



Dream Homes Community Center

To: Mayor Mark Boughton and the Common Council
From: Patricia Tomka, on behalf of the Dream Homes Community Center collaborative
Re: April 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 Patricia Tomka on behalf of the collaborative Leadership Team, which also includes: Rev. Phyllis J. Leopold, Jean Bowen, 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-Maji

I. Operations

- No new information in this area.

II. Outreach & Education

- On March 30, 2007 the Program Director of DHCC spoke at a breakfast for the Danbury Rotary Club.
- The Program Director gave a brief presentation at the Ecuadorian Civic Center on the rental and first time home homeownership programs.

A) Regional Introductions

- i.** Mayor of Danbury has met all Mayor's and First Selectman of the towns that participate in HVCEO. As a result of these meetings several of the towns have agreed to help fund DHCC and expand the services provided to their towns. To date we are aware that Brookfield, New Milford and Sherman all have allocated funding in their 07/08 budgets for DHCC.
- ii.** On Wednesday April 18, the Lead Team of DHCC met with Brookes Temple from the New Milford Affordable Housing Corp. He reviewed a project that is currently underway in New Milford, an affordable 40 unit rental complex. The units will include 1, 2 & 3 bedroom units with several accessible units as well. Rents should range from \$400 to \$1100. The project is expected to be complete by December 2008. In addition they are investigating creating a Supportive Housing Program in New Milford. This project can be fully worked on once this current one is complete. Based on this presentation DHCC is reviewing the information to see how it may be able to aid this project both now and in the future.

B) Community Involvement

- At the April meeting of the Danbury CoC Dream Homes distributed a preliminary version of a "Universal Intake Form" for the agencies to review and provide feedback on. Once complete this form will be used by all agencies that provide services to homeless individuals/families as outlined in the Ten year Plan.

III. Point of Entry

A) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

- a.** DHCC will be assuming the functions of HMIS System Administrator for the Danbury CoC. The CoC voted unanimously for DHCC to assume this role at their April meeting. By assuming this function DHCC will be have more access to client data for reporting and data analysis. Some of what this role will entail is:

- i. System help desk functions for local agencies (both phone and onsite support)
 - ii. Data integrity reviews to help eliminate data entry errors.
 - iii. Agency site audits to assure that HMIS compliance standards are being met.
 - iv. New agency setup onto HMIS including security access and password assignments.
 - v. Involvement in Statewide HMIS Steering Committee.
- b. AMOS House has been retrained on how to use HMIS. They have stated that they have begun entering data into the system. The next step will be for DHCC to enter into a data sharing agreement with AMOS House.
 - c. Danbury Public Schools have been trained and issued an HMIS license. DHCC will be contacting the school system to verify status of system use and to enter into a data sharing agreement with them.
 - d. The Housing Authority for the City of Danbury has completed the necessary paperwork to obtain a HMIS license and training. DHCC will supply the Housing Authority with training dates so that their personal can attend and begin using the HMIS system.
 - e. Dorothy Day has begun referring clients over to DHCC. To date we have seen 7 clients.
 - f. After this report DHCC will be supplying information to the Housing Partnership instead of the Common Council. The Housing Partnership will request the information required for them to perform their duties and report to the Common Council on the progress of the entire Ten Year Plan not just the Point of Entry.

B) Point of Entry

HMIS Report for Danbury CoC for 3/16 to 4/15/07

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>314</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>	5
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	<u>37</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	4
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	1
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	350	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)	350			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>83</u>
5. Age and gender.	Age	Male	Female	Other/Not given
Single Persons (from 2b, column 1)	a. 62 and over	<u>1</u>	0	0
	b. 51 - 61	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	0
	c. 31 - 50	<u>11</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
	d. 18 - 30	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
	e. 17 and under	<u>1</u>	0	0
	Not given	0	<u>1</u>	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	<u>1</u>	0
	i. 18 - 30	0	<u>3</u>	0
	j. 13 - 17	0	0	0
	k. 6 - 12	0	<u>2</u>	0
	l. 1 - 5	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	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.				<u>4</u>
6b. Chronically Homeless.				
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?				<u>9</u>
7. Ethnicity.				
a. Hispanic or Latino				<u>4</u>
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino				<u>37</u>
8. Race.				
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native				0

b. Asian	0
c. Black or African American	11
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
e. White	19
f. American Indian/Alaskan Native & White	1
g. Asian & White	0
h. Black/African American & White	0
i. American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American	0
j. Other Multi-Racial	3
k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match)	7

9a. Special Needs.

	All	Chronic
a. Mental illness	3	2
b. Alcohol abuse	1	1
c. Drug abuse	2	1
d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases	1	1
e. Developmental disability	0	0
f. Physical disability	1	1
g. Domestic violence	3	2
h. Other (please specify)	2	1

9b. Disabled.

How many of the participants are disabled? 5

10. Prior Living Situation.

	All	Chronic
a. Non-housing (street, park, car, bus station, etc.)	6	0
b. Emergency shelter	19	9
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons	1	
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	8	
j. Rental housing	1	
k. Other (please specify)	3	

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>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	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	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	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)	0	0	0	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
h. Employment Income	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</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	0	0	0	0
m. Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0
n. No financial resources	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0
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	0	0
d. 7 months - 12 months	0	0
e. 13 months - 24 months	0	0
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>40</u>	<u>9</u>
b. 1 to 2 months	<u>84</u>	<u>16</u>
c. 3 - 6 months	<u>185</u>	<u>59</u>
d. 7 months - 12 months	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>
e. 13 months - 24 months	<u>30</u>	<u>4</u>
f. 25 months - 3 years	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>
g. 4 years - 5 years	<u>4</u>	<u>2</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>	0
c. Non-payment of rent/occupancy charge	0	0
d. Non-compliance with project	0	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	0	0
h. Disagreement with rules/persons	0	0
i. Death	0	0
j. Other (please specify)	0	0
k. Unknown/disappeared	0	0

14. Destination.

	All	Chronic

PERMANENT (a - h)	a. Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)	<u>1</u>	0
	b. Public Housing	<u>1</u>	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	0	0

15. Supportive Services.

No supportive services found.



Point of Entry Referrals:

- 11 new clients: each client may have had multiple referrals
- Aids Project – 1
- Bank - 1
- Department of Labor – 2
- Department of Social Services – 1
- Housing Authority – 1
- Emergency Aid – 3
- CT legal Aid – 1
- Credit Counseling Service - 1
- Veterans Administration -2

- Key Rings - 3

Zip Code Information Report:

<u>Zip Code</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Number of Persons</u>
01060	Northampton	Ma	1
06351	Jewet City	CT	1
28401	Cape Fear	NC	1
06118	East Hartford	CT	1
06450	Meridan	CT	1
06488	Southbury	CT	2
06702	Waterbury	CT	5
06704	Waterbury	CT	1
06801	Bethel	CT	1
06512	New Haven	CT	1
06784	Sherman	CT	1
06810	Danbury	CT	13
06776	New Milford	CT	1
06854	Norwalk	CT	1
10026	NYC	NY	1
10509	Brewster	NY	1
18201	Hazelton	PA	1
30165	Rome	GA	1
78403	Corpus Christi	TX	1
Don't Know			7
No Zip Code entered into HMIS			10
Person refused			4
Data Entry Error			

Notes:

Don't Know- means that information was not filled in on intake form.

No Zip Code entered – means no information status of intake form unclear.

HMIS Data Analysis

Note: This information has not been able to be updated from last month, nor was DHCC able to obtain any additional information. Once DHCC has become the new System Administrator we will have more access to the data to create more reports, analysis of the data, and the agencies that are using the HMIS system.

Total clients entered into HMIS by <i>all</i> Danbury CoC agencies:	1144
Identified as Chronically Homeless:	296
Identified as Military Veteran:	65
Pregnant:	55
Unemployed at time of entry:	708

Homelessness Primary Reason:

Unemployed	158	Domestic Violence Victim	8
Substance Abuse	114	Loss of Job	8
Family Breakup	111	Criminal Activity	7
Out of Jail/Prison	110	New to Area	6
Legal Eviction	50	Family Abuse	5
Family Friend Eviction	40	Health/Safety	5
Left Voluntarily	37	Underemployment/Low Income	4
Mental Health	34	Physical Illness	4
Lack of Income	23	Disaster Victim	2
Mental Illness	20	Loss of Transportation	2
Expenses Exceed Income	19	Mortgage Foreclosure	2
Release from Institution	14	Substandard Housing	2
Medical Condition	12	Loss of Child Care	1
Divorced/Separated	10	No Reason Entered	327
No Affordable Housing	9	Total	1144

Danbury Over Flow Shelter Figures

<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

<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	

Additional information provided by Sue Fisher Lead Coordinator:

- Shelter closed 4/7 until November 2007.
- Served 23 unduplicated guests.
- 3 guests have been staying at the shelter since 2002.
- 3 guest obtained permanent housing/apartments.
- 2 guests were permanently banned from the shelter.

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:** 11

Race/Ethnicity

White 10 Black Native American Asian Hispanic/Latino 1 Other

Family Information

Total Families: 1 Female 4 Male 2 Minors/ Parents (under 18)
 Total Singles: 8 Female 4 Male 4 Minor (under 18)

Age

0-5 6-12 1 13-17 5 18-20 1 21-25 1 26-34
 35-49 7 50-64 3 65+

Education Level

No High School Some High School High School Diploma/GED 3
 Some College/Degree Graduate School 1 Unknown 7

Income Information

Employed 3 SAGA 2 Child Support 1
 SSI 1 SSDI 4 Unemploy. Comp
 Veteran 1 None TFA Other 3

Housing Issues

Disaster Victim Deinstitutionalized 1 Lockout
 Legal Eviction 1 Out of Jail/Prison Left Voluntarily 3
 Fmly/Friend Eviction 1 Other 6

Contributing Factors

Substance Abuse _____

Physical Illness 2

Family Abuse _____

Expenses Exceed Income 4

New to Area _____

Mental Illness 1

Unemployed _____

Divorced/Separated 1

Other 4

III. First Time Home Ownership/Housing

- At the present time DHCC has 10 clients that have expressed interest in the Renaissance and are at varying stages of being qualified for this project.