



Dream Homes Community Center

To: Mayor Mark Boughton and the Common Council
From: M. Carolyn Sistrunk, on behalf of the Dream Homes Community Center collaborative
Re: December 21, 2006 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 Carolyn Sistrunk on behalf of the collaborative Leadership Team which also includes: Rev. Phyllis J. Leopold, Pat Tomka, and Jean Bowen.

In addition to the Leadership Team, salaried professionals implement the program:

Program Director (full-time): Karl Myers

Homeless Coordinator (part-time): Rev. Elizabeth Braddon

Housing Advocate for Persons with Disabilities (part-time): Jeanne Braude-Maji

I. Operations

- The four collaborating agencies involved with DHCC are planning on holding a fundraising event for Dream Homes Community Center on Friday May 18, 2007. The event will feature a performance by world-renowned storyteller Ms. Valerie Tutson. More information will follow when the detailed planning of the event occurs.

II. Outreach & Education

A) Regional Introductions

- At the January 2007 meeting of HVCEO, Mayor Boughton, Judge Yamin, Carolyn Sistrunk and Karl Myers will be in attendance to answer questions on the information provided in the November HVCEO meeting. It is the goal to have HVCEO adopt the City of Danbury's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness as a regional plan.

B) Community Involvement

- On Wednesday November 22 the Program Director of DHCC met with Patricia Winters of Danbury Hospital to discuss procedures of referrals from the hospital to DHCC when they come into contact with homeless individuals as well as HMIS. Ms. Winters will be informing all the social workers at the hospital on the "Point of Entry" to begin the referral process. She will also believe that HMIS was a good system and that the hospital should look into this further and would discuss HMIS with her superiors.
- On Monday December 11th, The Point of Entry of DHCC and Jean Bowen of People First of CT met with Glenda Armstrong of ACE Program to discuss DHCC and homeless teens. Bobby Poole of CACD was also in attendance.

III. Point of Entry

A) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

- a. Paperwork was submitted to the CT Coalition to End Homeless to have We CAHR be able to have information entered into the HMIS system by the Point of Entry.
- b. DHCC has been given the necessary authorizations to begin entering data for Shelter of the Cross into the HMIS system. Shelter of the Cross has been working on filling out intake forms for current clients and this data is now available and will be entered in January 2007.
- c. AMOS House has not yet been able to receive the refresher training on HMIS so they can begin to enter data into the HMIS system.

- d. The Point of Entry met with Patricia Bowen, Director of Department of Welfare & Social Services, on December 14, to review the status of the sharing of client data between the City Shelter and DHCC. As a result of this discussion a meeting has been set for Tuesday January 9, 2007, with the HMIS Systems Administrator to come on site to meet with both DHCC & the City Shelter staff to review all the procedures to assure that data is entered correct and all understand the process of sharing data between agencies.

B) Point of Entry – Data

Total number of new clients served by the collaborative **this month**: 6

Race/Ethnicity

White 3 Black 3 Native American Asian Hispanic/Latino Other

Family Information

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

Age

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

Education Level

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

Income Information

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

Housing Issues

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

Contributing Factors

Substance Abuse Expenses Exceed Income 3 Unemployed
 Physical Illness 1 New to Area 1 Divorced/Separated
 Family Abuse Mental Illness Other 1

IV. First Time Home Ownership/Housing

- On Tuesday December 12 a meeting was held with Mc Cue Mortgage to discuss the two Section 8 Voucher recipients and next steps in implementing this portion of DHCC. The two families are being reviewed by the Housing Authority to determine their eligibility. Once this is complete then action plans will be created and reviewed with each family. Mc Cue Mortgage has also hired a new representative for Danbury. DHCC will coordinate efforts with this person on monthly implementing monthly homeownership seminars.
- A brochure has been developed and a targeted marketing effort to Section 8 recipients will begin in January 2007. This brochure will also be made available at the Housing Authority main office.

HUD Annual Progress Report (HUD-40118)
for the Danbury Continuum of Care From Nov 19 to Dec 15, 2006

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Report Options:

Provider Group: Danbury CoC Unduplicated

Provider: -Select-

Operating Year Date Range: 11/19/2006 to 12/15/2006 (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:	196	3	2	2
b. Number entering program during the operating year:	22	0	0	0
c. Number who left the program during the operating year:	2	0	0	0
d. Number in the program on the last day:	216	3	2	2

of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)					
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)	216			2	
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?				48	
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	1	1	0
		c. 31 - 50	11	4	1
		d. 18 - 30	2	1	1
		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.				1	
6b. Chronically Homeless					
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?				7	
7. Ethnicity					
a. Hispanic or Latino				6	
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino				16	
8. Race					
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native				0	
b. Asian				0	
c. Black or African American				2	
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander				0	
e. White				15	
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)				5	
9a. Special Needs					

	All	Chronic		
a. Mental illness	4	2		
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	1	1		
g. Domestic violence	0	0		
h. Other (please specify)	0	0		
9b. Disabled				
How many of the participants are disabled?		4		
10. Prior Living Situation				
	All	Chronic		
a. Non-housing (street, park, car, bus station, etc.)	0	0		
b. Emergency shelter	15	6		
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons	0			
d. Psychiatric facility	0			
e. Substance abuse treatment facility	0			
f. Hospital	0			
g. Jail/prison	0			
h. Domestic violence situation	0			
i. Living with relatives/friends	1			
j. Rental housing	5			
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	0	0	0	0
b. \$1-150	0	0	0	0
c. \$151 - \$250	0	0	0	0
d. \$251 - \$500	0	0	0	0
e. \$501 - \$1000	2	0	2	0
f. \$1001 - \$1500	0	0	0	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)	2	0	2	0
b. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	0	0	0	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

14. Destination.			
		All	Chronic
PERMANENT (a - h)	a. Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)	0	0
	b. Public Housing	0	0
	c. Section 8	1	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	1	0
15. Supportive Services.			
No supportive services found.			