



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: October 30, 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

- No new information in this area.

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 October 3, 2007. The purpose of this meeting was to inform the committee of DHCC activity to date and discuss the transition of reporting to the Housing Partnership versus the Common Council.

III. Point of Entry

- ***TBICO/Key Rings has declined*** to participate in HMIS. TBICO is the first agency that DHCC has contacted that has not agreed to use the system even though they do come in contact with homeless persons. DHCC will continue discussions with this agency on this subject.
- The new Housing Coordinator at the Aids Project of Greater Danbury has contacted DHCC about HMIS training so that they can begin using the system once more.
- The Town of New Fairfield is now active on HMIS and has begun sending referrals to DHCC.
- The Town of New Milford has begun to submit data to be entered into HMIS.
- Dorothy Day Hospitality House contacted DHCC to inform us that they were going to require all homeless persons staying at Dorothy Day see the Point of Entry. The first week resulted in 15 people meeting with the Point of Entry, half of which had not been entered into HMIS previously.
- The Program Director of DHCC participated on a training conference call for the Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress. Danbury is one of approximately 80 cities that have reached a sufficient usage on HMIS to take part in this report. The data to be reviewed for this report is for the time period of October 2006 to September 2007.
- The Program Director of DHCC attended a special meeting of the HMIS Steering Committee to discuss the issue of data sharing and duplicate records. A process for addressing duplicate records was decided upon and CCEH will begin working with local CoC's and individual agencies on cleaning up the data.

Needs/Service Report
January 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007

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

NEED COUNT January 1, 2007 to September 30, 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	4692	0	4674	0	0	18	
Transitional Housing/Shelter	16	0	6	0	3	7	
Housing Search and Information	11	0	8	0	0	3	
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	6	0	5	0	1	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	22	1	11	0	2	8	
Emergency Shelter	12	0	6	1	4	1	
Housing Counseling	10	0	0	0	0	10	
Rental Deposit Assistance	23	0	1	0	15	7	
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	3	0	0	0	1	2	
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	7	0	2	0	3	2
Comprehensive Job Assistance Centers (ND-150)	5	0	0	0	0	5
Job Finding Assistance	2	0	1	0	1	0
SSI	3	0	2	0	0	1
Social Security Disability	9	0	1	0	0	8
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
Food Pantries	2	0	2	0	0	0
Identification Card Fee	2	0	2	0	0	0
Identification Card	1	0	0	0	1	0
Child Care Provider Referrals	3	0	0	0	3	0
Probate Conservatorship	1	0	0	0	1	0
Supportive Housing	2	0	0	0	0	2
Basic Income Maintenance Programs	1	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	6075	4	5901	3	60	107

HUD Annual Progress Report (HUD-40118)
September 1,2007 – September 30,2007
All Danbury CoC Agencies using HMIS

HUD Annual Progress Report (HUD-40118)

Report Options:

Provider Group

Danbury CoC

Unduplicated

Provider

-Select-

Operating Year Date Range

09/01/2007

to

09/30/2007

(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.	415	15	9	8
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	28	2	0	1
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	315	0	0	0
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	128	17	9	9
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)	128			9
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?				86
5. Age and gender.	Age	Male	Female	Other/Not given
Single Persons (from 2b, column 1)	a. 62 and over	2	1	0
	b. 51 - 61	2	2	0
	c. 31 - 50	11	2	0
	d. 18 - 30	6	2	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	1	1	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.		1
6b. Chronically Homeless.		
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?		6
7. Ethnicity.		
a. Hispanic or Latino		5
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino		25
8. Race.		
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native		0
b. Asian		0
c. Black or African American		1
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		0
e. White		24
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		1
j. Other Multi-Racial		2
k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match)		2
9a. Special Needs.		
	All	Chronic
a. Mental illness	7	1
b. Alcohol abuse	3	1
c. Drug abuse	1	1
d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases	0	0
e. Developmental disability	0	0
f. Physical disability	7	3
g. Domestic violence	1	1
h. Other (please specify)	1	1
9b. Disabled.		
How many of the participants are disabled?		12
10. Prior Living Situation.		
	All	Chronic
a. Non-housing (street, park, car, bus station, etc.)	6	1
b. Emergency shelter	15	4
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons	1	
d. Psychiatric facility	0	
e. Substance abuse treatment facility	2	
f. Hospital	0	
g. Jail/prison	0	
h. Domestic violence situation	0	
i. Living with relatives/friends	2	

j. Rental housing	0	
k. Other (please specify)	4	

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	308	86	301	84
b. \$1-150	2	0	3	0
c. \$151 - \$250	1	0	1	0
d. \$251 - \$500	0	0	4	1
e. \$501 - \$1000	3	2	4	3
f. \$1001 - \$1500	0	0	0	0
g. \$1501 - \$2000	1	0	2	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)	0	0	1	1
b. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	3	2	3	2
c. Social Security	0	0	0	0
d. General Public Assistance	0	0	0	0
e. Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)	0	0	1	1
f. State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	0	0	0	0
g. Veterans benefits	0	0	0	0
h. Employment Income	3	1	6	2
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	2	0	6	1
m. Other (please specify)	0	0	2	0
n. No financial resources	308	86	301	84

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

	All	Chronic
a. Less than 1 month	12	1
b. 1 to 2 months	28	10
c. 3 - 6 months	85	15
d. 7 months - 12 months	186	62
e. 13 months - 24 months	3	0
f. 25 months - 3 years	1	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	18	5
b. 1 to 2 months	14	5
c. 3 - 6 months	34	9
d. 7 months - 12 months	42	4
e. 13 months - 24 months	19	4
f. 25 months - 3 years	14	1
g. 4 years - 5 years	1	1
h. 6 years - 7 years	2	0
i. 8 years - 10 years	1	0
j. over 10 years	0	0

13. Reasons for Leaving.

	All	Chronic
a. Left for a housing opportunity before completing program	2	2
b. Completed program	7	1
c. Non-payment of rent/occupancy charge	0	0
d. Non-compliance with project	0	0
e. Criminal activity / destruction of property / violence	3	3
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)	300	82
k. Unknown/disappeared	3	0

14. Destination.

		All	Chronic
PERMANENT (a - h)	a. Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)	8	2
	b. Public Housing	1	0
	c. Section 8	1	1
	d. Shelter Plus Care	0	0
	e. HOME subsidized house or apartment	0	0
	f. Other subsidized house or apartment	1	1
	g. Homeownership	0	0
	h. Moved in with family or friends	0	0
TRANSITIONAL (i - j)	i. Transitional housing for homeless persons	1	1
	j. Moved in with family or friends	3	2
INSTITUTION (k - m)	k. Psychiatric hospital	0	0
	l. Inpatient alcohol/drug treatment facility	0	0
	m. Jail/prison	3	3

EMERGENCY SHELTER (n)	n. Emergency shelter	3	1	
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)	4	2	
UNKNOWN	r. Unknown	290	75	
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	162	52
2.	Food Stamps	NL-600.200	1	0
3.	Social Security Disability	NS-180.800	1	0
4.	Social Health Insurance	NS-800	1	0

Note: Under Section 2 c (Number who left the program during the operating year.) the number for this month shows 315 persons left a program. This figure is inflated due to a data entry practice done at the City Shelter once per year. This practice will also affect next months report as well under Section 2b (number of entering a program during the operating year).

• **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	06450 Meridan		CT	2
10509 Brewster		NY	1	06470 Newtown		CT	1
10512 Carmel		NY	1	06477 Orange		CT	1
10541 Mahopac		NY	1	06482 Sandy Hook		CT	1
12531 Holmes		NU	1	06488 Southbury		CT	3
16101 New Castle		PA	1	06512 New Haven		CT	4
18201 Hazelton		PA	1	06606 Bridgeport		CT	1
28401 Cape Fear		NC	1	06702 Waterbury		CT	14
30165 Rome		GA	1	06770 Naugatuck		CT	1
31401 Savannah		GA	1	06776 New Milford		CT	14
40211 Louisville		KY	1	06784 Sherman		CT	1
74101 Tulsa		OK	1	06793 Washington		CT	1
78403 Corpus Christi		TX	1	06801 Bethel		CT	9
90631 La Harbra		CA	2	06804 Brookfield		CT	7
92543 Hemet		CA	1	06810/06811 Danbury		CT	74
01060 Northampton		Ma	1	06854 Norwalk		CT	3
06019 Canton		CT	1	06902 Stamford		CT	1
06069 Sharon		CT	2	07306 Jersey City		NJ	1
06082 Enfield		CT	1	10457 Bronx		NY	1
06118 East Hartford		CT	1	24501 Lynchburg		VA	1

06320 New London	CT	1	24572 Madison Hieghts VA	1
06340 Groton	CT	1	33711 St Petersburg FL	1
06351 Jewet City	CT	1	93309 Bakersfield CA	1

HMIS Data Analysis

Total clients entered into HMIS by <i>all</i> Danbury CoC agencies:	1460
Identified as Chronically Homeless:	426
Identified as Military Veteran:	72
Pregnant:	79
Unemployed at time of entry:	845
Homelessness Primary Reason:	

Unemployed	210	Domestic Violence Victim	11
Substance Abuse	119	Loss of Job	12
Family Breakup	121	Criminal Activity	7
Out of Jail/Prison	126	New to Area	7
Legal Eviction	57	Family Abuse	5
Family Friend Eviction	50	Health/Safety	6
Left Voluntarily	41	Underemployment/Low Income	4
Mental Health	36	Physical Illness	4
Lack of Income	25	Disaster Victim	2
Mental Illness	23	Loss of Transportation	2
Expenses Exceed Income	27	Mortgage Foreclosure	6
Release from Institution	18	Substandard Housing	2
Medical Condition	15	Loss of Child Care	1
Divorced/Separated	12	No Reason Entered	497
No Affordable Housing	13	Loss of Public Assistance	1
		Total	1460

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: Opening November 5th

<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:** 18

Race/Ethnicity

White 13 Black 2 Native American Asian 1 Hispanic/Latino 3
Other

Family Information

Total Families: 2 Female 2 Male 3 Minors/ Parents (under 18)
Total Singles: 16 Female 7 Male 9 Minor (under 18)

Age

0-5 1 6-12 13-17 18-20 21-25 1 26-34 1
35-49 6 50-64 8 65+ 4

Education Level

No High School Some High School 3 High School Diploma/GED 4
Some College/Degree 1 Graduate School Unknown 10

Income Information

Employed 1 SAGA 6 Child Support
SSI 13 SSDI 1 Unemploy. Comp
Veteran 1 None TFA 1 Other 1

Housing Issues

Disaster Victim Deinstitutionalized Lockout
Legal Eviction Out of Jail/Prison 1 Left Voluntarily 1
Fmly/Friend Eviction 3 Other 13

Contributing Factors

Substance Abuse ___2___
Physical Illness ___3___
Family Abuse _____

Expenses Exceed Income ___12___
New to Area _____
Mental Illness ___2___

Unemployed _____
Divorced/Separated _____
Other _____

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 and the targeted closing date is November 30,2007.