

HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2014 – 11:30am

Siouxland Health and Human Services Building, Classroom 1 (521 N. Main Avenue, 2nd Floor)

Members present: Carol Muller, Jill Franken, Jeff Barth, and Michelle Erpenbach.

Members absent: Jim Meyer, Tom Wingert, Traci Jensen, Darrin Smith, and Jeff Nelson.

Others present: Maria Krell, Good Shepherd Center; Melanie Bliss, Sioux Empire Homeless Coalition; Shireen Ranschau, Sioux Falls Housing; Karen Cordie, VA Homeless Outreach; Al Roettger, City Community Development, and Stacey Tieszen, HAB Coordinator.

I. Business

A. Approval of Minutes – 05/05/14

- Upon motion by Michelle Erpenbach, and seconded by Jill Franken, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the 05/05/14 meeting as provided.

B. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

- Melanie Bliss, Coordinator of the Sioux Empire Homeless Coalition, shared with the Board something she had written about people in need of services in the community and avoiding stereotypes. She suggested that we all get busy in the garden getting our aprons dirty. She talked about the closing of two thrift stores in Sioux Falls, the increasing number of people needing food especially at the Faith Temple Food Giveaways on Fridays, an 80-year-old woman who was being evicted that had rented from the same landlord for 31 years, and of people living in a fully-furnished cave.

II. Program

A. Welcome and Introductions – Jeff Nelson

- Jeff Nelson was unable to attend today's meeting as a new Board member so his welcome and introduction will be postponed until the next Homeless Advisory Board meeting in September.

B. Potential New Board Member (Joan Franken) – Introduction/Discussion

- Due to a lack of quorum, a vote will need to be held at a later date to determine if Joan Franken will be a new member of the Board. The Board has capacity for 15 members and has typically operated at 12 members. Joan Franken would replace Doug Morrison on the Board whose term expired May 2014.

C. Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grant – Lisa Bondy, SD Housing Development Authority

- Lisa Bondy is with the SD Housing Development Authority in Pierre. She is tasked with submitting grant applications to HUD for federal homeless monies that are part of the Continuum of Care and the Emergency Solutions Grant. Ms. Bondy was asked to come share with the Board changes in funding requirements as well as expectations, compliance issues, total dollars available, and what the money is allocated for in South Dakota. Ms. Bondy shared a powerpoint with the Board. Discussed the Policy and Advisory Committee that is made up of statewide providers of homeless and/or housing services. Ranking systems, specific guidelines for compliance from recipient agencies, and more was discussed. Talked about the role of the Board in helping move forward some of the new changes required by HUD including discharge planning (especially from foster care, hospitals, mental health hospitals, and detox programs), working with unaccompanied youth, Veterans, and the chronically homeless, and also about the HMIS (homeless management information system – the database required to track outcomes) program, ClientTrack, that the SD Housing Development Authority utilizes. The Board will continue to discuss this information and share with remaining Board members who were unable to attend the training today.

III. Information – None.

IV. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.