



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: August 28, 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

- The Town of New Milford is now active on HMIS working with DHCC and the Point of Entry.
- HMIS paperwork from the Town of New Fairfield has been received and forwarded onto The Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness to be activated onto HMIS.
- **New Process:** The Department of City Welfare has revised the contract for persons staying at the City Shelter to make it a requirement that an appointment be made with the Point of Entry to review their intake form and perform an assessment of their needs. A process of setting appointments for shelter clients was put in place the week of August 6th and shelter clients have begun meeting with the Point of Entry.
- Shelter of the Cross has reported that one of their clients has left their program for permanent housing. They currently have four residents staying at their transitional shelter program.
- **Homeless Prevention:** Two clients who were renting an apartment in New Milford contacted DHCC concerning the living conditions in their building (no hot water, unable to cook, and half the electrical outlets not working). The towns Department of Health wanted the tenants to move voluntarily so they could condemn the building; the tenants did not know what to do. DHCC brought this issue to the attention of the town's social service department and had them enact their Relocation Assistance Policy as required in the State of Connecticut Statutes; Chapter 135, sections 8-266 through 8-282. New Milford then moved these two men as well as another family that was living in the building to local motels at the towns' expense to be reimbursed by the landlord. New Milford also located a new apartment for the two men which was similar in location, price and size, they signed a lease and moved in August 12,2007. The other family is still currently living at a motel at their own expense for they had only lived in their unit under two weeks thus limiting the town's responsibility to them.

- Homeless Prevention:** The Hispanic Center of Greater Danbury referred a family to DHCC that was in the eviction process from the Housing Authority of the City of Danbury. The issue was an arrest of their son for possession within a Housing Authority complex. The son however had not been living with the family for the past two years and his parents were not aware he was in the neighborhood at the time of his arrest. Legal Services was involved but had to decline the case due to vacations and the timing of the families court dates. DHCC was able to secure an attorney for them by accessing the Association of Religious Communities Immigration Attorney. The attorney was able to settle the case resulting in the eviction process being terminated.

Needs/Service Report

January 1, 2007 to August 15,2007

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

NEED COUNT January 1,2007 to August 15,2007						
Danbury CoC						
Need Type	Total	Pending	Fully Met	Partially Met	Unmet	Null
Meals	143	0	140	0	2	1
Homeless Drop In Centers	299	0	292	0	2	5
Homeless Shelter	3854	0	3838	0	0	16
Transitional Housing/Shelter	14	0	6	0	3	5
Housing Search and Information	8	0	8	0	0	0
Clothing	34	0	32	0	0	2
Bathing Facilities	104	0	102	0	1	1
Laundry Facilities	45	0	46	0	0	0
Temporary Mailing Address	148	0	143	0	2	3
Bus Fare	39	0	38	0	0	1
Emergency Telephones	87	0	84	0	2	1
AIDS/HIV Control	1	0	1	0	0	0
Emergency Medical Care	1	0	1	0	0	0
General Medical Care	48	0	48	0	0	0
Hospital Based Outpatient Services	1	0	1	0	0	0
AIDS/HIV Clinics	2	0	2	0	0	0
Substance Abuse Services	101	0	98	0	1	2
Substance Abuse Hotlines	4	0	3	0	1	0
Employment	35	0	34	0	0	1
Job Search Resource Centers	12	0	12	0	0	0
Job Search/Placement	12	0	11	0	1	0
Mental Health Care and Counseling	80	0	77	0	1	2
Veterans	6	0	6	0	0	0
AIDS/HIV Issues	2	0	2	0	0	0
Basic Needs (B)	3	0	0	0	0	3
Food Vouchers	11	0	4	0	1	6

Emergency Shelter	10	0	4	1	4	1
Housing Counseling	10	0	0	0	0	10
Rental Deposit Assistance	16	0	1	0	10	5
Home Rental Listings	3	0	0	0	3	0
Residential Housing Options	1	0	1	0	0	0
Low Income/Subsidized Rental Housing	4	0	0	0	3	1
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	1	0	0	0	1	0
Single Room Occupancy Housing	1	0	0	0	0	1
Housing Authorities	6	0	0	0	2	4
Long Distance Bus Services	1	0	0	0	1	0
Credit Counseling	1	0	0	0	1	0
Legal Representation	1	0	0	0	1	0
General Legal Aid	1	0	0	0	0	1
Outpatient Health Facilities	1	0	0	1	0	0
Employment	4	0	1	0	3	0
Comprehensive Job Assistance Centers (NJ-150)	1	0	0	0	0	1
Job Finding Assistance	2	0	1	0	1	0
SSI	1	0	0	0	0	1
Social Security Disability	6	0	1	0	0	5
Social Security Retirement Benefits	1	0	1	0	0	0
Veteran/Military Health Insurance	1	0	0	1	0	0
State Unemployment Insurance	1	0	0	0	1	0
Child Care Provider Referrals	3	0	0	0	3	0
Supportive Housing	1	0	0	0	0	1
Basic Income Maintenance Programs	1	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	5173	0	5039	3	51	80

HUD Annual Progress Report (HUD-40118)
July 16,2007 – August 15,2007
All Danbury CoC Agencies using HMIS

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>399</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>8</u>	7
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	<u>18</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	1

c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	<u>11</u>	0	0	0
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	406	15	9	8
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)	406			8
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>88</u>
5. Age and gender.	Age	Male	Female	Other/Not given
Single Persons (from 2b, column 1)	a. 62 and over	0	<u>1</u>	0
	b. 51 - 61	<u>1</u>	0	0
	c. 31 - 50	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	0
	d. 18 - 30	<u>1</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	<u>1</u>	0
	j. 13 - 17	0	0	0
	k. 6 - 12	<u>1</u>	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?				9

7. Ethnicity.		
a. Hispanic or Latino		<u>4</u>
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino		<u>15</u>
8. Race.		
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native		0
b. Asian		<u>1</u>
c. Black or African American		<u>1</u>
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		0
e. White		<u>14</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>3</u>
9a. Special Needs.		
	All	Chronic
a. Mental illness	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>
b. Alcohol abuse	<u>2</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>2</u>	<u>2</u>
g. Domestic violence	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
h. Other (please specify)	<u>1</u>	0
9b. Disabled.		
How many of the participants are disabled?		<u>8</u>
10. Prior Living Situation.		
	All	Chronic
a. Non-housing (street, park, car, bus station, etc.)	<u>1</u>	0
b. Emergency shelter	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons	0	
d. Psychiatric facility	0	
e. Substance abuse treatment facility	1	

f. Hospital	0	
g. Jail/prison	2	
h. Domestic violence situation	0	
i. Living with relatives/friends	5	
j. Rental housing	0	
k. Other (please specify)	1	

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	9	2	8	2
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	0
f. \$1001 - \$1500	1	0	1	0
g. \$1501 - \$2000	0	0	0	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)	1	0	1	0
b. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	0	0	1	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	0	0	0	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	1	0	2	0

m. Other (please specify)	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0
n. No financial resources	9	<u>2</u>	8	<u>2</u>

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

	All	Chronic
a. Less than 1 month	<u>1</u>	0
b. 1 to 2 months	<u>1</u>	0
c. 3 - 6 months	<u>1</u>	0
d. 7 months - 12 months	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>
e. 13 months - 24 months	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
f. 25 months - 3 years	<u>1</u>	0
g. 4 years - 5 years	<u>1</u>	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>18</u>	<u>9</u>
b. 1 to 2 months	<u>49</u>	<u>12</u>
c. 3 - 6 months	<u>146</u>	<u>29</u>
d. 7 months - 12 months	<u>167</u>	<u>54</u>
e. 13 months - 24 months	<u>25</u>	<u>3</u>
f. 25 months - 3 years	<u>12</u>	<u>1</u>
g. 4 years - 5 years	<u>1</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	<u>1</u>	0
b. Completed program	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
c. Non-payment of rent/occupancy charge	0	0
d. Non-compliance with project	0	0
e. Criminal activity / destruction of property / violence	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
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>1</u>	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	<u>1</u>	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	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
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)	<u>1</u>	0
	q. Other (please specify)	<u>5</u>	0
UNKNOWN	r. Unknown	<u>1</u>	0

15. Supportive Services.

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	<u>2</u>	0

• **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	06482 Sandy Hook		CT	1
10509 Brewster		NY	1	06488 Southbury		CT	3
10541 Mahopac		NY	1	06512 New Haven		CT	4
16101 New Castle		PA	1	06702 Waterbury		CT	8
18201 Hazelton		PA	1	06704 Waterbury		CT	4
28401 Cape Fear		NC	1	06770 Naugatuck		CT	1
30165 Rome		GA	1	06776 New Milford		CT	10
31401 Savannah		GA	1	06784 Sherman		CT	1
78403 Corpus Christi		TX	1	06793 Washington		CT	1
01060 Northampton		Ma	1	06801 Bethel		CT	8
06019 Canton		CT	1	06804 Brookfield		CT	7
06069 Sharon		CT	2	06810/06811 Danbury		CT	65
06082 Enfield		CT	1	06854 Norwalk		CT	3
06118 East Hartford		CT	1	06902 Stamford		CT	1
06320 New London		CT	1	07306 Jersey City		NJ	1
06340 Groton		CT	1	10457 Bronx		NY	1
06351 Jewet City		CT	1	24501 Lynchburg		VA	1
06450 Meridan		CT	2	24572 Madison Hieghts		VA	1
06470 Newtown		CT	1	33711 St Petersburg		FL	1
06477 Orange		CT	1	93309 Bakersfield		CA	1

HMIS Data Analysis

Total clients entered into HMIS by *all* Danbury CoC agencies: 1430
 Identified as Chronically Homeless: 420
 Identified as Military Veteran: 70
 Pregnant: 79
 Unemployed at time of entry: 822
 Homelessness Primary Reason:

Unemployed	201	Domestic Violence Victim	10
Substance Abuse	117	Loss of Job	11
Family Breakup	118	Criminal Activity	7
Out of Jail/Prison	124	New to Area	7
Legal Eviction	57	Family Abuse	5
Family Friend Eviction	50	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	26	Mortgage Foreclosure	6
Release from Institution	18	Substandard Housing	2
Medical Condition	14	Loss of Child Care	1
Divorced/Separated	11	No Reason Entered	497
No Affordable Housing	12	Total	1430

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:** 6

Race/Ethnicity

White 5 Black 1 Native American Asian Hispanic/Latino Other

Family Information

Total Families: 1 Female 1 Male 2 Minors/ Parents (under 18)
Total Singles: 3 Female 1 Male 2 Minor (under 18)

Age

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

Education Level

No High School Some High School 3 High School Diploma/GED
Some College/Degree Graduate School Unknown

Income Information

Employed SAGA 2 Child Support
SSI 1 SSDI 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 Other 1

Contributing Factors

Substance Abuse Expenses Exceed Income Unemployed
Physical Illness 2 New to Area Divorced/Separated
Family Abuse Mental Illness 1 Other

III. First Time Home Ownership/Housing

- Wells Fargo has approved a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to Dream Homes Community Center for down payment and closing cost assistance for the First Time Home Ownership Program.