

HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 5, 2015 – 11:30am

Minnehaha County Administration Building (415 N. Dakota Avenue) 2nd Floor – Commission Chambers

Members present: Carol Muller, Jill Franken, Joan Franken, Jeff Barth, Tom Wingert, Traci Jensen, and Michelle Erpenbach.

Members absent: Darrin Smith (Brent Tucker in his absence), Jim Meyer, and Jeff Nelson.

Others present: Jase Roemling, Southeastern; Jim Bellas, Maria Krell, and Chad Campbell, Bishop Dudley Hospitality House; Melanie Bliss, Sioux Empire Homeless Coalition; Shireen Ranschau, Sioux Falls Housing; Tim Nicolai, Arena Motel; Denise Hanzlik, SD Multi-Housing Association.

I. Business

A. Approval of Minutes – 11/03/14

- Upon motion by Jeff Barth, and seconded by Brent Tucker, the Board approved the minutes of the 11/03/14 meeting as provided. Carried unanimously.

B. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

- None.

II. Program

A. Bishop Dudley Hospitality House - Chad Campbell, Executive Director

- Chad Campbell introduced Jim Bellas as the Overnight Program Director for the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House. Mr. Bellas shared his prior experiences which include working for homeless programs in Washington, D.C. and most recently as a Licensed Drug and Alcohol Counselor for Keystone. He has 22 years of experience working with those experiencing addiction issues. Mr. Campbell then explained how things are progressing as they are expecting to open their doors for shelter on the night of January 12. The Good Shepherd will have also moved over and will commence services in its new location on January 13th at 8:00am with Maria Krell as the Daytime Program Director. Mr. Campbell shared that they have hired 12 full-time employees and have 7 part-time currently hired with a need for a few more to help with the night check in hours. The Security Management Plan that was required by the Conditional Use Permit is on file with the City Clerks' Office. Michelle Erpenbach asked that Mr. Campbell send a copy of it to Stacey Tieszen so she can distribute it out to the Board. The document is considered a working plan and it will evolve as the needs of the shelter change. The Bishop Dudley Hospitality House will need to have two neighborhood meetings over the next year to share the plan and discuss/address any concerns. Questions were asked about data, impact, and then Tom Wingert asked about "drawing the homeless" into this neighborhood – who will be tracking police calls? Will the data show there is a decrease in the need for police services, and will there be modification of behaviors? At this point, no database has been selected to have information entered or shared. There has been discussion about the BDHH joining the state's homeless management information system or looking into their own.

B. Homeless Count – January 27, 2015

- Stacey Tieszen shared plans for the upcoming annual homeless count. Volunteers are still needed.

C. Developing a New Vision – Creating New Goals and a Plan for Those Experiencing Homelessness in Sioux Falls

- Discussed that the current Plan expires in May 2015 and shared an overview document that contains the 20 items in the original plan. Discussed ways to incorporate the relevant items from the SF Tomorrow 2014 plan as well as any other items that are pertinent. Discussed having the Board come together for a working session in February. Stacey Tieszen will work to coordinate a time for the Board to convene.

D. Community Trends – Update

- Shared with the Board latest information on agencies and trends that are known in the homeless and low-income communities for needs and gaps in services.

III. Information and Training Opportunities

- Bishop Dudley Hospitality House Blessing and Opening on January 12, 2015 at 1:30pm.
- Project Connect on January 27, 2015 at the Salvation Army Gym from 9:00am – 1:00pm.

IV. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 12:25pm.