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**NEXT HOCC MEETING**

**THURSDAY April 28, 2005**

**1:30PM-3:00PM**

**LOCATION: COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES CORPORATION**

**374 LAWN STREET, PGH, PA 15213**

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

**REMINDERS:**

- **SWES opened 12/1/04, they will close as of Wednesday, 3/30/05**

**Agenda:**

- Philadelphia trip, questions we need to ask
- Street Issues/Sweeps/Panhandling
- Announcements/Updates
  - Hearings/Public Forums for 10yr Plan
  - New funding sources

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

**THURSDAY 3/24/05 1:30pm Meeting** @ CHSC Lawn Street

- 1:40p, Chris initiated meeting.
- Jonathan Cox with update regarding panhandling issue. City legal is currently with update of ordinance. The updated (proposed) ordinance copy has been made available to ACLU and has been encouraged to follow-up with the City. City still without a response. Chris questions if there are more business owner concerns, such as specific complaints. Jonathan reports nothing specific regarding new concerns or complaints. No better/No worse.
- Issue rose regarding recent Post Gazette reporting Mayor Murphy revisiting Forbes/Fifth Ave corridor for revitalization. There is reported a private task force working on this, there is a developer out of Philadelphia involved. Apparently, the agenda includes creating more balance between downtown retail and housing. Not necessarily with new construction, but maintaining business at street level and potentially turning upper building levels in to housing that would be fair market value housing. Financing is an issue. Fred also reports that there are a number of ideas presented by the DHS. One idea is for use of reinvestment monies for housing development from Health Choices. Often, developers can receive specific tax forgiveness if certain number of units set aside for low income housing, such as 10-15% of income as opposed to the traditional HUD 30%. Welfare income cannot support housing at 30% of income. Another idea is CDBG monies as this funding stream is not as often used for low income housing. Often it is funneled in to other repairs/development, such as, tending to roads/sidewalks/curbs/bridges for repair. Another idea is "bridge voucher" to hold an individual in subsidized housing until public housing opens (Section 8: city/county or private subsidy).
  - SWEEPS: No update at present
- Diane J. brings up the original mission of HOCC and how the Engagement Center has been a main topic for many years. Additionally, discussion in general about getting back to the HOMELESS health & safety issue(s).
- Adrienne with update with regard to potential new trends seen this year at SWES. Report of increased number of suicidal individuals, suicide attempts and 2-completed suicides. She has also noted an increase in suicidality across the programs at CHSC. Individuals coming to SWES are a little atypical this year from

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previous years. There is still a reported central group of individuals well known, but newer groups of individuals entering SWES with significant D&A/MH issues. Many of these folks have been amenable to being seen at shelter by psychiatry and have been encouraged for follow up (often through 902 clinic and also with medical with Safety Net), but often do not follow up with the MH services. When open, the average number of individuals still remains at approximately 90/night. It is well known that SWES is very tolerant of many things, such as D&A use as long as not a behavioral issue. Discussion regarding a specific, difficult case at SWES.

- SWES LAST NIGHT IS WEDNESDAY 3/30/05.
- Engagement Center
  - CHSC still amenable to being lead agency for the Engagement Center.
  - Thursday, March 31, 2005 there are quite a few individuals from varied agencies going to Philadelphia to view/visit their center (Chris, Mac & Diane McMahan, Theresa C., Donna S., Stephanie C, a professor whom Diane McMahan knows.... Friday, April 1 they will visit/tour. Chris asks for some specific questions to be raised during their visit. Below are some questions identified, if anyone can think of further questions, please email to Chris by Wednesday, 3/30/05 @ [Laemmlecp@upmc.edu](mailto:Laemmlecp@upmc.edu)
    - ? FUNDING?????
    - ? How do they interact with Center City District (Philadelphia's version of Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership). What is the relationship? Center City Dist has "officers"/"safety ambassadors" who deal with panhandling issues and homeless. How do they relate to outreach workers?
    - ? Role of police~How do/don't they deal with homeless issues?
    - ? Numbers served.
    - ? Relationship with the local MH system?
    - ? Philosophy, such as how they deal with active D&A?
    - ? Budget?
    - ? Staffing?? Blend of what expertise? Who triages?
- Regarding recent potential trend noted with regard to suicidality/suicide, Fred reports that the DHS has a special relationship with Co. Coroners office and the Health Dept with regard to suicide in Allegheny County. Unsure of numbers coordinated with homelessness.
- General question was raised: If SWES became the Engagement Center, what would be needed?
  - Front line staff.
  - Money/funding
  - Knowledge of what the consumer is looking for.
- General discussion related to homeless issues, funding cuts, financial issues.
- REMINDER: Public forum's for 10yr plan ~ There are two further sessions.
  - 3/30/04 @ McKeesport YMCA
  - 4/12/05 @ United Way Building
- Lana mentions that her daughter was doing some research on some funding streams for a project she was working on and happened across a funding stream directed at homelessness. Monies are for a demo project for \$50,000 and is through Compassion Capitol Fund.
- General discussion of some recent POSITIVE outcomes on street homeless cases. ☺

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