



Dream Homes Community Center

To: Mayor Mark Boughton and the Common Council
From: Karl Myers, on behalf of the Dream Homes Community Center collaborative
Re: March 21, 2008 monthly report

I. Program Synopsis

Per the proposal endorsed by Mayor Boughton and the Common Council, the Dream Homes Community Center (DHCC) is a collaborative effort of 4 non-profits: Housing Authority of the City of Danbury, The Association of Religious Communities, We CAHR and People First of CT. The collaborative has financial and in-kind partners, to date: The City of Danbury, Mc Cue Mortgage, an Anonymous Donor, Housing Authority, ARC & We CAHR, Town of New Fairfield, Town of New Milford, Town of Redding and the Town of Ridgefield.

Dream Homes works with 3 populations:

- 1) Point of Entry for persons who are homeless
- 2) Rentals
- 3) First-time Home ownership

All three of the above components are a part of Dream Homes. The Point of Entry is not a separate program; rather, it is 1 of the 3 components of Dream Homes ~ per the proposal passed by Mayor Boughton and the Common Council.

The collaborative Leadership Team shares responsibilities for leadership, decision-making, risk-taking, and fundraising. This report is submitted by Karl Myers on behalf of the collaborative Leadership Team, which also includes: Rev. Phyllis J. Leopold, Jean Bowen, Patricia Tomka, and Carolyn Sistrunk.

In addition to the Leadership Team, salaried professionals implement the program:

Program Director (full-time): Karl Myers
Housing Advocate for Persons with Disabilities (part-time): Jeanne Braude-Magi
Homeless Coordinator (part-time): Karen Jacobs

I. Operations

- No new information in this area.

II. Outreach & Education

- No new information in this area.

A) Regional

- The Program Director of DHCC testified at an Appropriations Committee Hearing at the State Capitol requesting that proposed funding cuts to the Beyond Shelter CT Program not be acted upon. Feedback from the State Representative and Senators present were favorable to the request. Beyond Shelter CT Program is a program to help homeless families move from shelters into permanent housing and then be able to stay housed by working with them afterwards. The proposed budget cuts would prevent this program from expanding into two more cities within Connecticut.

B) Community Involvement

- The Homeless Coordinator volunteered at the Breakfast held at New Hope Baptist Church.

III. Point of Entry

- The Danbury CoC in its February meeting voted on and accepted the proposed Universal Homeless Intake Form. All agencies within the Danbury CoC that work with the homeless population are to: 1) Use the form if no form of their own exists. 2) Use in conjunction with their existing forms to make sure that all HMIS required data elements are captured. 3) Revise their existing forms to assure that all required HMIS data elements are captured.
- The Danbury CoC in its February meeting discussed further expanding HMIS data sharing between agencies. This will be discussed further in upcoming meetings.

HUD Annual Progress Report (HUD-40118)
February 1 to February 29, 2008
All Danbury CoC Agencies using HMIS

HUD Annual Progress Report (HUD-40118)

Report Options:

Provider Group Unduplicated

Provider
 This provider AND its children. This provider ONLY.

Operating Year Date Range to (mm/dd/yyyy)

Legal Adult Age (as defined by foster care law in your state)

Or

2. Persons Served during the operating year.	Number of Singles Not in Families	Number of Adults in Families	Number of Children in Families	Number of Families
a. Number on the first day of the operating year.	<u>315</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>22</u>	12
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	<u>29</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	1
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	<u>48</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	1
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	296	13	25	12
3. Project Capacity.	Number of Singles Not in Families	Number of Adults in Families	Number of Children in Families	Number of Families
a. Number on last day (from 2d, columns 1 and 4)	296			12

4. Non-homeless persons. (Sec. 8 SRO projects only)

How many income-eligible non-homeless persons were housed by the SRO program during the operating year?	<u>51</u>
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5. Age and Gender. Of those who entered during the operating year, how many people are in the following age and gender categories?

	Age	Male	Female	Other/Not given
Single Persons (from 2b, column 1)	a. 62 and over	0	0	0
	b. 51 - 61	<u>3</u>	0	0
	c. 31 - 50	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>	0
	d. 18 - 30	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	0
	e. 17 and under	0	0	0
	Not given	0	0	0
Persons in Families (from 2b, columns 2 & 3)	f. 62 and over	0	0	0
	g. 51 - 61	0	0	0
	h. 31 - 50	0	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	i. 18 - 30	0	0	0
	j. 13 - 17	0	0	0
	k. 6 - 12	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	0
	l. 1 - 5	0	0	0
	m. Under 1	0	0	0
Not given	0	0	0	

6 - 10. Participants who entered during the operating year.

6a. Veterans Status.

A veteran is anyone who has ever been on active military duty status.	<u>1</u>
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6b. Chronically Homeless.

How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?	<u>3</u>
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7. Ethnicity.

a. Hispanic or Latino	<u>3</u>
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b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino	<u>28</u>
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8. Race.

a. American Indian or Alaskan Native	0
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b. Asian	0
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c. Black or African American	<u>5</u>
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d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
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e. White	<u>23</u>
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f. American Indian/Alaskan Native & White	0
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g. Asian & White	0
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h. Black/African American & White	0
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i. American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American	0
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j. Other Multi-Racial	0
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k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match)				<u>3</u>
9a. Special Needs.				
		All	Chronic	
a. Mental illness		<u>3</u>	0	
b. Alcohol abuse		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
c. Drug abuse		0	0	
d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases		0	0	
e. Developmental disability		0	0	
f. Physical disability		<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	
g. Domestic violence		<u>1</u>	0	
h. Other (please specify)		0	0	
9b. Disabled.				
How many of the participants are disabled?				<u>5</u>
10. Prior Living Situation. Participants slept in the following places the week prior to entering.				
		All	Chronic	
a. Non-housing (street, park, car, bus station, etc.)		0	0	
b. Emergency shelter		<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons		0		
d. Psychiatric facility		0		
e. Substance abuse treatment facility		<u>3</u>		
f. Hospital		0		
g. Jail/prison		<u>1</u>		
h. Domestic violence situation		0		
i. Living with relatives/friends		<u>10</u>		
j. Rental housing		<u>3</u>		
k. Other (please specify)		<u>5</u>		
11. Amount and Source of Monthly Income at Entry and Exit. Participants who left during the operating year.				
Amount	A. Monthly Income at Entry		B. Monthly Income at Exit	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
a. No Income	<u>17</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>
b. \$1-150	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
c. \$151 - \$250	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>
d. \$251 - \$500	<u>2</u>	0	<u>2</u>	0
e. \$501 - \$1000	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>
f. \$1001 - \$1500	<u>2</u>	0	<u>3</u>	0
g. \$1501 - \$2000	<u>2</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0
h. \$2000 +	0	0	0	0

Source	C. Income Sources at Entry		D. Income Sources at Exit	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
a. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0
b. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>
c. Social Security	0	0	0	0
d. General Public Assistance	0	0	0	0
e. Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)	0	0	0	0
f. State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	0	0	0	0
g. Veterans benefits	0	0	0	0
h. Employment Income	<u>5</u>	0	<u>6</u>	0
i. Unemployment Benefits	0	0	0	0
j. Veteran's Health Care	0	0	0	0
k. Medicaid	0	0	0	0
l. Food Stamps	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>
m. Other (please specify)	<u>16</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>9</u>
n. No financial resources	<u>17</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>
12a. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who left during the operating year.				
		All		Chronic
a. Less than 1 month		0		0
b. 1 to 2 months		<u>4</u>		0
c. 3 - 6 months		<u>26</u>		<u>16</u>
d. 7 months - 12 months		<u>12</u>		<u>3</u>
e. 13 months - 24 months		<u>7</u>		<u>1</u>
f. 25 months - 3 years		0		0
g. 4 years - 5 years		0		0
h. 6 years - 7 years		0		0
i. 8 years - 10 years		0		0
j. over 10 years		0		0
12b. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who did not leave during the operating year.				
		All		Chronic
a. Less than 1 month		<u>33</u>		<u>3</u>
b. 1 to 2 months		<u>67</u>		<u>16</u>
c. 3 - 6 months		<u>141</u>		<u>59</u>
d. 7 months - 12 months		<u>30</u>		<u>7</u>
e. 13 months - 24 months		<u>17</u>		<u>3</u>
f. 25 months - 3 years		<u>17</u>		<u>1</u>
g. 4 years - 5 years		<u>3</u>		<u>2</u>
h. 6 years - 7 years		0		0

i. 8 years - 10 years		<u>1</u>	0
j. over 10 years		0	0
13. Reasons for Leaving. Participants who left during the operating year.			
		All	Chronic
a. Left for a housing opportunity before completing program		<u>4</u>	0
b. Completed program		<u>3</u>	0
c. Non-payment of rent/occupancy charge		0	0
d. Non-compliance with project		0	0
e. Criminal activity / destruction of property / violence		0	0
f. Reached maximum time allowed in project		0	0
g. Needs could not be met by project		<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
h. Disagreement with rules/persons		0	0
i. Death		0	0
j. Other (please specify)		0	0
k. Unknown/disappeared		<u>40</u>	<u>19</u>
14. Destination. Participants who left during the operating year.			
		All	Chronic
PERMANENT (a - h)	a. Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)	<u>1</u>	0
	b. Public Housing	0	0
	c. Section 8	0	0
	d. Shelter Plus Care	0	0
	e. HOME subsidized house or apartment	0	0
	f. Other subsidized house or apartment	0	0
	g. Homeownership	<u>5</u>	0
	h. Moved in with family or friends	0	0
TRANSITIONAL (i - j)	i. Transitional housing for homeless persons	<u>1</u>	0
	j. Moved in with family or friends	0	0
INSTITUTION (k - m)	k. Psychiatric hospital	0	0
	l. Inpatient alcohol/drug treatment facility	0	0
	m. Jail/prison	0	0
EMERGENCY SHELTER (n)	n. Emergency shelter	0	0
OTHER (o - q)	o. Other supportive housing	0	0
	p. Places not meant for human habitation (e.g. street)	0	0
	q. Other (please specify)	0	0
UNKNOWN	r. Unknown	<u>42</u>	<u>20</u>
15. Supportive Services. Participants who left during the operating year.			
NOTE: The below services were given to participants who left during the operating year. Add the following counts into the appropriate category for question 15.			
Service	Service Code	All	Chronic

1.	Transitional Housing/Shelter	BH-180.950	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
2.	Homeless Shelter	BH-1800.8500	<u>16</u>	<u>12</u>
3.	Public Housing	BH-7000.4600-600	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
4.	Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	BH-7000.4600-700	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
5.	Single Room Occupancy Housing	BH-7000.4600-800	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
6.	Supportive Housing	BH-8400	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>
7.	Employment	ND	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>
8.	Comprehensive Job Assistance Centers	ND-1500	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>
9.	Food Stamps	NL-6000.2000	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>
10.	Social Security Disability	NS-1800.8000	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>
11.	Social Health Insurance	NS-8000	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>

Needs/Service Report

January 1, 2008 to January 31, 2008

Note: DHCC combined data from all Danbury HMIS agencies to create this report.

NEED COUNT January 1, 2008 to February 29, 2008						
Danbury CoC						
NEED COUNT						
<u>Need Type</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Pending</u>	<u>Fully Met</u>	<u>Partially Met</u>	<u>Unmet</u>	<u>Null</u>
Alcohol Dependency Support Groups	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Domestic Violence Shelters	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Emergency Shelter	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Employment	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Food Pantries	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Food Stamps	<u>17</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Homeless Motel Vouchers	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Homeless Shelter	<u>416</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Housing Counseling	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Medicaid	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Public Housing	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Rental Deposit Assistance	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>
Single Room Occupancy Housing	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Social Health Insurance	<u>17</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Social Security Disability	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>

SSI	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Substance Abuse Services	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Supportive Housing	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
Transitional Housing/Shelter	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Unemployment Insurance	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	503	11	472	0	7	13

- Zip Code Information Report:**

<u>Zip Code</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Number of Persons</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Number of Persons</u>
06810/06811	Danbury	CT	162	06320	New London	CT	1
06776	New Milford	CT	32	06057	New Hartford	CT	1
06702	Waterbury	CT	20	16101	New Castle	PA	1
06801	Bethel	CT	18	06050	New Britian	CT	1
06804	Brookfield	CT	12	06770	Naugatuck	CT	1
06488	Southbury	CT	7	37127	Marsfreesboro	TN	1
06854	Norwalk	CT	7	10541	Mahopac	NY	1
06512	New Haven	CT	6	24572	Madison Hieghts	VA	1
06902	Stamford	CT	4	24501	Lynchburg	VA	1
01104	SpringField	Ma	4	40211	Louisville	KY	1
12601	Poughkeepsie	NY	4	06759	Litchfield	CT	1
06450	Meridan	CT	4	06419	Killingworth	CT	1
06606	Bridgeport	CT	4	06351	Jewet City	CT	1
30301	Atlanta	GA	4	07306	Jersey City	NJ	1
06790	Torrington	CT	3	12531	Holmes	NU	1
06069	Sharon	CT	3	11550	Hempsted	NY	1
06877	Ridgefield	CT	3	92543	Hemet	CA	1
06470	Newtown	CT	3	18201	Hazelton	PA	1
06812	New Fairfield	CT	2	06340	Groton	CT	1
90631	La Harbra	CA	2	06031	Falls Village	CT	1
25701	Huntington	WV	2	06082	Enfield	CT	1
06029	Ellington	CT	2	06118	East Hartford	CT	1
03470	Winchester	NH	1	12522	Dover Plains	NY	1
06793	Washington	CT	1	07869	Dover	NJ	1
74101	Tulsa	OK	1	37725	Dandridge	TN	1
33711	St Petersburg	FL	1	78403	Corpus Christi	TX	1
06784	Sherman	CT	1	12047	Cohes	NY	1
31401	Savannah	GA	1	06410	Cheshire	CT	1
06482	Sandy Hook	CT	1	10512	Carmel	NY	1
30165	Rome	GA	1	28401	Cape Fear	NC	1
06067	Rocky Hill	CT	1	06019	Canton	CT	1
06477	Orange	CT	1	10457	Bronx	NY	1
10026	NYC	NY	1	10509	Brewster	NY	1
37137	Nunnelly	TN	1	93309	Bakersfield	CA	1
01060	Northampton	Ma	1				

HMIS Data Analysis

Total clients entered into HMIS by <i>all</i> Danbury CoC agencies:	1668
Identified as Chronically Homeless:	470
Identified as Military Veteran:	92
Pregnant:	81
Unemployed at time of entry:	1011
Homelessness Primary Reason:	

Unemployed	233	Domestic Violence Victim	23
Substance Abuse	145	Loss of Job	14
Family Breakup	154	Criminal Activity	9
Out of Jail/Prison	137	New to Area	15
Legal Eviction	86	Family Abuse	8
Family Friend Eviction	56	Health/Safety	7
Left Voluntarily	54	Underemployment/Low Income	5
Mental Health	37	Physical Illness	4
Lack of Income	28	Disaster Victim	2
Mental Illness	25	Loss of Transportation	8
Expenses Exceed Income	28	Mortgage Foreclosure	6
Release from Institution	21	Substandard Housing	3
Medical Condition	15	Loss of Child Care	1
Divorced/Separated	15	No Reason Entered	508
No Affordable Housing	14	Loss of Public Assistance	2
		Disaster Victim	5
		Total	1637

Danbury Over Flow Shelter Figures:

2007/2008					2006/2007	
Month	Count	Male	Female	Nights Open	Average	Average
October	0	0	0	0	0	9.4
November	335	306	29	25	13.4	6
December	513	479	34	31	16.5	7.8
January	711	678	33	31	22.9	16.4
February	445	419	26	29	15.3	15.8
March						14
YTD	2004	1882	122	116	17	

New Milford Emergency Transitional Shelter:

The New Milford Shelter will close April 6, 2008 for the season.

2007/2008					2006/2007	
Month	Count	Male	Female	Nights Open	Average	Average
November	27	22	5	18	1.5	1.2
December	91	73	18	31	2.9	1.7
January	97	95	2	31	3.1	3.7
February	182	154	28	29	6.3	4.9
March						3.2
April						1.7
YTD	397	344	53	109		

Dream Homes Community Center Collaborative - Preventing Homelessness
(We CAHR and Housing Authority for the City of Danbury only)

Total number of new clients served by the collaborative **this month:** __14__

Race/Ethnicity

White_8__ Black_4__ Native American__ Asian__ Hispanic/Latino_2__ Other__

Family Information

Total Families:___ Female_3__ Male_6__ Minors/ Parents (under 18)___

Total Singles:_5__ Female_1__ Male_4__ Minor (under 18)___

Age

0-5___ 6-12_4__ 13-17___ 18-20___ 21-25_2__ 26-34_1__

35-49_10__ 50-64_1__ 65+___

Education Level

No High School___ Some High School_3__ High School Diploma/GED_2__

Some College/Degree___ Graduate School___ Unknown_9__

Income Information

Employed_5___ SAGA_1__ Child Support___

SSI_4__ SSDI___ Unemploy. Comp___

Veteran___ None_1__ TFA_1__ Other___

Housing Issues

Disaster Victim___ Deinstitutionalized___ Lockout___

Legal Eviction_1__ Out of Jail/Prison___ Left Voluntarily_2__

Fmly/Friend Eviction_2__ Other_9__

Contributing Factors

Substance Abuse_2___ Expenses Exceed Income___ Unemployed_3__

Physical Illness_2__ New to Area___ Divorced/Separated_1__

Family Abuse _____

Mental Illness _2_

Other __9__

Destination

Public Housing _2_ Section 8 ___1___ Shelter Plus Care __5__

IV. First Time Home Ownership/Housing

- No new information in this area.