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DECEMBER 8, 2005 – 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

THURSDAY-February 23, 2006

1:30PM-3:00PM

LOCATION: COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES CORPORATION

374 LAWN STREET, PGH, PA 15213

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

Introductions/Updates/Announcements

- 1:40 pm Chris initiated meeting.
- Introductions

Sweeps/Panhandling Issue(s)

- 8 sweeps last week with 2 new places, #1 was the Art Gallery r/t aggressive panhandling. There is another set of #2 upcoming this Tuesday: North Shore 6th Street Bridge and North Shore Park (apparently, folks have been sleeping in the facades at PNC Park).
- Mac spoke with Vic's office. There is surprise of no follow up as the agreement expires 5/9/06. legislation at city Council is suggested. Need meeting to strategize with Vic.
- Panhandling: no word since begin of 12/05. Comm Donaldson is now in charge of Zone #4. the panhandling ordinance is law, but it is still unclear as to the enforcement of the ordinance.

Misc

- Pittsburgh is ranked as #20 of the MEANEST cities r/t homelessness. Primarily, this is related to the panhandling issues/ordinance. Apparently, the info collected to substantiate this ranking was done so through media (primarily newspaper articles pertaining to panhandling). The articles are listed on the website where this report can be found. ? what the website is though ? There was also ranking for cities who were at opposite end of spectrum and how they created collaborative relationships. Chris suggests further research on this issue and approach city council related to the issues/ideas. Diane recommends handouts for next meeting to review more

SWES

- Mac states SWES has been open past two night with average of about #87 persons. Open 4 days in 1/06. 902 Clinic from Bethlehem Haven has been present with some limited access to psychiatrist. SWES will be open tonight. Haven is full. Unknown if Pleasant Valley, EECM and Light of Life are full, but this is very probable! Safety Net (Linda/Stephanie/Mark/Art) have been consistently present when SWES open. There has been VA support present. County had sent out for MD signups for SWES, unknown outcome from this. Medical is usually nurse, but there has been some limited MD time. Theresa and Holly have been consistently

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present as well and encourage mh follow up in non-threatening manner and have had some positive result and follow up after.

HUD/County-CoC

- Allegheny County is not on cycle for applying for HUD monies. We received 76% reduction in our allocation and are only awarded this year for one year. 22 are expected to complete renewal application with about 20 programs receiving funding. General discussion related to how the County application fell short by 2 points, and did not meet criteria, primarily in the leveraging area. Leveraging importance was apparently not realized.
- General discussion: if E-Caps and HMIS comparative report were to be run, this alone would have shown homeless being served and a general \$\$ amount could have been assigned.
- HUD expects: more housing/less supportive services.
- Request was for \$21million. County put in all applications, but only the top 20 were to be picked anyhow. Example: WPIC is with 5 HUD programs. WPIC programs will now need to compete on re-application for the same monies.
- There is increased concern, programs must hone budgets to 60%(lease)/40%(supp serv), but even better would be 80%/20%. There are just no \$\$'s out there to provide the supportive services. As a reminder, behavioral health funds are again being cut this fiscal year by 6.5%, this is on heels of last years 6% cut (which had a DRASTIC impact in itself). Grants could be explored and applied for, but most agencies do not have persons who are experienced nor can devote time to this type of follow up. Apparently, the federal level expects that the county level to figure out how to supply the supp services \$\$.
- Cuts occurred to 500 cities across the US, this is an average of 10 cities/state!
- Ideas to procure further funds: grants & private funding.

Misc

- Fred with discussion of upcoming 2/1/06 Medicaid and HHS legislation for funding cuts. Targeted case management is part of this issue. This is House/Senate legislation.
- State is not bailing us out.
- MA cuts: intergovernmental transfer of \$\$\$. Medicaid plan where state spends & federal govt will contribute. But, there is 50% cut in IGT dollar. The money was budgeted by county and half way through year were told the monies were not there. There has also been monies from other state areas with excess dollars that have been drawn to DPW to use and get federal match. They then returned the initial monies to the original state origin.
- Behavioral health dollar not changed: state facilities (such as Mayview and community hospital/inpatient care) have high use of Medicaid monies. If this \$\$ could be decreased, then the monies could be used elsewhere! It is recommended that there be a media link and increased community awareness. Fred recommends a website: www.bazelon.org
- State institutions: when a state institution is sold (such as Torrence, Dixmont, etc) there is NO \$\$ return to BH/Disabilities arena. State hospitals are competing for the same "beds" in the community that community hospitals compete for (esp in relation to homeless individuals).
- Medicaid update: Medicaid now is with co-pays for meds. The amount ranges from approx \$1-\$6/prescription. Discussion regarding how a person on \$205/month cannot afford prescription co-pay. What will this lead to?? If a person cannot pay, does not take meds, then decompensates.... Doesn't this add to potential for inpatient admits to medical/psych, eventually leading to even more use of Medicaid monies!!! This does NOT seem a cost effective way to approach?!

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Engagement Center

- NEED planning meeting! 2/9/06 2pm @ St. Hyacinth. Originally, CHSC was going for Safe Haven as initial part of EC, county says go for it, but there is issue with match \$\$. 2/9/06 deadline for pre-app's for renewal. Unknown if same deadline for new programs. It is heard that there is interest from our new mayor.
- Round Table discussion: political/business/community. Paul from Columbus to discuss issues/ideas/suggestions. Other half, shelter plus care. Still a question as to \$\$ for the supportive service monies!
- John Ames-PATH Coord PA State and OMH picked 10 projects in state and EC is one.
- ? people from Future Search-should they be part of round table?
- CHS is willing to be lead agency on housing, but still need for supportive services.
- Chris states match \$\$ is always an issue. Private sector involvement is necessary.

UPDATES

- Fred-announcement: Award to permanent supportive housing provider was presented to TSI. This is for supportive hsg development (220-240 "beds" to be developed). This doesn't exclude homeless individuals. Diane pointed out that many service providers are not aware of how to access services such as TSI and education needs to be provided.
- Jamie D.-Intern at CHS is attempting a program to raise homeless awareness in Pgh along with a web design and some eye catching ideas. The web design would be related to homelessness/education and awareness. JDIO10@yahoo.com if interested or have any ideas.
- Fred distributed pamphlet: Recovering from Mental Illness.
- **GENERAL INFO: HOCC has a WEBSITE!! It is:**
<http://hocc.pghfree.net/index.htm>

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