

HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2016 – 11:30am

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

Members present: Jim Meyer, Traci Jensen, Jean Bender, Darrin Smith, Kari Benz, Jill Franken, Joan Franken, and Michelle Erpenbach.

Members absent: Jeff Nelson.

Others present: Theresa Stehly, City Council Candidate; Jeannette Spaans, County Human Services; Anny Libengood, County Human Services, Carlton, Community Member; Jaclyn Ketcham, Southeastern; Maria Lavelle and Sarah Kocher, Augustana Students and Documentary Creators; Chad Campbell, Bishop Dudley Hospitality House; Melanie Bliss, Community Advocate, and Stacey Tieszen, Coordinator for the Homeless Advisory Board.

I. Business

A. Approval of Minutes – 01/04/16

- Upon motion by Kari Benz, and seconded by Joan Franken, the Board approved the minutes of the 01/04/16 meeting as provided. Carried unanimously.

B. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

- None.

II. Program

A. Welcome and Introductions – Jean Bender, Minnehaha County Commission Liaison

- Jean Bender was introduced as the new liaison from the County Commission for the Board.

B. ‘Over the Bridge’ Documentary

- Maria Lavelle and Sarah Kocher shared with the Board a documentary they made about being homeless in Sioux Falls highlighting the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, the Banquet, and the various struggles people experiencing homelessness face including medical conditions, untreated mental health, substance abuse and job loss. The documentary is about 20 minutes long. They plan to enter it into several film festivals before making it available to the general public.

C. 2025 Plan - Updates

- Tieszen reviewed meetings held by the action teams. Joan Franken shared about Costello’s new affordable housing project, Chasing Willow II, that will receive a loan from the City of Sioux Falls to help in the creation of more affordable units including at the 30% AMI level.

D. Sioux Empire Network of Care - Update

- Tieszen shared the work of the Steering Committee as well as the smaller working group on moving things forward to a launch date for the pilot which is targeted for late May/early June. Intake forms and Memos of Understanding have been developed and reviewed. A network coordinator has been hired for this project by the 211. A database system has been selected and the 211 staff are working with them to hone the product to meet the needs of the Network.

E. Creating a New Approach – Hosting a Pie Party

- Reviewed the elements of a whole person approach to poverty which includes things such as financial, vocational, cultural, and social elements discussing how there is much more to how society views poverty currently, and how our community can do more to impact lasting change for those whose pies are missing many of the pieces. Discussed having the Board host an event in May to bring services providers together to discuss services, duplication, and gaps.

F. Policy Advisory Council/Continuum of Care – Update

- Funding of all Tier One renewals for the CoC was awarded. Shared that Lisa Bondy resigned her position with the SD Housing Development Authority and her last day will be April 1, 2016. They are currently modifying a job description and will be posting the position soon.

G. Community Trends – Update

- Tieszen shared the latest trends and data for agency providers pertaining to homelessness via current information. The Snapshot will be emailed out to Board members upon its update of monthly data.

III. Information and Training Opportunities

- None.

IV. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 12:50pm.