

ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS
IN SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY
MINUTES OF 09/22/06 MEETING

Meeting Called to Order at 10:05, and introductions were made.

Edwin Walker moved the approval of the minutes from the August meeting. Mike Wasserberg seconded. Minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Jennifer made the Treasurer's Report in place of Doug Jones.

Director's Report: Rental Housing Support-a new draft of rules has been released.
A new application was made this week to the Chicago Community Trust for \$40,000 to be used for outcome evaluation.

Executive Committee: Most of the meeting was taken up by discussion of Rental Housing Support and Fundraising ideas.

Fund Raising Committee: There was discussion about a proposal to have a Festival Of Trees fund raiser in December. The roll call vote on the proposal was: 1 Yes, 14 No and 3 Abstentions. The board requested the committee develop a Marketing/Funding Plan.

HMIS: User Acceptance Training was completed. Some Agency input still needed for: Data Conversion/Interfacing; HMIS Information Surveys; Participating Agency Agreements.

Continuum of Care: Continued discussion on the 2007 Unsheltered Count.

Chronic Homelessness: Upcoming training on the Harm Reduction Model.

Evaluation: Scheduled a working session on 09/29/06 for all HUD Grantees.
Participants will learn how to use Family Self-Sufficiency Scale and begin to set benchmarks using the scale.

Prevention: Reviewing Procedures for IDHS funding, and their responsibilities under the Alliance Strategic Plan.

Governance: Ken Schmitt moved to approve a change in the bylaws moving the end of the fiscal year to 12/31 of each year. Mary Schurder seconded. It was approved on a voice vote.

Advocacy: There may be changes made to the McKinney-Vento act. This committee met with its counterpart at the Partnership to End Homelessness to discuss this and other common interests.

No Report for either the Regional Roundtable or Mainstream Resources.

CBSA Reports:

South: Planning a local version of Peer to Peer

West: Planning a Summit for 12/01/06.

North: Looking at how to organize its meetings around hot topics and how to involve non-provider participants.

Khen Nickele moved to adjourn and Cynthia Schilsky seconded. Motion was Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10

Voting Members Present

Eileen Higgins **CHAIR**

Mark Enenbach **VICE CHAIR**

Patrick Rodgers **SECRETARY**

Ken Schmitt **PAST CHAIR**

Jose Alvarez

Beverly Christmon

Arie Davis

Tom Galassini

Debra Howard-Frye

Sharmili Majmudar

Khen Nickele

Lynda Schueler

Nancy Radner

Mary Ann Romeo

Cynthia Schilsky

Mary Schurder

Susan Shimon

Edwin Walker

LaTonya Walker

Voting Members Absent

Sue Augustus

Gerry DuPaty

Richard Grove

Doug Jones **TREASURER**

Louis Harrison, Jr.

Marianne Minas

Lenoris Perkins

Rev. John Rice

Raul Rodriguez

Fred Shannon

Mike Wasserberg

Sandy Williams

Daryl S. Woods

Other Members Present

Jennifer Hill, Bryan Manasse – Alliance Staff

Marvin Gorss -West Suburban Landlords Assoc.

Cheryl Refuerzo -Connections for the Homeless

Tahtia K. Smalling -IL DHS/DMH PATH Program

Courtney Suchor -Sanctuary/SS Family Shelter

Sharrone Ward -Grand Prairie Services

Katrina Van Valkenburg – Corporation for Supportive Housing