



## 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:** January 29, 2008 monthly report

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### 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, Prestima Latino, an Anonymous Donor, Housing Authority, ARC & We CAHR.

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**

- The Homeless Coordinator meet with Amos House staff and trained them on HMIS system use so that they could enter client data into the system.

## **II. Outreach & Education**

- No new information in this area.

### **A) Regional**

- DHCC met with one of the two clients of Evelyn's Place a private transitional program for families in New Milford. An assessment was conducted and the client needed to provide more information for it to be complete.
- DHCC Lead Team met with two representatives from the Veterans Administration to discuss their housing programs for homeless veterans.
- The agencies interested in creating a supportive housing program in New Milford met again in January. Several members will be attending a training program beginning in March that is put on by the Corporation for Supportive Housing.
- MCCA's new transitional housing program for 17 persons with substance abuse issues will be opening in June 2008. Applications will start to be accepted in February.
- CT Outreach West (PILOTS) received a grant to add ten more additional clients to their program. All openings have been filled with clients that had been on the Shelter Plus Care waiting list.
- Shelter of the Cross has a new Executive Director, Lori Capri.

### **B) Community Involvement**

- The Executive Director of ARC and the Program Director of DHCC met with members of the Social Service Support Committee of the Housing Partnership on January 9, 2007. The purpose of this meeting was to inform the committee of DHCC activity to date and review HMIS data.
- Dream Homes participated in a Financial Fair held at Morris Street School on January 16, 2008. The fair was for families to obtain information on home ownership, rental assistance, loan programs and energy assistance. Other agencies present were: TBICO, CACD, Savings Bank of Danbury, Catholic Family Charities Family Loan Program, Washington Mutual Bank.

## **III. Point of Entry**

- DHCC successfully advocated for a homeless person staying at Shelter of the Cross who was denied senior housing through the Housing Authority. The decision of the Housing Authority was reversed and he is now has permanent housing.

- DHCC was able to secure financial aid for two homeless persons so they could obtain permanent housing. One utilized the Emergency Aid Fund operated through ARC, the other received help from Dorothy Day.
- DHCC referred one homeless man to the VA. This person is now in New Haven receiving services and has applied for housing through the Housing Authority.
- DHCC organized a meeting with Dorothy Day representatives on January 8, 2008 to discuss their participating in HMIS. Also in attendance was the Executive Director of the CT Coalition to End Homelessness, The Director of Health, Housing and Welfare and the Director of Welfare for the City of Danbury. The meeting was very positive and the three representatives from Dorothy Day were going to recommend to the rest of their Steering Committee that they should utilize HMIS more and work with DHCC for the data entry and intake process. Dorothy Day will be meeting in January and will report back to DHCC on their decision.

**HUD Annual Progress Report (HUD-40118)**  
**December 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007**  
**All Danbury CoC Agencies using HMIS**

**Report Options:**

Provider Group: Danbury CoC  Unduplicated

Provider: -Select-

This provider AND its children.  This provider ONLY.

Operating Year Date Range: 12/01/2007 to 12/31/2007 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Legal Adult Age: 18 (as defined by foster care law in your state)

Or

-Select-

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.	261	6	11	7
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	29	4	8	4
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	3	1	2	1
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	287	9	17	10
3. Project Capacity.	Number of Singles Not in Families	Number of Adults in Families	Number of Children in Families	Number of Families

g. Asian & White	0
h. Black/African American & White	0
i. American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American	0
j. Other Multi-Racial	1
k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match)	2

9a. Special Needs.		
	All	Chronic
a. Mental illness	4	0
b. Alcohol abuse	0	0
c. Drug abuse	0	0
d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases	0	0
e. Developmental disability	0	0
f. Physical disability	1	0
g. Domestic violence	3	0
h. Other (please specify)	0	0

9b. Disabled.	
How many of the participants are disabled?	5

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.)	2	1
b. Emergency shelter	4	0
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons	2	
d. Psychiatric facility	0	
e. Substance abuse treatment facility	0	
f. Hospital	0	
g. Jail/prison	3	
h. Domestic violence situation	1	
i. Living with relatives/friends	7	
j. Rental housing	3	
k. Other (please specify)	11	

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	1	1	0	0
b. \$1-150	0	0	0	0
c. \$151 - \$250	0	0	0	0
d. \$251 - \$500	0	0	0	0
e. \$501 - \$1000	1	0	2	1
f. \$1001 - \$1500	0	0	0	0
g. \$1501 - \$2000	1	0	1	0
h. \$2000 +	1	0	1	0
Source	C. Income Sources at Entry		D. Income Sources at Exit	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
a. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	1	0	1	0
b. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	0	0	0	0
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	2	0	3	1
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	1	0	1	0
m. Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0
n. No financial resources	1	1	0	0

12a. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who left during the operating year.				
	All		Chronic	
a. Less than 1 month	1		0	
b. 1 to 2 months	2		1	
c. 3 - 6 months	0		0	
d. 7 months - 12 months	1		0	
e. 13 months - 24 months	0		0	
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	32		4	
b. 1 to 2 months	108		49	
c. 3 - 6 months	62		27	
d. 7 months - 12 months	50		11	
e. 13 months - 24 months	22		3	
f. 25 months - 3 years	17		1	
g. 4 years - 5 years	2		2	
h. 6 years - 7 years	1		0	
i. 8 years - 10 years	2		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	1	0	
b. Completed program	3	1	
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	0	0	
h. Disagreement with rules/persons	0	0	
i. Death	0	0	
j. Other (please specify)	0	0	
k. Unknown/disappeared	0	0	

14. Destination. Participants who left during the operating year.			
		All	Chronic
PERMANENT (a - h)	a. Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)	2	1
	b. Public Housing	1	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	0	0
	h. Moved in with family or friends	0	0
TRANSITIONAL (i - j)	i. Transitional housing for homeless persons	0	0
	j. Moved in with family or friends	1	0

<b>INSTITUTION</b> (k - m)	<b>k.</b> Psychiatric hospital	0	0
	<b>l.</b> Inpatient alcohol/drug treatment facility	0	0
	<b>m.</b> Jail/prison	0	0
<b>EMERGENCY SHELTER</b> (n)	<b>n.</b> Emergency shelter	0	0
<b>OTHER</b> (o - q)	<b>o.</b> Other supportive housing	0	0
	<b>p.</b> Places not meant for human habitation (e.g. street)	0	0
	<b>q.</b> Other (please specify)	0	0
<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>r.</b> Unknown	0	0

**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.	Homeless Shelter	BH-180.850	1	1
2.	Supportive Housing	BH-840	1	1
3.	Comprehensive Job Assistance Centers	ND-150	1	1
4.	Social Health Insurance	NS-800	1	1

### Needs/Service Report

**January 1, 2007 to December 31,2007**

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

<b>NEED COUNT January 1,2007 to December 31,2007</b>						
<b>Danbury CoC</b>						
<b>Need Type</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Pending</b>	<b>Fully Met</b>	<b>Partially Met</b>	<b>Unmet</b>	<b>Null</b>
AIDS/HIV Clinics	2	0	2	0	0	0
AIDS/HIV Control	1	0	1	0	0	0
AIDS/HIV Issues	2	0	2	0	0	0
Alcohol Detoxification	2	1	0	0	0	1
Basic Income Maintenance Programs	1	0	1	0	0	0
Basic Needs (B)	4	0	0	0	0	4
Bathing Facilities	105	0	103	0	1	1
Bus Fare	39	0	38	0	0	1
Checking/Savings Accounts	2	0	0	0	0	2
Child Care Provider Referrals	3	0	0	0	3	0
Clothing	34	0	32	0	0	2
Comprehensive Job Assistance Centers (ND-150)	8	0	0	0	0	8
Credit Counseling	1	0	0	0	1	0
Domestic Violence Shelters	3	0	3	0	0	0
Drug Detoxification	4	2	0	0	0	2
Emergency Medical Care	1	0	1	0	0	0
Emergency Shelter	14	0	8	1	4	1
Emergency Telephones	88	0	85	0	2	1
Employment	46	0	34	0	0	12

Employment	7	<u>0</u>	2	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	2
Food Pantries	12	0	12	0	0	0
Food Vouchers/Stamps	59	<u>1</u>	31	<u>0</u>	13	14
General Legal Aid	1	0	0	0	0	1
General Medical Care	49	1	48	0	0	0
Health Care (L)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Home Rental Listings	3	0	0	0	3	0
Homeless Drop In Centers	299	0	292	0	2	5
Homeless Shelter	6090	<u>0</u>	6059	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	21
Hospital Based Outpatient Services	1	0	1	0	0	0
Housing Authorities	9	2	0	0	2	5
Housing Counseling	10	0	0	0	0	10
Housing Search and Information	11	0	8	0	0	3
Identification Card	3	0	0	0	1	2
Identification Card Fee	2	0	2	0	0	0
Job Finding Assistance	2	0	1	0	1	0
Job Search Resource Centers	23	0	14	0	0	9
Job Search/Placement	12	0	11	0	1	0
Laundry Facilities	45	0	45	0	0	0
Legal Representation	2	0	0	0	1	1
Long Distance Bus Services	1	0	0	0	1	0
Low Income/Subsidized Rental Housing	4	0	0	0	3	1
Meals	143	0	140	0	2	1
Medicaid	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Mental Health Care and Counseling	89	1	79	0	1	8
Outpatient Health Facilities	1	0	0	1	0	0
Probate Conservatorship	3	0	0	0	1	2
Public Housing	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
Rental Deposit Assistance	31	<u>0</u>	3	<u>0</u>	17	11
Residential Housing Options	1	0	1	0	0	0
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	9	0	3	0	1	5
Single Room Occupancy Housing	10	0	0	0	0	10
Social Health Insurance	53	<u>2</u>	35	<u>0</u>	5	<u>11</u>
Social Security Disability	29	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	15
Social Security Retirement Benefits	1	0	1	0	0	0
SSI	6	<u>0</u>	5	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	1
State Unemployment Insurance	3	0	1	0	1	1
Substance Abuse Hotlines	4	0	3	0	1	0
Substance Abuse Services	105	0	98	2	1	4
Supportive Housing	21	0	0	0	1	20
TANF	<u>17</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
Temporary Mailing Address	148	0	143	0	2	3

Transitional Housing/Shelter	26	3	10	0	4	9
Veteran Homes	1	0	0	0	0	1
Veteran/Military Health Insurance	2	0	1	1	0	0
Veterans	6	0	6	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7721</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7395</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>215</b>

• **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	136	06770	Naugatuck	CT	1
06776	New Milford	CT	25	06759	Litchfield	CT	1
06702	Waterbury	CT	16	06482	Sandy Hook	CT	1
06801	Bethel	CT	12	06477	Orange	CT	1
06804	Brookfield	CT	9	06419	Killingworth	CT	1
06854	Norwalk	CT	6	06410	Cheshire	CT	1
06488	Southbury	CT	6	06351	Jewet City	CT	1
12601	Poughkeepsie	NY	4	06340	Groton	CT	1
06512	New Haven	CT	4	06320	New London	CT	1
30301	Atlanta	GA	4	06118	East Hartford	CT	1
06606	Bridgeport	CT	3	06082	Enfield	CT	1
06450	Meridan	CT	3	06050	New Britian	CT	1
06069	Sharon	CT	3	06031	Falls Village	CT	1
25701	Huntington	WV	2	06019	Canton	CT	1
06902	Stamford	CT	2	03470	Winchester	NH	1
06790	Torrington	CT	2	01060	Northampton	Ma	1
06470	Newtown	CT	2	92543	Hemet	CA	1
01104	SpringField	Ma	2	78403	Corpus Christi	TX	1
90631	La Harbra	CA	2	74101	Tulsa	OK	1
93309	Bakersfield	CA	1	40211	Louisville	KY	1
37725	Dandridge	TN	1	31401	Savannah	GA	1
33711	St Petersburg	FL	1	30165	Rome	GA	1
24572	Madison Hieghts	VA	1	28401	Cape Fear	NC	1
24501	Lynchburg	VA	1	18201	Hazelton	PA	1
10457	Bronx	NY	1	16101	New Castle	PA	1
07869	Dover	NJ	1	12531	Holmes	NU	1
07306	Jersey City	NJ	1	12522	Dover Plains	NY	1
06877	Ridgefield	CT	1	10541	Mahopac	NY	1
06793	Washington	CT	1	10512	Carmel	NY	1
06784	Sherman	CT	1	10509	Brewster	NY	1
				10026	NYC	NY	1

## HMIS Data Analysis

<b>Total</b> clients entered into HMIS by <i>all</i> Danbury CoC agencies:	1585
Identified as Chronically Homeless:	460
Identified as Military Veteran:	84
Pregnant:	80
Unemployed at time of entry:	952
Homelessness Primary Reason:	

Unemployed	228	Domestic Violence Victim	15
Substance Abuse	139	Loss of Job	13
Family Breakup	138	Criminal Activity	8
Out of Jail/Prison	134	New to Area	15
Legal Eviction	73	Family Abuse	7
Family Friend Eviction	53	Health/Safety	7
Left Voluntarily	48	Underemployment/Low Income	4
Mental Health	37	Physical Illness	4
Lack of Income	26	Disaster Victim	2
Mental Illness	25	Loss of Transportation	2
Expenses Exceed Income	27	Mortgage Foreclosure	6
Release from Institution	21	Substandard Housing	3
Medical Condition	15	Loss of Child Care	1
Divorced/Separated	15	No Reason Entered	499
No Affordable Housing	13	Loss of Public Assistance	2
		Disaster Victim	5
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1546</b>

### Danbury Over Flow Shelter Figures:

<b>2007/2008</b>					<b>2006/2007</b>	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Nights Open</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Average</u>
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						16.4
February						15.8
March						14
<b>YTD</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>15.1</b>	

**New Milford Emergency Transitional Shelter:**

The Shelter had no guests on only one night during the month of December.

<b>2007/2008</b>					<b>2006/2007</b>	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Nights Open</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Average</u>
November	27	22	5	18	1.5	1.2
December	91	73	18	31	2.9	1.7
January						3.7
February						4.9
March						3.2
April						1.7
<b>YTD</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>49</b>		

**Dream Homes Community Center Collaborative - Preventing Homelessness**  
**(We CAHR and The Housing Authority of the City of Danbury Only)**

Total number of new clients served by the collaborative **this month:**   3  

**Race/Ethnicity**

White   1   Black        Native American        Asian        Hispanic/Latino   2   Other       

**Family Information**

Total Families:        Female        Male        Minors/ Parents (under 18)         
 Total Singles:        Female        Male   3   Minor (under 18)       

**Age**

0-5        6-12        13-17        18-20        21-25        26-34   1    
 35-49   3   50-64        65+       

**Education Level**

No High School        Some High School   2   High School Diploma/GED   1    
 Some College/Degree        Graduate School        Unknown       

**Income Information**

Employed        SAGA   1   Child Support         
 SSI   1   SSDI   1   Unemploy. Comp         
 Veteran        None        TFA        Other       

**Housing Issues**

Disaster Victim        Deinstitutionalized        Lockout         
 Legal Eviction        Out of Jail/Prison   1   Left Voluntarily   1    
 Fmly/Friend Eviction   1   Other

**Contributing Factors**

Substance Abuse\_\_1\_\_

Expenses Exceed Income\_\_

Unemployed\_\_

Physical Illness\_1\_\_

New to Area\_\_1\_\_

Divorced/Separated\_\_

Family Abuse\_\_

Mental Illness\_\_

Other\_\_

**IV. First Time Home Ownership/Housing**

- No new information in this area.