



## 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:** September 25, 2007 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, 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**

- No new information in this area.

### **B) Community Involvement**

- No new information in this area.

## **III. Point of Entry**

- Shelter of the Cross has reported that they have two new clients and that their transitional shelter program is now full.
- AMOS House has had two new families enter their program.
- The Town of New Fairfield is now active on HMIS. DHCC needs to meet with the Department of Social Services Director to review processes between the two agencies.
- The Program Director of DHCC attended the Statewide HMIS Steering Committee meeting on September 10, 2007. Here are some notes:
  - i. Next Point in Time Count is scheduled for January 29, 2008. There will be a kickoff meeting on September 26.
  - ii. A new subcommittee will be created a "User Group". This will be an expansion of the current System Administrators Group, which meets monthly, to discuss HMIS issues and updates.
  - iii. The CT Coalition to End Homelessness wants to begin preparing for the next Super NOFA Grant. To do so it will be notifying all CoC's of the need to clean up certain data items in HMIS. The data that will need to be reviewed goes back to October 2006.
  - iv. Information exchange between the Shelter Plus Care and HMIS is still being worked on. It is expected to be complete within the next six months.
  - v. Information exchange between DPAS and HMIS is currently on hold. The parties involved cannot come to agreement on how to resolve security/confidentiality concerns.

### **Needs/Service Report**

**January 1, 2007 to August 31, 2007**

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

<b>NEED COUNT January 1, 2007 to August 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>

Meals	143	0	140	0	2	1
Homeless Drop In Centers	299	0	292	0	2	5
Homeless Shelter	4153	0	4137	0	0	16
Transitional Housing/Shelter	16	0	6	0	3	7
Housing Search and Information	8	0	8	0	0	0
Clothing	34	0	32	0	0	2
Bathing Facilities	105	0	103	0	1	1
Laundry Facilities	45	0	45	0	0	0
Temporary Mailing Address	148	0	143	0	2	3
Bus Fare	39	0	38	0	0	1
Emergency Telephones	88	0	85	0	2	1
AIDS/HIV Control	1	0	1	0	0	0
Emergency Medical Care	1	0	1	0	0	0
Health Care (L)	1	0	1	0	0	0
General Medical Care	49	1	48	0	0	0
Hospital Based Outpatient Services	1	0	1	0	0	0
Social Health Insurance	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	36	0	34	0	0	2
Job Search Resource Centers	12	0	12	0	0	0
Job Search/Placement	12	0	11	0	1	0
Mental Health Care and Counseling	82	0	77	0	1	4
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/Stamps	16	1	8	0	1	6
Emergency Shelter	12	0	6	1	4	1
Housing Counseling	10	0	0	0	0	10
Rental Deposit Assistance	20	0	1	0	13	6
Home Rental Listings	3	0	0	0	3	0
Residential Housing Options	1	0	1	0	0	0
Public Housing	1	0	0	0	0	1
Low Income/Subsidized Rental Housing	4	0	0	0	3	1
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	2	0	0	0	1	1
Single Room Occupancy Housing	1	0	0	0	0	1
Housing Authorities	8	2	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 (ND-150)	2	0	0	0	0	2
Job Finding Assistance	2	0	1	0	1	0
SSI	2	0	1	0	0	1
Social Security Disability	7	0	1	0	0	6
Social Security Retirement Benefits	1	0	1	0	0	0
TANF	2	0	2	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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5502</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5351</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>90</b>

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

<b>2. Persons Served during the operating year.</b>	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>361</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	6
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	<u>24</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	1
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	<u>4</u>	0	0	0
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	381	11	9	7
<b>3. Project Capacity.</b>	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)	381			7
<b>4. Non-homeless persons. (Sec. 8 SRO projects only)</b>				
How many income-eligible non-homeless persons were housed by the SRO				0

program during the operating year?				
<b>5. Age and gender.</b>	Age	Male	Female	Other/Not given
<b>Single Persons (from 2b, column 1)</b>	<b>a. 62 and over</b>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	0
	<b>b. 51 - 61</b>	<u>1</u>	0	0
	<b>c. 31 - 50</b>	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>	0
	<b>d. 18 - 30</b>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	0
	<b>e. 17 and under</b>	0	0	0
	<b>Not given</b>	0	0	0
<b>Persons in Families (from 2b, columns 2 &amp; 3)</b>	<b>f. 62 and over</b>	0	0	0
	<b>g. 51 - 61</b>	0	0	0
	<b>h. 31 - 50</b>	0	0	0
	<b>i. 18 - 30</b>	0	<u>1</u>	0
	<b>j. 13 - 17</b>	0	0	0
	<b>k. 6 - 12</b>	<u>1</u>	0	0
	<b>l. 1 - 5</b>	0	0	0
	<b>m. Under 1</b>	0	0	0
	<b>Not given</b>	0	0	0
<b>6a. Veterans Status.</b>				
A veteran is anyone who has ever been on active military duty status.				<u>1</u>
<b>6b. Chronically Homeless.</b>				
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?				<u>11</u>
<b>7. Ethnicity.</b>				
<b>a. Hispanic or Latino</b>				<u>4</u>
<b>b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino</b>				<u>21</u>
<b>8. Race.</b>				
<b>a. American Indian or Alaskan Native</b>				0
<b>b. Asian</b>				<u>1</u>
<b>c. Black or African American</b>				<u>1</u>
<b>d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</b>				0
<b>e. White</b>				<u>19</u>
<b>f. American Indian/Alaskan Native &amp; White</b>				0
<b>g. Asian &amp; White</b>				0

<b>h. Black/African American &amp; White</b>			0	
<b>i. American Indian/Alaskan Native &amp; Black/African American</b>			0	
<b>j. Other Multi-Racial</b>			0	
<b>k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match)</b>			4	
<b>9a. Special Needs.</b>				
		All	Chronic	
<b>a. Mental illness</b>		<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	
<b>b. Alcohol abuse</b>		<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	
<b>c. Drug abuse</b>		<u>1</u>	0	
<b>d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases</b>		0	0	
<b>e. Developmental disability</b>		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
<b>f. Physical disability</b>		<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	
<b>g. Domestic violence</b>		<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	
<b>h. Other (please specify)</b>		4	4	
<b>9b. Disabled.</b>				
How many of the participants are disabled?				<u>8</u>
<b>10. Prior Living Situation.</b>				
		All	Chronic	
<b>a. Non-housing (street, park, car, bus station, etc.)</b>		<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	
<b>b. Emergency shelter</b>		<u>7</u>	4	
<b>c. Transitional housing for homeless persons</b>		0		
<b>d. Psychiatric facility</b>		0		
<b>e. Substance abuse treatment facility</b>		<u>2</u>		
<b>f. Hospital</b>		<u>1</u>		
<b>g. Jail/prison</b>		<u>1</u>		
<b>h. Domestic violence situation</b>		<u>1</u>		
<b>i. Living with relatives/friends</b>		<u>6</u>		
<b>j. Rental housing</b>		<u>2</u>		
<b>k. Other (please specify)</b>		<u>3</u>		
<b>11. Amount and Source of Monthly Income at Entry and Exit.</b>				
Amount	A. Monthly Income at Entry		B. Monthly Income at Exit	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
<b>a. No Income</b>	1	0	1	0

<b>b.</b> \$1-150	0	0	0	0
<b>c.</b> \$151 - \$250	0	0	0	0
<b>d.</b> \$251 - \$500	0	0	0	0
<b>e.</b> \$501 - \$1000	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>f.</b> \$1001 - \$1500	0	0	0	0
<b>g.</b> \$1501 - \$2000	0	0	0	0
<b>h.</b> \$2000 +	0	0	0	0
Source	C. Income Sources at Entry		D. Income Sources at Exit	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
<b>a.</b> Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0
<b>b.</b> Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>c.</b> Social Security	0	0	0	0
<b>d.</b> General Public Assistance	0	0	0	0
<b>e.</b> Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)	0	0	0	0
<b>f.</b> State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	0	0	0	0
<b>g.</b> Veterans benefits	0	0	0	0
<b>h.</b> Employment Income	0	0	0	0
<b>i.</b> Unemployment Benefits	0	0	0	0
<b>j.</b> Veteran's Health Care	0	0	0	0
<b>k.</b> Medicaid	0	0	0	0
<b>l.</b> Food Stamps	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>m.</b> Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0
<b>n.</b> No financial resources	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0
<b>12a. Length of Stay in Program. (Participants who left during operating year)</b>				
	All	Chronic		
<b>a.</b> Less than 1 month	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		
<b>b.</b> 1 to 2 months	0	0		
<b>c.</b> 3 - 6 months	<u>1</u>	0		
<b>d.</b> 7 months - 12 months	0	0		
<b>e.</b> 13 months - 24 months	0	0		
<b>f.</b> 25 months - 3 years	1	0		

<b>g.</b> 4 years - 5 years	0	0
<b>h.</b> 6 years - 7 years	0	0
<b>i.</b> 8 years - 10 years	0	0
<b>j.</b> over 10 years	0	0

**12b. Length of Stay in Program. (Participants who did not leave during operating year)**

	All	Chronic
<b>a.</b> Less than 1 month	<u>20</u>	<u>8</u>
<b>b.</b> 1 to 2 months	<u>41</u>	<u>11</u>
<b>c.</b> 3 - 6 months	<u>120</u>	<u>24</u>
<b>d.</b> 7 months - 12 months	<u>173</u>	<u>54</u>
<b>e.</b> 13 months - 24 months	<u>21</u>	<u>3</u>
<b>f.</b> 25 months - 3 years	<u>13</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>g.</b> 4 years - 5 years	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>h.</b> 6 years - 7 years	<u>2</u>	0
<b>i.</b> 8 years - 10 years	<u>1</u>	0
<b>j.</b> over 10 years	0	0

**13. Reasons for Leaving.**

	All	Chronic
<b>a.</b> Left for a housing opportunity before completing program	0	0
<b>b.</b> Completed program	<u>1</u>	0
<b>c.</b> Non-payment of rent/occupancy charge	0	0
<b>d.</b> Non-compliance with project	0	0
<b>e.</b> Criminal activity / destruction of property / violence	0	0
<b>f.</b> Reached maximum time allowed in project	0	0
<b>g.</b> Needs could not be met by project	<u>1</u>	0
<b>h.</b> Disagreement with rules/persons	0	0
<b>i.</b> Death	0	0
<b>j.</b> Other (please specify)	0	0
<b>k.</b> Unknown/disappeared	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

**14. Destination.**

		All	Chronic
<b>PERMANENT (a - h)</b>	<b>a.</b> Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)	0	0
	<b>b.</b> Public Housing	0	0
	<b>c.</b> Section 8	0	0

	<b>d. Shelter Plus Care</b>	0	0
	<b>e. HOME subsidized house or apartment</b>	0	0
	<b>f. Other subsidized house or apartment</b>	0	0
	<b>g. Homeownership</b>	0	0
	<b>h. Moved in with family or friends</b>	0	0
<b>TRANSITIONAL (i - j)</b>	<b>i. Transitional housing for homeless persons</b>	0	0
	<b>j. Moved in with family or friends</b>	0	0
<b>INSTITUTION (k - m)</b>	<b>k. Psychiatric hospital</b>	0	0
	<b>l. Inpatient alcohol/drug treatment facility</b>	0	0
	<b>m. Jail/prison</b>	0	0
<b>EMERGENCY SHELTER (n)</b>	<b>n. Emergency shelter</b>	0	0
<b>OTHER (o - q)</b>	<b>o. Other supportive housing</b>	0	0
	<b>p. Places not meant for human habitation (e.g. street)</b>	<u>1</u>	0
	<b>q. Other (please specify)</b>	<u>1</u>	0
<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>r. Unknown</b>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

**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	06470	Newtown	CT	1
10509	Brewster	NY	1	06477	Orange	CT	1
10512	Carmel	NY	1	06482	Sandy Hook	CT	1
10541	Mahopac	NY	1	06488	Southbury	CT	3
12531	Holmes	NU	1	06512	New Haven	CT	4
16101	New Castle	PA	1	06702	Waterbury	CT	8
18201	Hazleton	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
92543	Hemet	CA	1	06801	Bethel	CT	8
01060	Northampton	Ma	1	06804	Brookfield	CT	7
06019	Canton	CT	1	06810/06811	Danbury	CT	68
06069	Sharon	CT	2	06854	Norwalk	CT	3

06082 Enfield	CT	1	06902 Stamford	CT	1
06118 East Hartford	CT	1	07306 Jersey City	NJ	1
06320 New London	CT	1	10457 Bronx	NY	1
06340 Groton	CT	1	24501 Lynchburg	VA	1
06351 Jewet City	CT	1	24572 Madison Hieghts VA	VA	1
06450 Meridan	CT	2	33711 St Petersburg	FL	1
			93309 Bakersfield	CA	1

## HMIS Data Analysis

<b>Total</b> clients entered into HMIS by <i>all</i> Danbury CoC agencies:	1438
Identified as Chronically Homeless:	420
Identified as Military Veteran:	71
Pregnant:	79
Unemployed at time of entry:	827
Homelessness Primary Reason:	

Unemployed	204	Domestic Violence Victim	11
Substance Abuse	117	Loss of Job	11
Family Breakup	119	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	23	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	13	<b>Total</b>	<b>1438</b>

### 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
<b>YTD</b>	<b>1718</b>	<b>1389</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>12.9</b>

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      Native American      Asian 1 Hispanic/Latino      Other     

**Family Information**

Total Families: 2 Female 2 Male 2 Minors/ Parents (under 18)       
Total Singles: 4 Female 2 Male 2 Minor (under 18)     

**Age**

0-5      6-12      13-17 1 18-20      21-25      26-34       
35-49 3 50-64 2 65+     

**Education Level**

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

**Income Information**

Employed 1 SAGA 2 Child Support 1  
SSI 3 SSDI 1 Unemploy. Comp       
Veteran 1 None      TFA      Other     

**Housing Issues**

Disaster Victim 1 Deinstitutionalized      Lockout       
Legal Eviction 1 Out of Jail/Prison      Left Voluntarily 1  
Fmly/Friend Eviction 2 Other

**Contributing Factors**

Substance Abuse\_\_1\_\_

Expenses Exceed Income\_\_1\_\_

Unemployed\_\_

Physical Illness\_\_2\_\_

New to Area\_\_

Divorced/Separated\_\_1\_\_

Family Abuse\_\_

Mental Illness\_\_1\_\_

Other\_\_1\_\_

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

- DHCC currently has a second candidate that is in the process of purchasing a 2-bedroom unit at the Renaissance.