



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 24, 2007 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, WeCAHR 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 & WeCAHR.

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

I. Operations

- No new information in this area.

II. Outreach & Education

- No new information in this area

A) Regional Introductions

- The Town of Newtown has agreed to participate in the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness and work with DHCC.

B) Community Involvement

- No new information in this area.

III. Point of Entry

A) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

- HMIS paperwork has been received from New Milford and forwarded onto CT Coalition to End Homelessness for processing. The Program Director for DHCC and the Director of Social Services for New Milford will be meeting to discuss how the two agencies will be interacting on this project.

B) Point of Entry

- The Danbury CoC has created a work group to continue discussions on the content and implementation of the "Universal Intake Form". The group is scheduled to meet in September.
- DHCC and We CHAR, together, were able to successfully advocate for a homeless man to overturn a decision by the Housing Authority of the City of Danbury that originally denied his application for a Designated Choice Housing Vouchers. The original denial was due to an eviction from a landlord two years ago. We CAHR and DHCC put a plan in place to repay the prior landlord and secured a financial conservator to handle all his future financial payments to assure that another eviction due to nonpayment of rent would not occur. Once the client has attended a orientation he will be able to search for an apartment. DHCC is pleased to report this success story to the Mayor and Common Council.

Needs/Service Report

January 1, 2007 to July 15,2007

Dream Homes Community Center Only

NEED COUNT						
Need Type	Total	Pending	Fully Met	Partially Met	Unmet	Null
Basic Needs (B)	3	0	0	0	0	3

Food Vouchers (BD-180.225)	7	0	1	0	1	5
Emergency Shelter (BH-180)	6	0	1	1	4	0
Housing Counseling (BH-370)	10	0	0	0	0	10
Rental Deposit Assistance (BH-380.725)	13	0	0	0	8	5
Home Rental Listings (BH-390.305)	3	0	0	0	3	0
Residential Housing Options (BH-700)	1	0	1	0	0	0
Low Income/Subsidized Rental Housing (BH-700.460)	3	0	0	0	3	0
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers (BH-700.460-70)	1	0	0	0	1	0
Single Room Occupancy Housing (BH-700.460-80)	1	0	0	0	0	1
Housing Authorities (BH-830.300)	5	0	0	0	1	4
Credit Counseling (DD-500.150)	1	0	0	0	1	0
Legal Representation (FP-450)	1	0	0	0	1	0
General Legal Aid (FT-320)	1	0	0	0	0	1
General Medical Care (LE)	1	0	1	0	0	0
General Physical Examinations (LF-530)	3	0	3	0	0	0
Employment (ND)	3	0	0	0	3	0
Job Finding Assistance (ND-350)	2	0	1	0	1	0
Medical Public Assistance Programs (NL-500)	1	0	1	0	0	0
Social Security Disability (NS-180.800)	3	0	0	0	0	3
State Unemployment Insurance (NS-900.900)	1	0	0	0	1	0
Child Care Provider Referrals (PH-240.150)	3	0	0	0	3	0
Total (22 Need Types)	73	0	9	1	31	32

HUD Annual Progress Report (HUD-40118)
June 16,2007 – July 15,2007

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>395</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>10</u>	9
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	<u>25</u>	0	0	0
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	2

d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	414	14	8	7
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)	414			7
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>90</u>
5. Age and gender.	Age	Male	Female	Other/Not given
Single Persons (from 2b, column 1)	a. 62 and over	0	0	0
	b. 51 - 61	0	0	0
	c. 31 - 50	<u>15</u>	<u>4</u>	0
	d. 18 - 30	<u>3</u>	<u>3</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	0	0
	i. 18 - 30	0	0	0
	j. 13 - 17	0	0	0
	k. 6 - 12	0	0	0
	l. 1 - 5	0	0	0
	m. Under 1	0	0	0
	Not given	0	0	0
6a. Veterans Status.				
A veteran is anyone who has ever been on active military duty status.				0
6b. Chronically Homeless.				
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?				<u>7</u>
7. Ethnicity.				
a. Hispanic or Latino				<u>4</u>
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino				<u>21</u>

8. Race.		
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native		0
b. Asian		<u>1</u>
c. Black or African American		0
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		0
e. White		<u>20</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		0
k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match)		<u>4</u>
9a. Special Needs.		
	All	Chronic
a. Mental illness	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>
b. Alcohol abuse	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
c. Drug abuse	<u>2</u>	0
d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases	0	0
e. Developmental disability	<u>1</u>	0
f. Physical disability	<u>5</u>	0
g. Domestic violence	0	0
h. Other (please specify)	<u>1</u>	0
9b. Disabled.		
How many of the participants are disabled?		<u>13</u>
10. Prior Living Situation.		
	All	Chronic
a. Non-housing (street, park, car, bus station, etc.)	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
b. Emergency shelter	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons	0	
d. Psychiatric facility	0	
e. Substance abuse treatment facility	<u>1</u>	
f. Hospital	0	
g. Jail/prison	<u>2</u>	
h. Domestic violence situation	0	
i. Living with relatives/friends	<u>6</u>	

j. Rental housing	<u>5</u>	
k. Other (please specify)	<u>2</u>	

11. Amount and Source of Monthly Income at Entry and Exit.

Amount	A. Monthly Income at Entry		B. Monthly Income at Exit	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
a. No Income	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
b. \$1-150	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0
c. \$151 - \$250	0	0	0	0
d. \$251 - \$500	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0
e. \$501 - \$1000	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0
f. \$1001 - \$1500	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0
g. \$1501 - \$2000	<u>2</u>	0	<u>2</u>	0
h. \$2000 +	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0
Source	C. Income Sources at Entry		D. Income Sources at Exit	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
a. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	0	0	0	0
b. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	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	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0
h. Employment Income	<u>4</u>	0	<u>4</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>2</u>	0	<u>2</u>	0
m. Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0
n. No financial resources	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>

12a. Length of Stay in Program. (Participants who left during operating year)

	All	Chronic
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a. Less than 1 month	<u>1</u>	0
b. 1 to 2 months	<u>7</u>	0
c. 3 - 6 months	<u>1</u>	0
d. 7 months - 12 months	0	0
e. 13 months - 24 months	<u>1</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 operating year)

	All	Chronic
a. Less than 1 month	<u>25</u>	<u>7</u>
b. 1 to 2 months	<u>46</u>	<u>8</u>
c. 3 - 6 months	<u>158</u>	<u>36</u>
d. 7 months - 12 months	<u>154</u>	<u>49</u>
e. 13 months - 24 months	<u>27</u>	<u>4</u>
f. 25 months - 3 years	<u>13</u>	<u>1</u>
g. 4 years - 5 years	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
h. 6 years - 7 years	<u>2</u>	0
i. 8 years - 10 years	<u>1</u>	0
j. over 10 years	0	0

13. Reasons for Leaving.

	All	Chronic
a. Left for a housing opportunity before completing program	0	0
b. Completed program	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
c. Non-payment of rent/occupancy charge	0	0
d. Non-compliance with project	<u>1</u>	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>4</u>	0
h. Disagreement with rules/persons	0	0
i. Death	0	0
j. Other (please specify)	0	0
k. Unknown/disappeared	<u>3</u>	0

14. Destination.			
		All	Chronic
PERMANENT (a - h)	a. Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
	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
TRANSITIONAL (i - j)	i. Transitional housing for homeless persons	0	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>8</u>	0
15. Supportive Services.			
No supportive services found.			

• **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>
10026	NYC	NY	1	06488	Southbury	CT	
10509	Brewster	NY	1	06512	New Haven	CT	
10541	Mahopac	NY	1	06702	Waterbury	CT	
16101	New Castle	PA	1	06704	Waterbury	CT	
18201	Hazleton	PA	1	06770	Naugatuck	CT	
28401	Cape Fear	NC	1	06776	New Milford	CT	
30165	Rome	GA	1	06793	Washington	CT	
31401	Savannah	GA	1	06784	Sherman	CT	

78403 Corpus Christi	TX	1	06801 Bethel	CT
01060 Northampton	Ma	1	06804 Brookfield	CT
06069 Sharon	CT	2	06810/06811 Danbury	CT
06118 East Hartford	CT	1	06854 Norwalk	CT
06340 Groton	CT	1	06902 Stamford	CT
06351 Jewet City	CT	1	07306 Jersey City	NJ
06450 Meridan	CT	2	24501 Lynchburg	VA
06470 Newtown	CT	1	24572 Madison Heights	VA
06477 Orange	CT	1	33711 St Petersburg	FL
06482 Sandy Hook	CT	1	93309 Bakersfield	CA

HMIS Data Analysis

<i>Total</i> clients entered into HMIS by <i>all</i> Danbury CoC agencies:	1410
Identified as Chronically Homeless:	411
Identified as Military Veteran:	69
Pregnant:	79
Unemployed at time of entry:	804
Homelessness Primary Reason:	

Unemployed	192	Domestic Violence Victim	10
Substance Abuse	117	Loss of Job	11
Family Breakup	117	Criminal Activity	7
Out of Jail/Prison	120	New to Area	7
Legal Eviction	55	Family Abuse	5
Family Friend Eviction	49	Health/Safety	6
Left Voluntarily	39	Underemployment/Low Income	4
Mental Health	36	Physical Illness	4
Lack of Income	21	Disaster Victim	2
Mental Illness	22	Loss of Transportation	2
Expenses Exceed Income	25	Mortgage Foreclosure	6
Release from Institution	18	Substandard Housing	2
Medical Condition	14	Loss of Child Care	1
Divorced/Separated	11	No Reason Entered	490
No Affordable Housing	11	Total	1410

Danbury Over Flow Shelter Figures- Closed until October

<u>Month</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Nights Open</u>	<u>Average</u>
October	75	62	13	9	9.4
November	24	23	1	4	6
December	235	213	23	30	7.8
January	507	405	102	31	16.4

February	442	336	106	28	15.8
March	435	350	85	31	14
YTD	1718	1389	330	133	12.9

Note: The Overflow shelter is now closed until Fall 2007.

New Milford Emergency Transitional Shelter: Closed until November

<u>Month</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Nights Open</u>	<u>Average</u>
November	30	30	0	25	1.2
December	52	51	1	31	1.7
January	116	95	21	31	3.7
February	136	115	21	28	4.9
March	95	95	0	30	3.2
April	12	12	0	7	1.7
YTD	441	398	43	152	

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:** 14

Race/Ethnicity

White 7 Black 3 Native American Asian 2 Hispanic/Latino 4
Other

Family Information

Total Families: 2 Female 5 Male 3 Minors/ Parents (under 18)
Total Singles: 10 Female 5 Male 7 Minor (under 18)

Age

0-5 1 6-12 2 13-17 2 18-20 1 21-25 2 26-34 1
35-49 4 50-64 6 65+

Education Level

No High School __ 1 __ Some High School __ 1 __ High School Diploma/GED __ 6 __
Some College/Degree _____ Graduate School _____ Unknown __ 3 __

Income Information

Employed __ 1 __ SAGA __ 4 __ Child Support _____
SSI __ 7 __ SSDI __ 1 __ Unemploy. Comp _____
Veteran _____ None _____ TFA __ 2 __ Other _____

Housing Issues

Disaster Victim _____ Deinstitutionalized _____ Lockout _____
Legal Eviction __ 1 __ Out of Jail/Prison __ 1 __ Left Voluntarily _____
Fmly/Friend Eviction __ 1 __ Other __ 10 __

Contributing Factors

Substance Abuse __ 1 __ Expenses Exceed Income _____ Unemployed _____
Physical Illness __ 1 __ New to Area _____ Divorced/Separated __ 1 __
Family Abuse __ 1 __ Mental Illness __ 1 __ Other __ 11 __

III. First Time Home Ownership/Housing

- On July 10, 2007 the first DHCC client closed on a unit at the Renaissance at Danbury. The client purchased a three-bedroom unit. The client is a single mother of two, has a permanent disability, is only able to work part-time and was receiving a Section 8 Voucher. She was able to secure two mortgages, one through Mc Cue Mortgage and the other through CHFA. The Section 8 Voucher was turned into a Home Ownership Voucher and will pay for the CHFA mortgage. The unit was 100% financed.