

Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County
Board Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2006

Meeting Location: Bethel Gospel Tabernacle, 14931 Lincoln Avenue, Harvey, Illinois

Directors Present: Ken Schmitt CHAIR, Eileen Higgins VICE CHAIR, Susan Shimon SECRETARY/CBSA Co-Chair, Mark Enenbach, Tom Galassini, Yvonne Griffin-Bland, Richard Grove, Doug Jones, Khen Nিকে, Lenoris Perkins, Mary Ann Romeo, Cynthia Schilsky CBSA CHAIR, Mary Schurder, Edwin Walker, Mike Wasserberg, Sandy Williams

Directors Absent: Beverly Christmon, Gerry DuPaty, Richard Koenig PAST CHAIR, Kelli Moore, Nancy Radner, Patrick Rodgers, Raul Rodriguez TREASURER, Lynda Schueler, Fred Shannon CBSA Chair, Daryl S. Woods

Members Present: Sharon Alberts, West Suburban United Way, Marvin Gorss, West Suburban Landlords Assoc., Daphyne Head, Vital Bridges, Marianne Minas, Community Care Options, Magalie Oscar, Catholic Charities, Bob Palmer, Housing Action Illinois, Gordon Reiher, Madden Mental Health Ctr, Courtney Suchor, Sanctuary/SS Family Shelter, LaTonya Walker, WINGS

- I. The meeting was called to order by Ken Schmitt, Alliance Chair and participants introduced themselves.
- II. Approval of the Minutes – Edwin Walker moved and Mike Wasserberg seconded that the minutes of the April meeting be approved with the following change: Gordon Reiher was present from DHS not Khen Nিকে. The motion passed.
- III. Treasurer’s Report – Jennifer Hill summarized the April 30, 2006 balance sheet and the income statement for the seven months ending April 30, 2006. Of significance is the zero balance on the line of credit; the reduced accounts receivable and the HMIS invoices issued. All other expenses are as budgeted. We expect increased expense in the near future as we make payments for a new server and upcoming software payments to Softscape.
- IV. Director’s Report – Jennifer Hill summarized the public comments she presented at the May 10th public hearing on the Rental Housing Support Program. Major points included advocacy that 50% of the 30% for Special Populations be set aside to prioritize homeless and chronically homeless to receive housing under the RHS program. We advocated that Homeless CoC’s in Illinois be included in the outreach component. Other comments included address of the program’s inspection requirements, housing quality standards, reporting, leases, eviction, and responsibilities of landlords.

Jennifer reported her Alliance election procedural reminders to each CBSA. She announced that Amy Ernstes is relocating to attend graduate school and the Alliance is seeking a research assistant to work on the 2007 homeless count and outcome evaluation.

V. Committee Reports

- A. Executive Committee – Ken Schmitt reported the committee’s decision on the interface/conversion fee structure (\$4,800 per interfacing agency; \$1,000 per agency for one-time data conversion). Not included in these fees is the User License package. Interfacing agencies must obtain a “Medium Size” package of user licenses (4-6 users, \$960 annual) or larger. One-time data converting agencies can get the license package of their choosing.
- B. HMIS Committee – Doug Jones reported the late June target for a meeting of potential interfacing agencies to learn about converting data. August 22 begins the User Acceptance Testing. This process calls for agency participation to test in preparation for final implementation on September 29. Training is set to begin September 9, 2006. The committee is researching training location options. Doug will contact all agencies before the end of July.
- C. Continuum of Care Development Committee/ D. Project Review and Prioritization/E. Chronic Homelessness/F. Homeless Prevention – Sue Shimon thanked the CoCD committee, Jennifer Hill and Suzanne Hopkins, the Chronic Homelessness Committee and others for their participation in the timely submission of Exhibit I to HUD. She reviewed the 2005 goal progress chart, the 2006 goal chart and the Housing Performance data. Alliance past year achievements are many, and there is ambitious and exciting work to complete in the next year.
- G. Governance – Cynthia Schilsky reported that the Governance Committee plans to introduce bylaw changes. The committee’s target is to vote in July, and so the language would need to be introduced by the June meeting of the Alliance.
- H. Advocacy – No report
- I. Evaluation- No report

VI. Other Reports –

- A. Guest presentation from Housing Action Illinois – Bob Palmer gave an overview of the reformation of the Illinois Real Estate Transfer Tax (RETT) proposed by HAI and discussed the feasibility of the points being proposed. As yet there is no legislative sponsor; they are seeking a downstate representative. HAI membership forms were distributed, and Mike Wasserberg, a member of its board, urged Alliance members to consider active involvement.
- B. Mainstream Resources –No report
- C. Regional Roundtable – No report

VII. CBSA Reports – No reports

VIII. New Business – None

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Shimon, Secretary