

**ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS
IN SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY
MINUTES OF 08/25/06 MEETING**

Meeting called to order by Eileen Higgins.

Introductions made.

Ken Schmitt thanked everyone for their support during the past year.

Edwin and Eileen thanked Ken for his service and presented him with a token of appreciation from the Board.

Minutes were reviewed. Edwin Walker moved to approve the minutes and Mike Wasserberg seconded. The minutes were approved.

Doug Jones gave the Treasurer's report.

Director's Report: Jennifer welcomed the 8 new board members and thanked those who were not returned to the board. She also covered the Board's Work Plan for the next year and the standing committees' duties under the plan. All Board members were asked to sign up for at least one of the committees. Jennifer also covered the input of the Board for the Rental Housing Support workgroup.

Exec Committee Report: A change to the By-Laws was proposed—The Fiscal Year of the Board will end 12/31 of every year. This will be voted on during the next meeting of the Board. There was discussion of the Fund Raiser Committee and its work.

HMIS Committee: All agencies need to execute Agreements (located on Website), register for User Acceptance Training (also on Website), and complete Training Survey. Interface/conversion work should be underway.

Continuum of Care Development Committee: Met with the Chronic Homelessness Committee to discuss the January count. The new methodology will include visiting service and food sites for the week following the count date to ask people if they were homeless on the count date.

Chronic Homelessness Committee: See above and proposes to meet with Cook County Housing Authority in the future to discuss Mainstream Housing Vouchers. The committee is looking to host a harm reduction workshop, details TBA.

Project Review Committee: Met with Evaluation Committee to let them know what information would be helpful.

Evaluation Committee: See Above and putting together a meeting on 9/29, 10a-12p, of all grantees to get input on evaluation process, starting with the Family Self-Sufficiency scale. In the future, the committee intends to request a training by HUD staff on how to use the SHP Self-Monitoring Tool.

Prevention Committee: No Report. Next meeting is 9/20 at 10am.

Governance Committee: discussed a proposed Amendment to the By-Laws to change the fiscal year. Vote will occur at September board meeting on this change.

Advocacy Committee: No Report. Next meeting is 9/19 at 10am.

Mainstream Resources: No Report

Reports were made by each of the CBSA's.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Edwin Moved to adjourn and LaTonya Seconded the motion. Motion Approved.

Voting Directors - Present

Eileen Higgins **CHAIR**
Doug Jones **TREASURER**
Ken Schmitt **PAST CHAIR**
Patrick Rodgers **SECRETARY**
Jose Alvarez
Sue Augustus
Beverly Christmon
Arie Davis
Tom Galassini
Richard Grove
Louis Harrison, Jr.
Marianne Minas
Khen Nickele
Lenoris Perkins
Rev. John Rice
Cynthia Schilsky
Lynda Schueler
Susan Shimon
Raul Rodriguez
Mary Ann Romeo
Sandy Williams
Edwin Walker
Mike Wasserberg
LaTonya Walker

Voting Directors - Absent

Gerry DuPaty
Mark Enenbach **VICE CHAIR**
Debra Howard-Frye
Sharmili Majmudar
Nancy Radner
Mary Schurder
Fred Shannon
Daryl S. Woods

Members Present

Rev. Arrington - Bethel Human Resources
Barbara Hyshaw - CEDA Central
Eva Gertzfeld - Center of Concern
Cheryl Refuerzo - Connections for the Homeless
Guy Tolvstad - Harris NA
Karen Stunkel - Home of the Sparrow
Tahtia K. Smalling - IDHS/DMH PATH Program
Courtney Suchor - Sanctuary/SS Family Shelter
Georgia Edwards - Suburban Cook Reg'l Office of Education
Daphyne Head - Vital Bridges
Jennifer Connors Hill - Alliance
Tom Hinchy - Cook County Dept of Planning & Development
Shaun Pyron - Alliance