



## 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:** July 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 3 non-profits: Housing Authority of the City of Danbury, The Association of Religious Communities, and We CAHR. 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 at this time.

## **II. Outreach & Education**

- DHCC did presentations on its rental and home ownership components at several Housing Authority complexes: Glen Apartments and Crosby Manor on June 10<sup>th</sup> and Eden Drive on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **B) Regional**

- The Town of Ridgefield Department of Social Services has referred three clients over to DHCC. All three were for homeless prevention. One DHCC was able to successfully advocate to a prospective landlord on the client's behalf who agreed to allow them to rent an apartment, the client a single mother and her son moved in two days later. A second client who is facing eviction is still currently working with DHCC and the third never kept any meetings with DHCC and failed to follow up on any referrals made to them for help.
- A resident of New Milford contacted DHCC for his stepmother was going to evict him. We reviewed housing options referred him to several programs he was not aware of. DHCC also counseled him on the eviction process, even though it had not started yet. DHCC finally provided advocacy for the client at a meeting with the Bethel Housing Authority. The client was accepted and offered a efficient unit at their senior and disabled housing complex, he is scheduled to move in July 25<sup>th</sup> after he recovers from surgery.

### **C) Community Involvement**

- No new information at this time.

## **III. Point of Entry**

- The second meeting of the Data Sharing Workgroup was on June 9, 2008 at City Hall. The only agencies that were willing to share data beyond just Dream Homes Community Center was Harmony House, We CAHR and the City Shelter, who will share with only those agencies they either refer clients to or receive referrals from. The group then voted to put off further discussion on this issue for six months and will reconvene in December 2008.
- DHCC is entering data for Dorothy Day into HMIS and began in June.

**HUD Annual Progress Report (HUD-40118)**  
**June 1 to June 30, 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

<b>2. Persons Served during the operating year.</b>	<b>Number of Singles Not in Families</b>	<b>Number of Adults in Families</b>	<b>Number of Children in Families</b>	<b>Number of Families</b>
a. Number on the first day of the operating year.	<u>334</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>31</u>	15
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	<u>23</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	1
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	<u>6</u>	0	0	0
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	351	18	33	16
<b>3. Project Capacity.</b>	<b>Number of Singles Not in Families</b>	<b>Number of Adults in Families</b>	<b>Number of Children in Families</b>	<b>Number of Families</b>
a. Number on last day (from 2d, columns 1 and 4)	351			16
<b>4. Non-homeless persons. (Sec. 8 SRO projects only)</b>				
How many income-eligible non-homeless persons were housed by the SRO program during the operating year?				<u>16</u>
<b>5. Age and Gender. Of those who entered during the operating year, how many people are in the following age and gender categories?</b>				
	Age	Male	Female	Other/Not given

<b>Single Persons (from 2b, column 1)</b>	a. 62 and over	<u>1</u>	0	0
	b. 51 - 61	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	0
	c. 31 - 50	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>	0
	d. 18 - 30	0	<u>4</u>	0
	e. 17 and under	0	0	0
	<b>Not given</b>	0	0	0
<b>Persons in Families (from 2b, columns 2 &amp; 3)</b>	f. 62 and over	0	0	0
	g. 51 - 61	0	0	0
	h. 31 - 50	0	<u>1</u>	0
	i. 18 - 30	0	0	0
	j. 13 - 17	0	0	0
	k. 6 - 12	<u>1</u>	0	0
	l. 1 - 5	0	<u>1</u>	0
	m. Under 1	0	0	0
	<b>Not given</b>	0	0	0
<b>6 - 10. Participants who entered during the operating year.</b>				
<b>6a. Veterans Status.</b>				
A veteran is anyone who has ever been on active military duty status.				<u>2</u>
<b>6b. Chronically Homeless.</b>				
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?				<u>4</u>
<b>7. Ethnicity.</b>				
a. Hispanic or Latino				<u>2</u>
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino				<u>22</u>
<b>8. Race.</b>				
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native				0
b. Asian				0
c. Black or African American				<u>5</u>
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander				<u>2</u>
e. White				<u>13</u>
f. American Indian/Alaskan Native & White				0
g. Asian & White				0
h. Black/African American & White				0
i. American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American				0
j. Other Multi-Racial				<u>2</u>
k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match)				<u>2</u>
<b>9a. Special Needs.</b>				
		<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>	
a.	Mental illness	0	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	0	0		
g. Domestic violence	<u>3</u>	0		
h. Other (please specify)	0	0		
<b>9b. Disabled.</b>				
How many of the participants are disabled?		0		
<b>10. Prior Living Situation. Participants slept in the following places the week prior to entering.</b>				
	<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>		
a. Non-housing (street, park, car, bus station, etc.)	0	0		
b. Emergency shelter	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>		
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons	0			
d. Psychiatric facility	0			
e. Substance abuse treatment facility	0			
f. Hospital	<u>1</u>			
g. Jail/prison	<u>3</u>			
h. Domestic violence situation	0			
i. Living with relatives/friends	<u>2</u>			
j. Rental housing	0			
k. Other (please specify)	<u>13</u>			
<b>11. Amount and Source of Monthly Income at Entry and Exit. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>				
<b>Amount</b>	<b>A. Monthly Income at Entry</b>		<b>B. Monthly Income at Exit</b>	
	<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>
a. No Income	<u>2</u>	0	<u>2</u>	0
b. \$1-150	0	0	0	0
c. \$151 - \$250	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
d. \$251 - \$500	0	0	0	0
e. \$501 - \$1000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
f. \$1001 - \$1500	0	0	0	0
g. \$1501 - \$2000	0	0	0	0
h. \$2000 +	0	0	0	0
<b>Source</b>	<b>C. Income Sources at Entry</b>		<b>D. Income Sources at Exit</b>	
	<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>
a. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	0	0	0	0
b. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</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>2</u>	0	<u>2</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>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
m. Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0
n. No financial resources	<u>2</u>	0	<u>2</u>	0
<b>12a. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>				
		<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>	
a. Less than 1 month		<u>5</u>	1	
b. 1 to 2 months		0	0	
c. 3 - 6 months		1	1	
d. 7 months - 12 months		0	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	
<b>12b. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who did not leave during the operating year.</b>				
		<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>	
a. Less than 1 month		<u>22</u>	<u>3</u>	
b. 1 to 2 months		<u>50</u>	<u>8</u>	
c. 3 - 6 months		<u>122</u>	<u>22</u>	
d. 7 months - 12 months		<u>126</u>	<u>49</u>	
e. 13 months - 24 months		<u>26</u>	<u>5</u>	
f. 25 months - 3 years		<u>20</u>	<u>2</u>	
g. 4 years - 5 years		<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	
h. 6 years - 7 years		0	0	
i. 8 years - 10 years		1	0	
j. over 10 years		0	0	
<b>13. Reasons for Leaving. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>				
			<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>
a. Left for a housing opportunity before completing program			0	0
b. Completed program			0	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>1</u>	0
h. Disagreement with rules/persons			0	0
i. Death			0	0
j. Other (please specify)			<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
k. Unknown/disappeared			<u>2</u>	0
<b>14. Destination. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>				

		All	Chronic
<b>PERMANENT</b> (a - h)	a. Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)	0	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	0	0
	h. Moved in with family or friends	0	0
<b>TRANSITIONAL</b> (i - j)	i. Transitional housing for homeless persons	0	0
	j. Moved in with family or friends	0	0
<b>INSTITUTION</b> (k - m)	k. Psychiatric hospital	0	0
	l. Inpatient alcohol/drug treatment facility	0	0
	m. Jail/prison	0	0
<b>EMERGENCY SHELTER</b> (n)	n. Emergency shelter	0	0
<b>OTHER</b> (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
<b>UNKNOWN</b>	r. Unknown	<u>6</u>	<u>2</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.	Homeless Shelter	BH-1800.8500	<u>2</u>	0

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**Needs/Service Report**

**January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008**

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

NEED COUNT January 1, 2008 to June 30, 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>Follow Up Pending</u>
Alcohol Dependency Support Groups	1	0	1	0	0	0
Bathing Facilities	18	0	9	0	0	9
Case Management Referrals	12	0	3	0	0	9
Clothing	5	0	0	0	0	5
Checking/Savings Account	1	0	0	0	1	0
Child Care Centers	2	0	0	0	0	2
Domestic Violence Shelters	11	0	6	0	4	1
Emergency Shelter	2	0	2	0	0	0
Employment	27	0	8	0	1	18
Food Pantries	10	0	5	0	3	2
Food Stamps	54	7	39	0	7	1
Homeless Motel Vouchers	1	0	1	0	0	0
Homeless Shelter	2576	0	2569	0	4	3
Housing Counseling	20	0	16	0	0	4
Job Assistance Centers	4	0	3	0	1	0
Medicaid	9	0	8	0	1	0
Medicare	2	0	2	0	0	0
Mental Health Care	8	0	7	0	0	1
Public Housing	16	1	2	0	2	11
Rental Deposit Assistance	30	0	10	0	12	8
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	22	4	5	0	11	2
Single Room Occupancy Housing	5	0	2	0	0	3
Social Health Insurance	40	0	37	1	1	1
Social Security Disability	13	1	9	0	2	1
SSI	9	0	9	0	0	0
Substance Abuse Services	11	2	6	0	0	3
Supportive Housing	18	4	5	0	8	1
TANF	4	0	4	0	0	0
Temporary Financial Assistance	3	0	3	0	0	0
Transitional Housing/Shelter	19	1	2	0	6	10
Unemployment Insurance	2	0	2	0	0	0
Veteran Homes	1	1	0	0	0	0
WIC	2	0	2	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2958</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2777</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>95</b>

<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	224	37137	Nunnely	TN	1
06776	New Milford	CT	40	01060	Northampton	Ma	1
06702	Waterbury	CT	26	06740	Newtown	CT	1
06801	Bethel	CT	24	06320	New London	CT	1
06804	Brookfield	CT	16	06057	New Hartford	CT	1
06488	Southbury	CT	7	16101	New Castle	PA	1
06854	Norwalk	CT	7	06050	New Britian	CT	1
06512	New Haven	CT	6	06468	Monore	CT	1
06877	Ridgefield	CT	5	37127	Marsfreesboro	TN	1
06606	Bridgeport	CT	5	33052	Marathon	FL	1
06902	Stamford	CT	4	10541	Mahopac	NY	1
01104	SpringField	Ma	4	24572	Madison Hieghts	VA	1
12601	Poughkeepsie	NY	4	24501	Lynchburg	VA	1
06450	Meridan	CT	4	40211	Louisville	KY	1
30301	Atlanta	GA	4	06759	Litchfield	CT	1
06790	Torrington	CT	3	06419	Killingworth	CT	1
06069	Sharon	CT	3	06351	Jewet City	CT	1
06470	Newtown	CT	3	07306	Jersey City	NJ	1
28401	Wilmington	NC	2	12531	Holmes	NU	1
04479	Sangerville	ME	2	11550	Hempsted	NY	1
06482	Sandy Hook	CT	2	92543	Hemet	CA	1
32822	Orlando	FI	2	18201	Hazelton	PA	1
06812	New Fairfield	CT	2	06340	Groton	CT	1
06770	Naugatuck	CT	2	06755	Gaylordsville	CT	1
90631	La Harbra	CA	2	06031	Falls Village	CT	1
25701	Huntington	WV	2	06825	Fairfield	CT	1
06112	Hartford	CT	2	06082	Enfield	CT	1
06029	Ellington	CT	2	06118	East Hartford	CT	1
03470	Winchester	NH	1	21222	Dundallias	Md	1
06793	Washington	CT	1	12522	Dover Plains	NY	1
06492	Wallingford	CT	1	07869	Dover	NJ	1
74101	Tulsa	OK	1	37725	Dandridge	TN	1
10591	Tarrytown	NY	1	78403	Corpus Christi	TX	1
33711	St Petersburg	FL	1	12047	Cohes	NY	1
06784	Sherman	CT	1	06410	Cheshire	CT	1
13460	Sherburne	NY	1	10512	Carmel	NY	1
31401	Savannah	GA	1	28401	Cape Fear	NC	1
30165	Rome	GA	1	06019	Canton	CT	1
06067	Rocky Hill	CT	1	10457	Bronx	NY	1
06896	Redding	CT	1	06752	Bridgewater	CT	1
12563	Patterson	NY	1	10509	Brewster	NY	1
06477	Orange	CT	1	93309	Bakersfield	CA	1
10026	NYC	NY	1				

## HMIS Data Analysis

**Total** clients entered into HMIS by *all* Danbury CoC agencies: 1800  
 Identified as Chronically Homeless: 484  
 Identified as Military Veteran: 100  
 Pregnant: 83  
 Unemployed at time of entry: 1067  
 Homelessness Primary Reason:

Unemployed	240	Domestic Violence Victim	25
Substance Abuse	159	Loss of Job	14
Family Breakup	169	Criminal Activity	11
Out of Jail/Prison	144	New to Area	16
Legal Eviction	99	Family Abuse	9
Family Friend Eviction	69	Health/Safety	11
Left Voluntarily	60	Underemployment/Low Income	5
Mental Health	37	Physical Illness	5
Lack of Income	31	Disaster Victim	2
Mental Illness	25	Loss of Transportation	8
Expenses Exceed Income	29	Mortgage Foreclosure	6
Release from Institution	24	Substandard Housing	7
Medical Condition	15	Loss of Child Care	1
Divorced/Separated	20	No Reason Entered	539
No Affordable Housing	15	Loss of Public Assistance	2
		Disaster Victim	5
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1800</b>

### Dream Homes Community Center Collaborative Preventing Homelessness and Rental Issues

Total number of new clients served by the collaborative **this month**:   26  

#### Race/Ethnicity

White   6      Black   6      Native American         Asian         Hispanic/Latino  17    
 Other     

#### Family Information

Total Families:   6      Female   9      Male  13      Minors/ Parents (under 18)       
 Total Singles:   4      Female   1      Male   3      Minor (under 18)

**Age**

0-5\_\_4\_\_ 6-12\_\_2\_\_ 13-17\_\_2\_\_ 18-20\_\_ 21-25\_\_7\_\_ 26-34\_\_5\_\_  
35-49\_\_1\_\_ 50-64\_\_5\_\_ 65+\_\_

**Education Level**

No High School\_\_8\_\_ Some High School\_\_ High School Diploma/GED\_\_5\_\_  
Some College/Degree\_\_2\_\_ Graduate School\_\_ Unknown\_\_11\_\_

**Income Information**

Employed\_\_13\_\_ SAGA\_\_ Child Support\_\_  
SSI\_\_2\_\_ SSDI\_\_1\_\_ Unemploy. Comp\_\_  
Veteran\_\_ None\_\_ TFA\_\_ Other\_\_

**Housing Issues**

Disaster Victim\_\_ Deinstitutionalized\_\_ Lockout\_\_  
Legal Eviction\_\_18\_\_ Out of Jail/Prison\_\_ Left Voluntarily\_\_2\_\_  
Fmly/Friend Eviction\_\_ Other\_\_3\_\_

**Contributing Factors**

Substance Abuse\_\_1\_\_ Expenses Exceed Income\_\_18\_\_ Unemployed\_\_3\_\_  
Physical Illness\_\_ New to Area\_\_ Divorced/Separated\_\_  
Family Abuse\_\_1\_\_ Mental Illness\_\_1\_\_ Other\_\_2\_\_

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

- DHCC has a family on Section 8 that is currently working with a Real Estate agent to look at condos/townhouses to purchase in the New Milford area.