

# HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 1, 2013 – 11:30am

Siouxland Health and Human Services Building (Classroom 2) – 521 N. Main Avenue, Second Floor

**Members present:** Jill Franken, Jim Meyer, Doug Morrison, Kerri DeGraff, Cindy Heiberger, Traci Jensen, Michelle Erpenbach, Carol Muller, and Lesa Jarding.

**Members absent:** Darrin Smith and Tom Wingert.

**Others present:** Maria Krell, Good Shepherd Center; Candice Cummings, VA; Amy Carter, Children’s Inn; Gary Helder, The Community Outreach; Shireen Ranschau, Sioux Falls Housing; Julie Becker, St. Francis House, and Stacey Tieszen, HAB Coordinator.

## I. Business

### A. Approval of Minutes – 05/06/13

- Upon motion by Kerri DeGraff, and seconded by Michelle Erpenbach, the Board approved the minutes of the 05/06/13 meeting as provided. Carried unanimously.

### B. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

- None.

## II. Program

### A. Community Trends as Shared by Local Service Providers

St. Francis House:

- States that they are filling up fast. *Today they have 1 female bed, 5 male beds, and 1 family unit open.*
- Continues to receive more calls for help from everything from rent, bus passes, food, diapers, etc.

Amy Carter of Children’s Inn:

- As of July 1, CI has been at or above capacity (which is 34 people) for the past **98 days in a row**.
- Averaging 48 people in shelter each day for the past three month which is **41%** more people than their capacity of 34 people.
- Out of the past 386 days, they have had women “doubled up” in rooms 300 days, or **78%** of the time.

*Union Gospel Mission:*

- Men’s side of the Shelter has been at or over capacity for several months resulting in the creation of a new policy on length of stay.

*The Arena Motel:*

- As of July 1, had 7 families with 12 children, 1 young adult (17 -20 years old) on his own, and 9 adults looking for affordable permanent housing.

*The Community Outreach:*

- During the past 45 days, TCO’s appointments for crisis care have been consistently showing up for their appointment and thus, budgeted funds have been spent quickly.

*Maria Krell of Good Shepherd Center:*

- July 2012 to June 2013 = 33,432 total guest visits
  - 869 were new guests
  - 1,655 guests were children
  - Served 13,737 lunches
- January 2013 to June 2013 = total visits 16,360 (*1,258 showers, 1,645 laundry, 6,927 lunches*)
- Adopted new policies including use of no trespassing signs and not allowing inebriated individuals into the daytime shelter.

*The Banquet:*

- April 11,652 meals served (1,438 to children)
- May 12,169 (1,760 to children)

- June 14,452 (2,217 to children) In June, The Banquet went from serving breakfast 3 days a week to 5 days a week (352 children came for breakfast in June).

*Salvation Army Warming Site – Year End Totals*

Year	2012	2013*
<b>Total</b>	<b>2954</b>	<b>6142</b>

*South Dakota’s Criminal Justice Reform Initiative* begins today ( July 1). The overall goal is to reduce recidivism and prevent the need for expanded jail growth. Will continue to monitor how this may impact housing and homeless issues in Sioux Falls.

**B. Build Up Sioux Falls**

- Discussed the meeting held with Mayor Huether on May 29, 2013 and the subsequent meeting with Darrin Smith from City Community Development on June 2. The Housing Trust Fund concept as put forth will not currently come to fruition. Alternative options were discussed including the possibility of a change in focus for dollars in the Community Development office which would include large multi-family projects. Discussed other methods of funding Build Up Sioux Falls outside of a dedicated revenue source, such as private funders.

**C. Housing First – Family Programs (Hennepin County)**

- Stacey Tieszen presented information in detail about information that she, Carol Muller, Director of County Human Services, and Kari Benz, Assistant Director of County HS, learned while on a tour of homeless family programs in Minneapolis in June. Large emphasis on sheltering all families, exhausting all other options before providing shelter, and then a willingness to continue to work with challenging families (the family needs to be considered the asset). A powerpoint presentation was provided with specific information.

**D. Housing for the Homeless Conference Updates**

- Stacey Tieszen presented an update on the Statewide Continuum of Care held on June 8 and 9, 2013, the Policy Advisory Committee, Coordinated Assessment training that was provided (and is required by Housing and Urban Development), the 100,000 Homes Campaign.

**III. Information**

- None.

**IV. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 12:50pm.