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NEXT HOCC MEETING

THURSDAY June 23, 2005

1:30PM-3:00PM

LOCATION: COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES CORPORATION

374 LAWN STREET, PGH, PA 15213

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

Adrienne reports that we are scheduled through 9/05 at Lawn Street. There may be space issues at the time, as CHSC has after-school programs that may affect the meeting space. If meeting place changes, it will be updated in the minutes as the change occurs.

***Also, welcome back Erica Smith!! Hope you are mending well!!**

REMINDERS:

None this meeting

Agenda:

- None set

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 5/26/05 1:30pm Meeting @ CHSC Lawn Street

- 1:45p, Chris initiated meeting.
- Each agency was to bring information regarding programs offered, etc. Please bring to the next meeting. ****NEXT MEETING:** Each agency to bring back to the table-general numbers, basics about programs offered, who is served, how served, limitations, etc.
- Holley Sonney presented flyer "Champion Your Cause: Sharpening your Advocacy Skills. Friday 6/17/05 8:30a-11:30a, United Way Bldg, 1 Smithfield St, Heinz Room. Please contact either Theresa Chalich, Bethlehem Haven: 412-391-1348 x104 or Rachel Freund, MHA: 412-391-3820 x16 for further info/questions. This is to target in helping increased confidence in policy advocacy, equip individuals with tools to teach staff/clients about advocacy and stimulate involvement in democratic decision making and provide info about key resources.
- Health Fair-Supportive Services Committee: 7/2/05 @ Heinz Field. Email regarding this fair was available at the meeting. If you should want more info regarding details, questions, volunteering, donating, etc, please contact Cathy Dutko 724-224-1100 or via email @ cdutko@akhopecenter.org
- Lillian Thomas article in Pgh. Post Gazette today: **"Beggars Need a Change, Not Coins"**. Members noted that the article itself was fairly benign. One concern noted with regard to the pictures utilized in this article as it portrays a "homeless" panhandler and children walking by with adult appearing to be preventing the child from some form of danger. The picture conveys a message of fear. An issue noted to NOT be raised in the article is the homelessness does not equal panhandling. General discussion regarding. **A Brief discussion related to potential of letter to the editor of the paper in response to the article.** Average individuals do not and would not realize that Street Behavior VS Homelessness are very different things. Adrienne raises the issue that we (general homeless providers) cannot react vehemently, instead react with empathy and offer education! Again, the article is fairly benign, but a picture speaks many words: gives a perception of fear/fearful/threatening. Some further points discussed: Journalists have

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increased responsibility to provide the general public with appropriate/accurate info. CHSC receives calls all of the time regarding persons with whom individuals are concerned about/fearful about/irritated with and the central issue is homeless/panhandling. It was also discussed that monies being given to the Ministerium is a good thing, panhandlers might "go away", but the homeless issue remains. It is just more *out of sight, out of mind*. There still needs to be PUBLIC EDUCATION. Homelessness remains on the rise! It was determined that a letter to the editor is indicated. Chris, Diane and Becky will work on this and submit to HOCC members for review/changes before sending. This will be done via email, as it is the fastest. Those who are on the HOCC email list will receive, please review and give feedback.

- Mac raises the issue that the BOATHOUSE is gone; there is now a bike path in its place. After consistent follow-up, Mac did discover that all articles that were at the boathouse were thrown away "due to health issues". The articles were not kept for the time specification outlined in the court order. This is in contempt of the current court order and the ACLU is aware. This raises the issue of sweeps: With the last round of sweeps in April, 2005, it remains that articles taken in a sweep may be picked up for the first three days following a sweep, but it does not mention where the articles are after the three day period. There have been limited sweeps this spring. Vic Walzak is aware, probable return to court in 6/05 sometime to address the contempt issue and to address the storage issue of the articles taken in the sweeps. The Three Rivers Arts Festival is coming up, this usually means a sweep will be scheduled.
- Review for Allegheny C. Homeless Alliance-Quarterly Committee Report. Terri Laver is with need for committee report from HOCC. Details include: Committee name, focus of committee, current goals, goals achieved this quarter, list of Chair/Co-Chair persons and contact information, future goals, who regularly attends the committee meetings, meeting date/time/location. Review of this information. Chris and Becky will finalize and get this to Terri Laver.
- Northside issues: New council member is in place. There has been some communication with the new council member reported.
- The Living Room-This Sunday drop-in has been forced to close due to funding/staffing issues. Additionally, the building in which it was housed is to be sold. There was neither community nor any financial support to keep this active engagement center open. Report that the Living Room was on its way to working on employment options, small business, etc. the average attendance on Sunday's was approximately 100 folks.
- Article distributed: "Addiction Woes Haunt the Homeless". This is the type of article to use as tool/info as back-up info/data/stats for future use.
- General discussion regarding costs associated with housing a person in jail/hospital/shelter. The jail base rate for a cell is \$65. Hospital is not known, as this varies dependent on hospital and what care setting the person is in. Shelter cost is approximately \$15/night, including all overhead costs. Housing First models-already there are stats in place showing that this is a very cost efficient and effective model.
- JUNE 10th, 2005: Diane McMahon has scheduled a trip to Columbus to view MaryHaven, the engagement center in Columbus. Report that the set-up is very drug and alcohol in its base. It is set up much like a hospital. Chris, Mac, Diane McMahon, Harvey and possibly Mike Lindsey are planning to attend. The center there is funded partially by and attorney/fundraising efforts. There is also an association with a very large addictions program in the area. ☺ KUDOS!! THANK YOU DIANE MCMAHON FOR ORGANIZING THE OHIO TRIP!! ☺
- Lana discusses that Allegheny County is in need of a central hotline.
- First thing for next months agenda:
 - Synopsis of services offered by individual agencies.

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- Are we collaborating with others? If not, why?
- Diane J. suggests a quick review of previous month's minutes to keep us on track.
- Possible goals to consider: Sunday drop-in/weekend drop-in center and also a location for the drop-in.

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