**

REMINDERS:

- **SWES opened 12/1/04, they are still with need for any of the following items:**
 - **SOCKS, SOCKS, SOCKS-esp unisex white tube socks**
 - **Toilet paper**
 - **Toiletry items such as razors and deodorant**
 - **VOLUNTEERS: to assist with shelter, making/serving/clean-up of meals, etc.**

Agenda items for 2/05 meeting (may) include the following:

- General Updates/Announcements/Homeless Alliance Update
- JANUARY Point-In-Time SURVEY-Terri Laver updates: There is a new form in design for the entire state to use. Allegheny County has asked to be given a copy to comment on before final draft. It is not certain that this will happen. Until we are all able to see the forms, there may not be any way for return input before finalized, therefore, maybe we can brainstorm some ways to count all of the street homeless. HOCC has been asked for input regarding a strategy that might work. We need to try and get an accurate count of the homeless population. This is difficult, but maybe through some cross matching and doing the street homeless over a longer period of time, we can come up with a number.
- City Sweeps Update
- Emergency Shelter Issues/Update Regarding
- Harm Reduction Model
- Donna Allison of the North Side Leadership Conference to be on agenda (lead of 13 groups).

If you would like to add to the agenda, please email or call Becky LaBovick at labovickr@upmc.edu or 412-578-7734 by the previous day to the next meeting.

THURSDAY 1/27/05 1:30pm Meeting @ CHSC Lawn Street

1) Agenda

- Adrienne Walnoha
- Engagement Center
 - Action Steps
- Counting Street Homeless
- Updates:
 - Sweeps
 - Media Events
 - 10-year Plan
- Announcements

1:45p-Chris initiated meeting:

- Introductions

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- Agenda for today's meeting not set.
- Armstrong Building: There was a fire in building last week (?Thursday?) which was reportedly due to a homeless individual. CHSC has been in recently. Still only known of a couple of "die hard" street folks living in the building. Recommendation-when the building is actually closed, then have Outreach team be present to assist with any homeless issues. It was reported that Operation Safety Net, Mike Sallows, was recently in the building as well. There are no reports of any teens/transitional age folks staying in the building.
- Panhandling Issues: Adrienne reported attendance at recent PR campaign in Lawrenceville at the Christian Assoc. Jonathan Cox, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, with overview of what they want in place in ordinance re: panhandling. The PR campaign is reported as sensitive and offers a comments/option card. Monies from this campaign/playbill reported to be intended/targeted for the downtown/local homeless agencies. The ordinance would include no panhandling in "captured" areas, such as bus stops, ATM's, entrances of buildings, etc.
- OBITUARY NOTICE: Bill Schofield died on Monday 1/24/05 @ 78 years old. His obituary is listed in the Pittsburgh Tribune Review, Wednesday, January 26, 2005.
- Engagement Center: HOCC has sent letter of intent for Safe Haven. Letter of intent now needs budget amount. Mr. Young is reported with recommendation of building on the SWES, but this cannot occur in the current space utilized by SWES. This space is neither appropriate nor adequate. Also, it will not be downtown (what is considered downtown?). Possibilities considered looking at: St. Regis Manor and Connelly Building. There is issue with reality of funding!! ???Where does the money come from??? The monies that can be applied for are finite in nature/amount. An idea: compile varied agencies along with varied fundings already in place such as HAP/PATH dollars, etc. Adrienne continues to express interest in writing grant for Safe Haven. Just to give an idea, SWES on average costs \$80,000 annually.
- SWES: Adrienne reports ongoing orchestration of supplies, cleaning, toiletry needs, etc. There are two staff nightly who heavily rely on volunteers/donations. By 7am each day the church area utilized must be put COMPLETELY back together, organized, clean, neat, all garbage removed, etc. Thus far, shelter has been open 28 nights with an average of >90/night. EVERY WEDNESDAY, regardless if shelter open, there is MH and Medical clinic. Safety Net and the Haven have given considerable assist and coordination with this. County psychiatrists have been available for clinic. Highmark paid for this to occur!! More D&A use noted this year. Some small problems in shelter related to this. Few cases of frostbite also, Safety Net/Dr. Withers with follow-up. Many regulars have returned. No children this year.
- No Walls Ministries: First time at meeting, WELCOME! Mr. Charlie Brownwell, Mr. Ed Cramer and Ms. Denise Miller present. They update that they have been coming on Fri and Sat to downtown and North Side and look for homeless not easily approachable. They have a regular Bible study every Sat 2p-4p at Allegheny Center Alliance Church and typically have >30 people in attendance. They offer food/clothes and Bible study. Question raised if possible for them to attend SWES one night a week, when open, for a Bible study. There is a separate space available where folks could meet. No Walls Ministries offers strictly scripture, no church doctrine.
- Resources: No Walls Ministries looking for resources. It was encouraged that they follow-up with Ed Haberchak @ 350-4031 for the directory of HUD/HAP providers. It was also encouraged that they follow-up with Health Care for the Homeless as they also have a great directory of resources.

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- HUB: It was discussed that there is decreased participation at the HUB. Some reasons may include loss of funding and loss of outreach worker. Family Links re-opened day shelter? (unconfirmed) There was also the question posed regarding the 5th Ave Shelter, has it re-opened to 16 yrs old and up and then is to open to 13 yrs old an up, but unknown if/when this is happening.
- SWEEPS: 2/1/05 SWEEP scheduled for Strawberry Way.
- Steubenville Students: Beginning next week they will be in downtown Thursday 7pm and have moved to the Blvd, near the pedestrian walkway/bridge ("Arch on the Blvd").
- County update: HUD announcement in on Tue 1/25/05, Allegheny County is receiving \$12.2 Million. Three new programs on the horizon: Safe Haven at Bethlehem Haven, Parental Stress Permanent Housing and the third not known.
- Hunger Services Network is now part of the Urban League.

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