

HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2015 – 11:30am

Bishop Dudley Hospitality House (101 N. Indiana Avenue) – Conference Room

Members present: Carol Muller, Darrin Smith, Jill Franken, Joan Franken, Jeff Barth, and Traci Jensen.

Members absent: Jim Meyer, Tom Wingert, Michelle Erpenbach, and Jeff Nelson.

Others present: Maria Krell, Bishop Dudley Hospitality House; Melanie Bliss, Sioux Empire Homeless Coalition; Brett Johnson, Alliance, and Stacey Tieszen, Coordinator for the Homeless Advisory Board.

I. Business

A. Approval of Minutes – 03/02/15

- Upon motion by Jeff Barth, and seconded by Carol Muller, the Board approved the minutes of the 03/02/15 meeting as provided. Carried unanimously.

B. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

- None.

II. Program

A. Sioux Empire Homeless Coalition – Brett Johnson, SEHC Board Chair, and Melanie Bliss

- Brett Johnson, as Chair of the SEHC Board, shared Melanie Bliss's last day as Coordinator is scheduled for June 1, 2015 with a thank you celebration on May 21 during the regular Homeless Coalition Thursday Forum. He shared at this point in time, they have not hired a new Coordinator and may not in the future, some of which will depend on funding and some on need. The 211 Helpline Center has agreed to help coordinate future Project Connects, the monthly Forums are covered through the Summer on the Road and more will be outlined as the months move forward, and Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week may need to become a collaborative effort with the Homeless Advisory Board. Johnson shared that the Board wants to move forward cautiously and make sure they review the role of the Coalition in the community. He anticipates working closely with the Homeless Advisory Board in trying to prevent and end homelessness. Melanie Bliss then shared an article from the Mother Jones magazine from March/April 2015 on Utah's progress in ending Chronic Homelessness. She also outlined the greatest challenges she sees in serving those who are experiencing homelessness and helping to prevent it as much as possible.

B. Affordable Housing Information Presentation – Joan Franken

- Joan Franken provided several handouts and went through the basics of creating sustainable affordable housing units in the city. She talked about Fair Market Rent, tax credit utilization, and layers of housing funds. She explained allowable rents, and the challenges that exist when wanting to build lower Area Median Income (AMI) units such as below 50%, and the struggles with making an affordable housing complex cash flow.

C. Creating the 2025 Plan to Address Homelessness - Update

- Reviewed the goals and objectives of the new 2025 Plan. Addressed questions and feasibility of goals such as the affordable housing units to be built by 2025. A Motion to Adopt the Goals and Objectives as presented was made by Traci Jensen, with a second by Jeff Barth. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Information and Training Opportunities

- SD Housing for the Homeless Annual Consortium Summit – Chamberlain, SD on June 9th and 10th.

IV. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 1:05pm.