



Friday, June 26, 2009
 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
 United Way of Metropolitan Chicago
 560 W Lake St., Chicago

AGENDA

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| I. | Welcome & Introductions | 10:00-10:05 |
| II. | Approval of Meeting Minutes | 10:05-10:10 |
| III. | Treasurer's Report – Tom Galassini | 10:10-10:20 |
| | A. Finance Cmte. Update | |
| | B. May 31 Financials | |
| IV. | Director's Report – Jennifer Hill | 10:20-10:40 |
| | A. HPRP | |
| V. | Committee Reports | |
| | A. Executive Committee – Sue Shimon | 10:40-10:45 |
| | B. Homelessness Prevention – Mary Schurder/Dennis Condon | 10:45-10:55 |
| | C. HMIS Committee – Ken Schmitt | 10:55-10:58 |
| | D. Continuum of Care Development – Sue Shimon | 10:58-11:01 |
| | E. Project Review and Prioritization – B. McManaman/K. Nickelle | 11:01-11:04 |
| | F. Outcome Evaluation – Magalie Oscar/Courtney Suchor | 11:04-11:07 |
| | G. Governance – Mark Enenbach | 11:07-11:22 |
| | H. Chronic Homelessness – Khen Nickelle | 11:22-11:25 |
| | I. Fundraising Committee – Paul Selden | 11:25-11:35 |
| | J. Ad Hoc Housing Goals Workgroup – M. Wasserberg/P. Selden | <i>No report</i> |
| VI. | Other Reports | |
| | A. Regional Roundtable – Cynthia Schilsky | <i>No report</i> |
| | B. Discharge Planning – John Fallon | <i>No report</i> |
| VII. | Local Council Reports | 11:35-11:45 |
| | A. South – Mike Wasserberg/Carl Wolf | |
| | B. West – Teri Curran/Lynda Schueler | |
| | C. North – Millicent Ntiamoah/Todd Stull | |
| VIII. | Old Business | |
| | A. Board Elections – Mark Enenbach | 11:45-12:00 |
| IX. | New Business | |
| X. | Adjournment | |

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held **Friday, July 24, 2009**,
 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, at a **downtown** location TBD.

Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County
Notes of the Board of Directors Meeting
April 24th, 2009 10:00am to 12:00pm
United Way, 561 W. Lake Street

- I. Meeting called to order by Sue Shimon
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes approved by a voice vote by all in attendance
- III. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Reviewed the March 31st financials. Tom reported that we were on target to appropriately meet our budget projections; however, recommended that we consider the need to convene the fundraising committee to meet the amounts budgeted in private donations, esp in case Cook County does not restore the CDBG funds.
 - b. Auditor to be present at end of meeting to provide report
- IV. Director's Report
 - a. 5 grantees (Berwyn, Cicero, Oak Park, Evanston, Cook County) all met with reps from the Alliance and the Board to discuss their applications to HPRP
 - Grantees would like a sense of scale from agencies that provide prevention funds as to funds needed and how many clients can be served
 - Portal agencies met after Governance to focus on the West region in order to prepare the information needed by the grantees as 3 agencies recommended to be leads (CEDA, WS PADS, Catholic Charities). Please refer to memo to Berwyn, Cicero and Oak Park entitlement communities in Board packet for more detailed information ; motioned that Board approve these 3 agencies as primary grantees for those municipalities; all Board members in favor
 - Cook County is looking at the Alliance to do the data collection component for the funds...discussed possibility of adding another staff person to the Alliance to fulfill these tasks
 - Several grantees are on board to consider utilizing a portion of their allocated funds to create a call center, Cook County is advocating for this component
 - Possibility of one fiscal agent for Cook County; a RFP to determine who will get the responsibility for Cook County
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee:
 - The minutes were handed out with the Board Packet.
 - b. HMIS Committee:
 - Continuing to go forward with changing to Evanston from DuPage; met on 4/6/09 to review agreement. Motioned that Board accept the final version of the agreement (in Board packet); all in favor
 - c. Continuum of Care:
 - No Report
 - d. Project Review:
 - Much discussion on proposed ranking tool esp. the difference in points for projects that have to sign a 20 year commitment with HUD. Recommendation that it go back to committee for final draft.

- e. Homeless Prevention:
 - Continuing with discussion about call center options.
 - f. Outcome Evaluation:
 - Completing data entry of material gathered; will study the data at next meeting and present to Board the recommendations re: information obtained
 - g. Governance:
 - Retreat is scheduled in May
 - During last meeting; went over the organizational assessment survey which will help prepare for the retreat
 - h. Chronic homelessness
 - No report
 - i. Fundraising Committee:
 - No committee except for Paul at this point in time
 - j. Housing Goals Workgroup
 - Focus on financial assistance available to further grow permanent supportive housing
- VI. Other Reports
- a. Regional Roundtable
 - Report deferred
 - b. Discharge Planning:
 - Report deferred
- VII. New Business
- a. Audit presentation
 - Please refer audit report for further information; auditor stated that organization was able to provide all documentation required and that budgets were appropriately reconciled
- VIII. Meeting was adjourned after 12:00pm

Respectfully Submitted by Theresa Curran

Voting Members Present: April 24, 2009

Jose	Alvarez	Town of Cicero
Hugh	Brady	NAMI Barrington Area
Beverly	Christmon	Community Representative
Dennis	Condon VICE CHAIR	Community Representative
Theresa	Curran SECRETARY	Pillars
Mark	Enenbach PAST CHAIR	CEDA Central
John	Fallon	Corp Supp Housing
Tom	Galassini TREASURER	United Way of Metro Chicago
Marvin	Gorss	West Suburban Landlords Assoc.
Eileen	Higgins	Catholic Charities
Scott	Jensen	Community Representative
Brian	McManaman	Emergency Fund
Rick	Nichols	Community Representative
Khen	Nickele	IDHS-DMH
Millicent	Ntiamoah CBSA Co-Chair	Catholic Charities
Cynthia	Schilsky	Community Representative
Lynda	Schueler CBSA Co-Chair	West Suburban PADS
Paul	Selden	Connections for the Homeless
Susan	Shimon CHAIR	WilPower, Inc.
Courtney	Suchor	Sanctuary/SS Family Shelter
Mike	Wasserberg CBSA Co-Chair	South Suburban PADS

Voting Members Absent:

William	Baxter	Hines V A Hospital
Arie	Davis	IL Department of Corrections
Gerry	DuPaty	Housing Authority of Cook County
Randi	Gurian	Harbour, The
Debra	Howard-Frye	Thresholds
Chris	Klepper	HCP
Rev. John	Rice	Bethel Community Facility
Patrick	Rodgers	Social Security Administration
Heidi	Russell-Green	Safer Foundation
Mary	Schurder	Center of Concern, The

Other Members Present:

Ken	Keibler	Catholic Charities
Frank	Paduch Jr.	City of Berwyn
Sheri	Pantell	CEDA Northwest
Nicole	Richards	Thresholds
Eric	Rubenstein	Single Room Housing Assistance Corp.
Ken	Schmitt	YMCA Network
Charisse	Thompson	Thresholds
Kelly	Williams	Grand Prairie Services
Jennifer	Hill	Alliance
Sharon	King	Alliance to End Homelessness

Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County

May 22nd, 2009
10am to 12pm

I. Welcome:

Call to order @ 10:07 am by Sue

II. Approval of last month's Board meeting minutes: unable to review

III. Financial Update – Tom Galassini

A. April 30th Financials

- Reviewed current financial position, receivables are awaiting funds from Cook County but have been vouchered
- Profit and loss statement reflects the pass through of the Community Trust funds
- Significant impact on budget is that Cook County is only recommending \$40,000 instead of the expected amount of \$147,000 that the budget was based upon
- Options for generating the loss in revenue to be explored by the finance committee as noted in the letter to the Board by Jennifer
- Finance committee recommend that audit be accepted; motioned by Patrick and Dennis seconded, all voted in favor of acceptance

IV. Director's Report – Jennifer Hill

A. Cook County CDBG funding projections

- As noted above, Cook County approved only \$40,000 in CDBG funds. Discussion re: ramifications on Alliance budget due to reduction in CDBG funds (provides match for HMIS and majority of operating expenses for Alliance), and possible options to employ to appeal the decision were previously discussed. Jennifer and Sue are having lunch with the Cook County planning staff next week to address concerns
- Reviewed letter to William Moore at Cook County re: concerns about HMIS and contracts with other entities i.e. current contract with DuPage county and proposed new contract with Evanston as Cook County is requesting that the Alliance be on the contract; and also Cook County's concerns re: the CAPER report

B. HPRP

- Reviewed letter to Cook County (Gloria Mullins)

- Alliance submitted comments to Cicero and Berwyn con plans as both communities did utilize the recommendations from the Alliance
- Prevention committee met on the 20th to discuss how to reply to a RFP which included the portals, bankers and call center(s); motioned made by committee (Dennis presented) that the Alliance prepare a coordinated application to submit to Cook County for HPRP funds on behalf of the Continuum and that individual Alliance members refrain from submitting separate applications. Much discussion occurred on this motion, Paul then made an amendment to the motion to include the wording “in response to a RFP from Cook County” to the original motion. Seconded by Patrick and all members voted in favor to include amendment changes to original motion. Further discussion occurred re: amended motion. Motion to table by Marvin, seconded by Mark. Discussion on tabling motion occurred. Marvin redrew motion, voice vote on motion and it did not pass (members voting no: Hugh, Dennis, Teri, Tom, Millicent, Debra, Brian, Cynthia, Lynda, Paul, Courtney and Mike. Members deferring: Eileen to Millicent. Members voting yes on motion: Marvin and Mark). Vote on original motion with amendment was called by Mike, two voting members present abstained (Mark and Marvin)

V. Committee Reports:

A. Executive Committee-Sue

- Content from minutes to be further discussed in committee reports

B. HMIS – Peggy

- Signed termination agreement with DuPage county
- Signed agreement with Evanston
- APR workshop on June 3rd

C. Continuum of Care Development – Sue

- Discussed debriefing seminar on Exhibit I from HUD
- Discussed point in time report from Jessica

D. Project Review

- No report as decision re: form deferred to housing goals workgroup

E. Housing Goals Workgroup – Mike

- Recommendation is that renewals all to be allowed; approximately \$25,000 for a new PSH project and then also hopefully, the bonus project for a chronic PSH project to be taken to the Board for approval which will enable the Alliance to meet the goals. Motion then that Bonus projects be ranked #1, HMIS ranked #2, all renewals next in order determined by ranking from, new project ranked at bottom (if there were

reallocated funds), and that the ranking forms from the project review committee be accepted with the change to 3 points from 2 points for projects that have a 20 year commitment. Patrick seconded the motion, all in favor

F. Chronic Homelessness – Lynda

- Met this morning; tentatively scheduled a date for a unsheltered count this summer
- Discussed need to have involvement from the Police, and also support from the Forest Preserves when doing the count

G. Homeless Prevention – Dennis

- Discussed during director's report and motion made re: Cook County and a RFP as noted above
- compiled data from surveys for call center
- Still have substantial amount of TANF funds available in Evanston

H. Governance – Mark

- Collecting organizational assessment information
- Retreat on May 29th; location at West Suburban PADS
- Sue recommended formal review of By-Laws of Alliance

I. Outcome Evaluation – Courtney

- Continuing to work on tabling results of Outcome tool submitted along with letter of intent

J. Fundraising – Paul

- Need a serious effort to obtain funds to support the work of the Alliance
- Committee members to now include Jennifer, Paul, Brian, Tom, Teri, Eileen, Ken K., Marvin, Mike W., Dennis and Sue

VI. Other Reports

- A. Jennifer discussed that homeless counts were reviewed along with project reviews/ranking at Regional Roundtable
- B. No report from discharge planning

VII. Local Council Reports

A. South – Mike

- Did a public forum release on a report on looking at the South region though the issue of homelessness; will be formally released in the fall

B. West – Lynda

- Presentation from the census bureau
- Discussed our By-laws and determination of dues
- Nominations to Board discussed

C. North- Millicent

- Nominations to Board
- Presentation to be opened up to Alliance members
- Requested that available prevention and TANF funds be opened up to other areas by end of month

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

A. CEDA rental support update

- Presentation by Barbara on report of breakdown of clients currently being served/housed and how many units; and breakdown of clients on Wait List
- Ilhousingsearch.org to assist in finding units
- Request made to find out how many were classified as Homeless that are currently housed

B. State Budget

- Paul reported that from a meeting he was at in Springfield, he predicts that there will be significant cuts

X. Adjournment @ 12:18pm; motion to adjourn made by Mike W., seconded by Patrick

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Mary	Schurder	Center of Concern, The

Other Members Present:

Kamar	Beaco	CEDA Bloom-Rich
Derek	Carter	Lyons House
Barbara	Hyshaw	CEDA
Ken	Keibler	Catholic Charities
Kim	Lutz	WINGS
Larry	McClellan	SSCH
Kim	Millender	CEDA
Sheri	Pantell	CEDA Northwest
Valencia	Whitely	Independent Living Solutions
Carl	Wolf	Respond Now
Jennifer	Wood	YMCA Network
Jessica	Aleksy	Alliance
Jennifer	Hill	Alliance
Sharon	King	Alliance to End Homelessness
Peggy	Troyer	Alliance

Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County

Statement of Financial Position

As of May 31, 2009

	<u>May 31, 09</u>	<u>May 31, 08</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
Checking at Harris N. A.				
Restricted	0.00	24,555.14	-24,555.14	-100.0%
Unrestricted	33,567.05	23,327.70	10,239.35	43.89%
Checking at Harris N. A. - Other	0.00	28.85	-28.85	-100.0%
Total Checking at Harris N. A.	<u>33,567.05</u>	<u>47,911.69</u>	<u>-14,344.64</u>	<u>-29.94%</u>
PayPal	660.36	592.87	67.49	11.38%
Total Checking/Savings	<u>34,227.41</u>	<u>48,504.56</u>	<u>-14,277.15</u>	<u>-29.44%</u>
Accounts Receivable				
1100 - Accounts Receivable	72,768.26	29,769.04	42,999.22	144.44%
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>72,768.26</u>	<u>29,769.04</u>	<u>42,999.22</u>	<u>144.44%</u>
Other Current Assets				
1400 - Prepaid Expenses	1,922.76	9,181.17	-7,258.41	-79.06%
1440 - Security Deposit	872.29	872.29	0.00	0.0%
Total Other Current Assets	<u>2,795.05</u>	<u>10,053.46</u>	<u>-7,258.41</u>	<u>-72.2%</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>109,790.72</u>	<u>88,327.06</u>	<u>21,463.66</u>	<u>24.3%</u>
Fixed Assets				
1500 - Property and Equipment	23,793.85	23,793.85	0.00	0.0%
1900 - Accum. Depreciation - Prop&Eq	-9,184.33	-4,425.56	-4,758.77	107.53%
Total Fixed Assets	<u>14,609.52</u>	<u>19,368.29</u>	<u>-4,758.77</u>	<u>-24.57%</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>124,400.24</u>	<u>107,695.35</u>	<u>16,704.89</u>	<u>15.51%</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable				
2000 - Accounts Payable	4,325.00	42,100.00	-37,775.00	-89.73%
Total Accounts Payable	<u>4,325.00</u>	<u>42,100.00</u>	<u>-37,775.00</u>	<u>-89.73%</u>
Credit Cards				
2020 - CitiBank	0.00	829.77	-829.77	-100.0%
2030 - Advanta Bank Corp	0.00	288.18	-288.18	-100.0%
Total Credit Cards	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,117.95</u>	<u>-1,117.95</u>	<u>-100.0%</u>
Other Current Liabilities				
Payroll Liabilities				
Total Payroll Liabilities	4,204.04	2,524.86	1,679.18	66.51%
2010 - Line of Credit	0.00	4,355.00	-4,355.00	-100.0%
2099 - Refundable Advance	0.00	24,712.72	-24,712.72	-100.0%
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>4,204.04</u>	<u>31,592.58</u>	<u>-27,388.54</u>	<u>-86.69%</u>

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As of May 31, 2009

	<u>May 31, 09</u>	<u>May 31, 08</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>8,529.04</u>	<u>74,810.53</u>	<u>-66,281.49</u>	<u>-88.6%</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>8,529.04</u>	<u>74,810.53</u>	<u>-66,281.49</u>	<u>-88.6%</u>
Equity				
Unrestricted Net Asset	99,860.57	53,087.93	46,772.64	88.1%
Net Income	<u>16,010.63</u>	<u>-20,203.11</u>	<u>36,213.74</u>	<u>-179.25%</u>
Total Equity	<u>115,871.20</u>	<u>32,884.82</u>	<u>82,986.38</u>	<u>252.36%</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>124,400.24</u></u>	<u><u>107,695.35</u></u>	<u><u>16,704.89</u></u>	<u><u>15.51%</u></u>

Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through May 2009

	<u>Jan - May 09</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income				
4010 - Grant Income				
CDBG 07-046	55,905.38	54,000.00	1,905.38	103.53%
CDBG 08-051	21,539.15	13,333.32	8,205.83	161.54%
SHP 2009 ADMIN	2,735.92	5,433.33	-2,697.41	50.35%
SHP 2009 Alliance	54,679.08	81,224.16	-26,545.08	67.32%
Total 4010 - Grant Income	<u>134,859.53</u>	<u>153,990.81</u>	<u>-19,131.28</u>	<u>87.58%</u>
4011 - Donation Income				
401101 - Individual Giving	300.00	833.35	-533.35	36.0%
401102 - Board Gifts	0.00	2,083.35	-2,083.35	0.0%
401114 - Foundation & Corporate Giving				
CEDA, Inc.	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.0%
Chicago Community Trust	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00	100.0%
401114 - Foundation & Corporate Giving - Other	0.00	8,132.06	-8,132.06	0.0%
Total 401114 - Foundation & Corporate Giving	<u>35,500.00</u>	<u>43,632.06</u>	<u>-8,132.06</u>	<u>81.36%</u>
Total 4011 - Donation Income	<u>35,800.00</u>	<u>46,548.76</u>	<u>-10,748.76</u>	<u>76.91%</u>
4100 - Interest Income	1.22	0.00	1.22	100.0%
4300 - Other Income				
430002 - CCT Unity Challenge Fund	150,000.00	0.00	150,000.00	100.0%
4300 - Other Income - Other	52.19	0.00	52.19	100.0%
Total 4300 - Other Income	<u>150,052.19</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>150,052.19</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total Income	<u>320,712.94</u>	<u>200,539.57</u>	<u>120,173.37</u>	<u>159.93%</u>
Gross Profit	<u>320,712.94</u>	<u>200,539.57</u>	<u>120,173.37</u>	<u>159.93%</u>
Expense				
6001 - Payroll Expenses				
6000 - Wages Expense	84,737.48	85,760.80	-1,023.32	98.81%
6050 - Employee Benefit Programs Exp	9,726.90	9,168.35	558.55	106.09%
6100 - Payroll Tax Expense	9,200.12	8,674.60	525.52	106.06%
6001 - Payroll Expenses - Other	73.59	0.00	73.59	100.0%
Total 6001 - Payroll Expenses	<u>103,738.09</u>	<u>103,603.75</u>	<u>134.34</u>	<u>100.13%</u>
6010 - Non-Employee Compensation	12,606.00	10,505.00	2,101.00	120.0%
6080 - HMIS Vendor Fees	335.00	13,985.00	-13,650.00	2.4%
6090 - Consulting & 3rd Party Fees	11,950.00	28,750.00	-16,800.00	41.57%
6301 - Space Costs				
6300 - Rent or Lease Expense	4,215.80	4,258.75	-42.95	98.99%
6400 - Utilities Expense	5,627.88	6,250.00	-622.12	90.05%
6550 - Other Office Expense	28.50	0.00	28.50	100.0%
Total 6301 - Space Costs	<u>9,872.18</u>	<u>10,508.75</u>	<u>-636.57</u>	<u>93.94%</u>
6411 - Operations				
6410 - Printing Expense	836.26	1,040.00	-203.74	80.41%
6420 - Travel Expense	5,944.43	4,375.00	1,569.43	135.87%
6430 - Postage & Delivery	845.82	250.00	595.82	338.33%
6450 - Office Supplies Expense	2,509.20	2,600.00	-90.80	96.51%
Total 6411 - Operations	<u>10,135.71</u>	<u>8,265.00</u>	<u>1,870.71</u>	<u>122.63%</u>

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 January through May 2009

	<u>Jan - May 09</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
6460 · Interest Expense	11.83	803.35	-791.52	1.47%
6500 · Equipment or Furniture	0.00	2,083.35	-2,083.35	0.0%
6630 · CCT Unity Grant Distribution	150,000.00	0.00	150,000.00	100.0%
6680 · Accounting	3,385.00	3,394.44	-9.44	99.72%
6850 · Service Charge Expense	32.00	30.00	2.00	106.67%
6950 · Insurance Expense	2,636.50	2,636.50	0.00	100.0%
Total Expense	<u>304,702.31</u>	<u>184,565.14</u>	<u>120,137.17</u>	<u>165.09%</u>
Net Income	<u><u>16,010.63</u></u>	<u><u>15,974.43</u></u>	<u><u>36.20</u></u>	<u><u>100.23%</u></u>

Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County
Executive Committee
June 15th, 2009, 1:30pm – 3:00pm

1. Welcome:

Call to order @ 1:36 pm by Sue

Present on conference call: Mike, Jennifer, Dennis, Sue, Millicent, Mark, Teri, Tom

2. Approval of last month's executive committee Minutes: Mike motioned, Dennis seconded minutes; all in favor

3. Financial Update – Tom G

- Met with Jennifer and Sharon to address deficit and to develop a plan for the Budget for the remainder of this year
- Financial committee to meet to begin a framework which then will be presented to the Board

4. Director's Report – Jennifer

A. HMIS and data migration

- Getting statement of work (SOW) from Bowman for moving client data to Evanston from DuPage
- Jennifer recommended that executive committee approve the expenditures of funds: Dennis motioned that we approve the SOW from Bowman to transfer the user/provider data to Evanston; Teri seconded. Discussion ensued; motioned reworded several time and then rescinded by Dennis. Millicent motioned that we approve the SOW from Bowman to transfer the user/provider data to Evanston as approval is needed prior to Board meeting so that Bowman can begin work as HMIS grant is expiring in order to be completed by 6/30/09; Teri seconded. All in favor. Mike motioned that we recommend to the Board to approve a SOW from Bowman for up to \$15,000 in order to migrate client data. Dennis seconded. All in favor.

B. Cook County

- As Cook County approved only \$40,000 in CDBG funds, Jennifer and Sue had a lunch meeting with reps from Cook County (Erica Branch and Judith). The reps felt that the numbers were off from the point in time homeless count (too low). Jennifer informed reps that we now can run reports from HMIS, which show a substantial increase from the numbers reported in point

in time count. Ownership of HMIS by Cook County given that they fund the utilization of system was another point of discussion. Jennifer has attempted to set up a meeting with HUD at Cook County's request, but HUD wanted clarification of Cook County's concerns.

- Cook County is stating that there might be additional funds available to assist with the census, but this might not address the deficit
- Suggestion to have a Board meeting at Cook County; members thought this was a good idea to pursue and encouraged Jennifer to contact Cook County rep to facilitate this meeting.

C. HPRP

- Alliance was recommended to prepare a unified application by our Board; however, the RFP by Cook County is indicative that there might be others applying for these funds. The prevention committee to prepare the response for the Alliance; discussion ensued as to how this can be facilitated in the meeting. Mark to find out if CEDA is also applying for the funds from the County. The state has notified homeless prevention providers that it is discontinuing the state prevention funds as of 7/1/09; therefore essentially the HPRP will primarily replace the current state funds. Executive Committee to reconvene prior to Board

D. Larry Shapiro has set up a meeting with HUD assistant regional director and task force members to discuss HUDs defunding of SSO's. Lynda S. will be representing the Alliance.

E. CDBG applications to other entitlement communities

- At Cook County recommendation, Jennifer is preparing applications to other communities requesting a portion of the CDBG allotment. Has already submitted a CDBG application to Oak Park (\$8300) which was based upon a portion of HMIS data; would like a resolution to pursue with other communities. Tom made a motion that we resolve that the Alliance apply for CDBG funds in Des Plaines (this Friday is due date), Mount Prospect (due by the 6/24th), Hoffman Estates (due by the 6/24th) in proportion to the clients served there with J. Hill as signatory/administrator. Millicent seconded. Discussion ensued; Jennifer clarified that this is a planning grant and will discuss this with provider agencies in those communities. Tom amended motion to be as stands with appropriate discussion with providers in those communities. All in favor.

5. Committee/Issues:

- A. HMIS –
 - As noted above
- B. Continuum of Care Development – Sue
 - No report
- C. Project Review
 - Brian and Khen have agreed to co-faciliate since Cynthia has resigned
- D. Housing Goals Workgroup – Mike
 - No report
- E. Chronic Homelessness – Lynda
 - Considering a summer homeless count
- F. Homeless Prevention – Dennis
 - Next meeting on 6/19/09
 - To address RFP from Cook County
- G. Governance – Mark
 - Needs to have a nominating committee meeting after a governance meeting
 - Retreat occurred on May 29th
- H. Outcome Evaluation
 - No report
- I. Fundraising
 - Next meeting on 6/19/09

- 6. Other Business
 - none

- 7. Adjournment @ 3:05 pm by Mike and seconded by Dennis; all in favor

Next Meeting - Exec Cmte: next scheduled meeting is on July 13th, 1:30pm – in person; requested to be moved to the 8th at 2:00pm (in person)

**ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS
HOMELESS PREVENTION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

June 17, 2009

Held at Westchester Village Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tracy Banks, Brian McManaman, Paul Selden, Lynda Schueler, Mary Schurder, Mike Wasserberg, Bob Haennicke, Tiffany Hightower, Mark Enenbach, Teddie Cheopelas

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Hill, Jessica Aleksy

GUESTS: Jackee Pruitt, PLCCA; Kelli Moore & Theresa Curran, Pillars; Beth Nabors & Todd Stull, Journeys from PADS to Hope; Eileen Higgins, Catholic Charities; Terri Channer & Kim Lutz, WINGS; Molly Salisbury, BEDS PLUS; Susan Haze, CEDA NW; Viru Joshi, CEDA/Neighbors at Work; Kathy Straniero, Together We Cope; Carl Wolf, Respond Now; Marvin Gorss, West Sub Landlords

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Goal for meeting is to develop a plan for the Cook County RFP for the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) for the Alliance Board to adopt. Cook County has over \$4 million in HPRP funds to disburse. Oak Park, Berwyn & Cicero have \$1.9 million. Start date is 10/1/09.

Jennifer noted that the Alliance voted at the May board meeting to prepare a unified application in response to this RFP. Only agencies with 5+ years of experience operating Homelessness Prevention are eligible for the RFP. Jennifer gave a brief scenario as to how these funds might replace the IDHS Prevention funds. We would need over \$3,000,000 over 3 years just to cover the direct client assistance part of state funding. HPRP can also be used for Case Management & outreach services, Legal Services, a call center for intake and HMIS for the project only. Initial Cook County budget showed 48.5% financial assistance, 41.5% services/case mgmt (includes legal & call center), 5% Admin, 5% HMIS.

Jennifer explained that both the HPRP and the county RFP provide that HUD's HOME funds can be used for housing subsidies up to 24 months; services costs cannot be covered by HOME. Cook receives approx. \$7 million in HOME funds and to date has used them for housing rehab and development, not tenant-based rental assistance. Since Cook County would have to amend their CON plan to use HOME for rental subsidies, it might not be available immediately in HPRP year 1.

Agencies had been asked to prepare estimates of total households to be served and costs in both homeless prevention (HP) and rapid re-housing (RRH). Lynda Schueler presented West Suburban PADS estimate for RRH to serve 96 clients at a cost of \$2 million over 3 years. Other agencies presented their preliminary ideas and costs. Totals for all participating in this discussion were 500 served with HP and 242 with RRH.

Among other comments: Beth Nabors: add match requirements to stretch the \$\$ further, Paul Selden: add some employment services, Mark Enenbach: CEDA is interested in running the call center but had no cost figure yet. Since none of the legal assistance agencies were present, we need a cost figure from them. Jennifer will follow up to get additional cost figures. The prevention committee members will meet again to continue the discussion and come up with a recommendation.

The meeting was adjourned to Thursday, June 25, 2009, noon, at Catholic Charities, 651 West Lake St., Chicago.

Alliance to End Homelessness - HMIS Committee Meeting
Conference Call
June 16, 2009 10:00 a.m.
HMIS Committee Minutes

Participants: Ken Schmitt, Jeremy Heyboer, Pam Reed, Marvin Gorss, Peggy Troyer, Connie Fabbrini, Maggie Oscar

- I. Review of previous Minutes – Corrections were made on the May 19, 2009 meeting minutes.
- II. Status of merger with Evanston HMIS – While the Alliance and Evanston HMIS staff have provided the information and servers needed by Bowman, Bowman has only recently provided a Statement of Work (SOW) for migrating the provider data. The estimate for this work is \$13,625 which is within our budget. We are awaiting a SOW from Bowman regarding the migration of client data. We are not sure of when the migration of provider and client data will actually occur but is hoped that this will be done by July 1 to utilize HMIS monies that should be spent by July 1, 2009. Peggy and Jeremy will be holding a training (User Training) in July, shortly after the data migration is completed.
- III. Housing Prevention Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) – Peggy reported on the information she gleaned from the HUD training on HPRP on June 4 & 5. While there will be a definite impact on HMIS, we are awaiting for the final proposal from HUD on what new fields will need to be captured by HMIS such as housing/homeless status. Also, we will need to know what services will be reimbursed by HUD and how this will need to be tracked by HMIS. Some agencies that will be utilizing HPRP funds are not part of Service Point and will need to be trained. HUD will be expecting the first report on HPRP on October 10, 2009, after completion of the last quarter of the Federal Fiscal Year.
- IV. Trainings
 - A. ART training – The advanced ART training on June 10 and 11 went very well. The Bowman trainer reported that our group was the best she had met with to do this training. The training was attended by staff from the Alliance, Evanston, Will County, and DuPage County. It is hoped that this group will form the core for a regional ART user group.
 - B. APR training – This training also went well. Attendees were encouraged to experiment with reporting using their own data. It is recognized that it will be necessary for a follow-up training.
- V. Planning
 - A. Emergency shelter providers – Jeremy has done some research on Scan Point and will in the near future convene a meeting to consider implementing scanner use by the emergency shelter providers before the fall season.
 - B. AHAR – follow-up with agencies participating in AHAR to make sure their HMIS information is accurate and complete.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Next meeting will be on July 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Homeless Assistance Reauthorization

National Policy Update April 2009

Summary of the HEARTH Act S. 808/H.R. 1877

A bill to reauthorize HUD's McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance programs was introduced in the U.S. House and Senate on April 2, 2009. The Senate bill (S. 808) was introduced by Senators Jack Reed (D-RI), Kit Bond (R-MO), and 11 other Senators. The House bill (H.R. 1877) was introduced by Representatives Gwen Moore (D-WI), Judy Biggert (R-IL), and 5 other House Members. The House and Senate bills are nearly identical to a version that passed the House last year (H.R. 7221), which itself was a compromise between a bill that passed the House Financial Services Committee in July 2008, and one that passed the Senate Banking Committee in September 2007.

Background

HUD's McKinney-Vento homeless assistance programs were last reauthorized in the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992. Since then, numerous proposals have been debated, but controversies prevented Congress from passing any significant reauthorizations. However, a number of changes were made to the McKinney-Vento programs by HUD and by Congress through the annual appropriations process. The most significant change by HUD was the creation of the Continuum of Care process, which was first implemented in 1995.

In September 2007, the Senate Banking Committee approved the Community Partnership to End Homelessness Act (S. 1518). The HEARTH Act (H.R. 840) was introduced in the House in February 2007 by the late Congresswoman Julia Carson (D-IN) and Congressman Geoff Davis (R-KY). On July 31, 2008, the House Financial Services Committee approved the bill and several amendments to it by voice vote. After discussions between House and Senate staff, a compromise was agreed to that closely resembled S. 1518 and H.R. 840. The compromise was passed by the House as H.R. 7221 on a 355-61 vote. However, the bill did not pass the Senate before the end of the session.

On April 2, 2009, Senators Reed, Bond, and 11 other Senators and Representatives Moore, Biggert, and 5 House Members introduced identical versions of a McKinney-Vento reauthorization bill. It would make numerous changes to HUD's homeless assistance programs:

- Homelessness prevention would be significantly expanded.
- New incentives would place more emphasis on rapid rehousing, especially for homeless families.

- The existing emphasis on creating permanent supportive housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness would continue, although families could also be considered chronically homeless.
- Rural communities would have the option of applying under a different set of guidelines that offer more flexibility and more assistance with capacity building.

Prevention and Rehousing Assistance: The New Emergency Solutions Grant

Funding for the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) would be distributed by the same formula to the same jurisdictions as it is now. However, there would be significant changes in the amount of funding and how that funding could be used.

- ESG would be renamed the "Emergency Solutions Grant," signifying its shift to funding homelessness prevention and rehousing as well as emergency shelter.
- Eligible activities would include the traditional shelter and outreach activities of the current ESG program, but would also include more prevention and rehousing activities—short- or medium-term rental assistance, housing relocation or stabilization services such as housing search, mediation, or outreach to property owners, legal services, credit repair, security or utility deposits, utility payments, final month rental assistance, and moving costs or other relocation or stabilization activities. These prevention activities are similar to those being funded under the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program (HPRP) that is being operated by HUD as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.
- Prevention and rehousing activities could serve people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, including people who have less than 30 percent of area median income and move frequently for economic reasons, live doubled up, are facing eviction, live in a hotel or motel, live in severely overcrowded housing, or are exiting an institution. Anybody considered homeless by other federal statutes could also be served with prevention or rehousing assistance.
- Funding would increase to 20 percent of the amount available for homeless assistance. This would be a significant increase over the existing allocation for ESG.
- At least 40 percent of ESG funds would be dedicated to prevention and rehousing activities, although there is a hold-harmless provision that ensures that ESG grantees would not have to reduce funding for traditional shelter and outreach activities. In most communities, the amount of funding for emergency shelter and outreach would remain similar to current levels, but there would be much more funding for prevention and rehousing.
- The maximum allowance for Administrative expenses would rise from 5 percent to 7.5 percent.

Definition of Homelessness

The bill would modify the definition of homelessness and also allow grantees to use some Continuum of Care funding for people who are not homeless under HUD's definition, but are homeless under definitions of homelessness used by other federal agencies.

HUD's existing definition of homelessness includes people living in places not meant for human habitation (the streets, abandoned buildings, etc), living in an emergency shelter or transitional housing facility, and—although it is not specifically described in the McKinney-Vento statute—facing the loss of housing within the next seven days with no other place to go and no resources or support networks to obtain housing.

The HEARTH Act would add to this definition situations where a person is at imminent risk of homelessness or where a family or unaccompanied youth is living unstably. Imminent risk includes situations where a person must leave their current housing within the next 14 days with no other place to go and no resources or support networks to obtain housing. Instability includes families with children and unaccompanied youth who: 1) are defined as homeless under other federal programs (such as the Department of Education's Education for Homeless Children and Youth program), 2) have lived for a long period without living independently in permanent housing, 3) have moved frequently, and 4) will continue to experience instability because of disability history of domestic violence or abuse, or multiple barriers to employment.

A community could use up to 10 percent of their Continuum of Care (CoC) funding to serve families with children and unaccompanied youth who are homeless because they are living unstably (as described in the previous paragraph) or meet the definitions of homelessness used by the Department of Education or any other Federal Agency. Communities with low rates of homelessness—those with fewer than 0.1 percent of their population homeless in their most recent point-in-time count—could use more of their funding to serve families with children and unaccompanied youth who meet the definition of homelessness used by the Department of Education or another Federal Agency. Approximately 20 percent of CoCs, mostly rural and suburban, had homelessness rates below 0.1 percent.

Applying for Funds

The process of applying for homeless assistance funding would be similar to the current process. Applicants in a community would continue to organize into a Continuum of Care and submit a joint application to HUD. The entire application would be scored, and projects would be funded in the order that they were prioritized in the application.

Changes would include the following:

- The entity that applies for funding would be known as a Collaborative Applicant.
- The selection criteria would focus more on actual performance and would include incentives for rapid rehousing for homeless families and permanent supportive housing for individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness. (See: *Incentives, Selection Criteria, and Set Asides* below.)

- Under certain circumstances, Collaborative Applicants could apply to HUD for funding, receive all of the funding designated for the community, and then sub-grant funds to all the project sponsors in the community. A Collaborative Applicant that performed this role would be known as a "Unified Funding Agency." A Collaborative Applicant could become a Unified Funding Agency in one of two ways: 1) The collaborative applicant could apply to HUD for that status, or 2) HUD could make the designation if it found that the Collaborative Applicant has the requisite capacity, that HUD and the Collaborative Applicant agree on what technical assistance would be needed, and that the designation would benefit the community. In addition to the regular duties of a Collaborative Applicant, a Unified Funding Agency would have to ensure that project sponsors use proper accounting methods and receive annual audits of evaluations of financial records.
- A Continuum of Care that is entirely rural or in a rural state (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, or Wyoming) could apply under a different set of criteria (see *Rural Program*). A Continuum of Care that is in a rural state but consists entirely of a metropolitan area could not apply under the rural program.

Responsibilities of the Collaborative Applicant

A Collaborative Applicant would submit a consolidated application to HUD and have other responsibilities and benefits.

- It would be eligible to receive 3 percent of its community's funding for administrative costs. If the Collaborative Applicant is also a Unified Funding Agency, it could receive 6 percent.
- It could designate another entity, such as a consultant, to help it apply for and receive grants and perform other administrative duties.
- It would be responsible for ensuring that its community participates in HMIS.

Continuum of Care Program

The Shelter Plus Care, Supportive Housing Program, and Moderate Rehabilitation/SRO programs would be consolidated into a single "Continuum of Care Program" with the same eligible activities as all of the programs combined.

Rehousing services would be explicitly added as an eligible activity, including housing search, mediation or outreach to property owners, credit repair, provision of security or utility deposits, rental assistance for a final month at a location, assistance with moving costs, or other activities that help homeless people move immediately into housing or would benefit people who have moved into permanent housing in the last 6 months;

Operating costs would be redefined to include service coordination.

Project sponsors could request a 15 year agreement for project based assistance, with up to the first 5 years being paid for with the initial grant, and the rest paid for with future appropriations.

Project sponsors could receive up to 10 percent for administrative costs.

Reasonable amounts could be used for staff training.

Permanent Housing Rental Assistance could only be administered by PHAs or government agencies.

Incentives, Selection Criteria, and Set Asides

HUD would be required to provide incentives for strategies that are proven to reduce homelessness. These strategies would include rapid rehousing programs for homeless families and permanent supportive housing programs for individuals and families that experience chronic homelessness. HUD could add additional proven strategies if there is research to support the strategies and after a period of public comment. A community that has fully implemented a proven strategy could apply for the incentive and use it for any other eligible activity, including the prevention and rehousing activities allowed under the new ESG program. The amount and specific nature of the incentives is not spelled out in the legislation and would be determined by HUD.

30 percent of funding would be for new permanent housing for individuals with a disabling condition or families with an adult member who has a disabling condition. The requirement would not apply to each individual Continuum, only nationally (for example, some Communities could use 25 percent if others used 35 percent).

At least 10 percent of funding would have to be for permanent housing activities for homeless families, which could include families with or without a member with a disability. This requirement would overlap with the 30 percent requirement. (For example, 25 percent of funding could be for permanent housing for individuals with a disability, 5 percent could be for homeless families with an adult member with a disability, and 5 percent could be for families without a member with a disabling condition.)

In addition to the incentives described above, HUD would continue to use a pro-rata need formula and selection criteria to determine funding. Within 2 years, HUD would be required to develop a pro-rata need by regulation.

The selection criteria would include the following factors:

- **Performance:** The previous performance of the community, including reductions in the length of time people are homeless, reductions in homelessness recidivism, thoroughness in reaching homeless people, reductions in the number of homeless people, increases in jobs and income, and reductions in the number of people who become homeless. For communities that use funding to serve people who are not included in HUD's definition of homelessness but are included in other federal

definitions of homelessness, performance would also include the degree to which those families and youth avoid homelessness and live independently.

- **Plans:** The quality and comprehensiveness of a community's plan to reduce homelessness, ensure homeless children receive education services, and address the needs of all subpopulations. Also considered would be the extent to which the plan identifies quantifiable performance measures, timelines, funding sources, and entities responsible for implementation. For communities that intend to use funding to serve people who are not included in HUD's definition of homelessness but are included in other federal definitions of homelessness, HUD would look at how the plan prevents homelessness and helps families and youth live independently.
- **Methodology:** The methodology for prioritizing funding, including whether the process uses periodically collected information and analysis, considers the full range of opinions in the community, is based on objective, publicly-announced criteria, and is open to proposals from other entities that have not previously been funded.
- **Other factors:** Leveraging, coordination, and other factors that HUD determines are important. For communities that plan to use funding to serve people who are not defined as homeless by HUD but are defined as homeless in other federal statutes, selection criteria include goals and outcomes for those populations, including the degree to which the funding will prevent those families and youth from becoming homeless and the degree to which it helps them achieve independent living.

Rural Programs

Continuums or individuals projects that are entirely rural or are in rural states could apply under a simplified set of criteria. Their application would include a description of who lives in the worst housing conditions in the community, and their programs could serve people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Rural applicants would be scored only in comparison to other rural applicants, which should make them more competitive. At least five percent of funding would be available under the rural program unless there were not enough qualified applications for funding.

Rural continuums would be defined as those that have no metropolitan statistical areas, or that have only rural counties within metropolitan statistical areas. A Continuum of Care would also be considered rural if it is a mix of rural and urban areas and is in one of the following states: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, or Wyoming.

Funds could be used to serve people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and the eligible activities would be:

- Rent, mortgage, or utility assistance;
- Security deposits, first month's rent at a new location, and relocation assistance;

- Short-term emergency lodging in motels or shelters;
- Construction of new transitional or permanent housing;
- Acquisition or rehabilitation of a structure to provide supportive services, transitional housing, or permanent housing;
- Leasing of property for transitional or permanent housing or to provide supportive services;
- Rental assistance to provide transitional or permanent housing;
- Operating costs;
- Rehabilitation and repairs such as insulation, window repair, door repair, roof repair, and repairs that are necessary to make premises habitable;
- Supportive services; and
- Costs associated with making use of Federal inventory property programs to house homeless families.

In addition, up to 20 percent of funding could be used for capacity building activities.

The selection criteria for the rural program would be the following:

- The participation of potential beneficiaries in determining need;
- The degree to which the project addresses the most harmful housing conditions in the community;
- The degree of collaboration with other entities;
- Performance of the organization in improving housing situations;
- For organizations that have previously received funding, the extent to which they improved conditions in the community;
- Pro-rata need;
- Other HUD-determined criteria.

Match

Continuums of Care would have to provide a match equal to 25 percent of the community's total grant. The match would be applied community-wide, not project by project. Leasing grants would not have to be matched. The match could be cash or in-kind when documented by a Memorandum of Understanding. The match requirements would be the same for rural applicants.

High Performing Communities

Communities that are high performing, which would mean they have low levels of homelessness, could use as much funding as they want for prevention and rehousing assistance to homeless and at risk households. To achieve designation as a high performing community, a Collaborative Applicant would have to show that:

1. The average length of stay in homelessness has declined by 10 percent from the year before or is below 20 days;
2. Fewer than 5 percent of people who exit homelessness become homeless again in the next 2 years or the rate of recidivism back into homelessness declines by 20 percent from the year before;
3. Homeless people are encouraged to participate in homeless assistance services; and
4. If the recipient has been a high performing community in the past, it used that designation well.
5. For communities that use funding to serve people who are not included in HUD's definition of homelessness but are included in other federal definitions of homelessness, the criteria would include effectiveness at helping those families and youth avoid homelessness and live independently.

Permanent Housing Renewals

Funding for renewals of permanent housing rental assistance, leasing, and operating costs would come from either the appropriations account for HUD's Homeless Assistance Grants or the account for the Project-Based Section 8 program. Permanent housing renewals would be funded non-competitively for one year at a time. Project Sponsors could, if they chose, request up to 15 year contracts for project based rental assistance that would be subject to annual appropriations.

Family Homelessness Research

A research program would be authorized to compare the effectiveness of different interventions for homeless families at three sites.

DV Program Participation in HMIS

Projects that primarily provide victim services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking could not provide personally identifying information to an HMIS. They could provide non-personally identifying information.

Non-Discrimination Against Families With Older Children

Beginning in two years, McKinney-Vento-funded shelters, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing programs that serve homeless families would not be allowed to deny admission to families based on the age of their children. There is one exception for transitional housing programs only if they were able to provide comparable services for the family elsewhere, and only if the transitional housing program was implementing a best practice that required that it accept families with children of a specific age.

Authorization

For fiscal year 2010, \$2.2 billion would be authorized. For comparison, in fiscal year 2009, \$1.677 billion was appropriated. Authorized levels are not a guarantee of funding; they act more as a recommendation of funding levels. Actual funding is determined annually through the Appropriations process.

Interagency Council on Homelessness

The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness would also be reauthorized with several changes:

- Added to the council would be the heads of the Social Security Administration, the Department of Justice, the Office of Management and Budget, the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, and the USA FreedomCorps.
- The Council would be required to develop a National Strategic Plan to End Homelessness and update it annually.
- Added to the duties of the council would be encouraging the creation of State Interagency Councils on Homelessness, encouraging agencies to improve access to benefits, conducting research and evaluations, developing joint Federal Agency initiatives, developing constructive alternatives to criminalization, and convening a public meeting to discuss definitions of homelessness.

Other Provisions:

- The HEARTH Act would set a goal of ensuring that no family is homeless for more than 30 days.
- HUD would have to release the NOFA no more than 3 months after enactment of appropriations. Awards would be announced no later than 5 months after applications are due (6 months for the first two years after enactment). Project sponsors must meet all requirements for obligation no later than 9 months after an award is announced (24 months for acquisition, construction, or rehab). HUD could grant an extension.
- The definition of chronic homelessness would change to include families with children, and ignore brief stays in institutional care.
- Up to 1 percent of funding could be used for technical assistance.
- Most of the provisions of the HEARTH Act would go into effect 18 months after it passes.
- The Government Accountability Office (GAO) would be required to perform a study of rural homelessness and a study of the appropriate administrative fee for the Emergency Solutions Grant.

Outcome and Evaluation Committee

Tuesday, June 2, 2009
Catholic Charities
7000 W. 111th St. Worth, IL 60482

Present:

Magalie Oscar, Co-Chair, Catholic Charities
Courtney Suchor, Co-Chair, the Sanctuary
Jessica Aleksy, Alliance
Jennifer Wood, YMCA
Jeremy Heyboer, Alliance
Kathie Cunningham, Catholic Charities

We had a discussion about HUD's HMIS standards following a conference that Jeremy and Peggy attended. It appears as though HUD will be requiring programs to implement a version of the Family Self Sufficiency Scale that is currently in use in Arizona. This is a matrix that charts clients' progress in the program on a numerical scale. HUD may be requiring new data elements in HMIS to track clients' progress according to this scale. We will research this topic and determine how to incorporate it into this continuum's outcome and evaluation process, but at this point it is unknown as to when HUD will be including this data in the APR. Another new data standard will be tracking the date of clients' first contact with the agency and the date they actually receive services. HUD also now considers Safe Havens to be transitional housing rather than permanent.

We also discussed limitations of the data we collected. If the Alliance is principally interested in using this data for outcome and evaluation purposes, it is OK to include only HUD-funded programs in future evaluations. If there is a larger purpose, we may want to consider asking non-HUD funded programs to participate as well.

Jeremy has completed most of the graphs to be created from the data. We went through each graph and picked out key points and limitations we would like to emphasize in our final report. One of the most interesting pieces of information is that we seem to not have enough availability in Transitional Housing for larger families.

The committee devised an outline for the final report and made writing assignments. We hope to bring rough drafts to our next meeting. Our goal is to present the finished report to the Alliance Board by the October Board meeting.

Next Meeting is:

Wednesday, July 15, 1:30 PM at Catholic Charities: 7000 W. 111th St. Worth, IL 60482

**Governance Committee Meeting
June 22, 2009**

Present: Mark Enenbach, Eileen Higgins, Jennifer Hill, Molly Salisbury, Mike Wasserberg, Ken Schmitt, Sue Shimon

1) Organization Assessment

Eileen moved and Ken seconded confirmation that Millennia Consulting satisfactorily completed the organization assessment and should be paid.

Motion passed.

Comments on report: Well written, thorough.

2) Retreat Goals

Mike moved and Eileen seconded that the six task areas prioritized in the retreat be adopted for work in the coming year: Begin strategic planning; Create a fundraising plan; Review by-laws to consider board composition/diversity; Create a 2010 contingency budget (production); Improve staff health benefits and time off package.

Motion passed.

Related discussion:

Ken moved and Eileen seconded that we increase the term of all five board officers to two years, making the corresponding bylaw change:

6.2. Election and Term of Office. The officers of the Corporation shall be elected annually by the Board at the regular July meeting of the Board. Nominations for elections for officers shall be made in writing to the Secretary prior to, or from the floor at, the June meeting of the Board and shall assume their office at the immediately succeeding August meeting of the Board. Any Director who shall attain a tenure of one year of service on the Board prior to assuming office shall be eligible to hold an office. A Director elected to the office of Vice Chair will serve a two year term. At the conclusion of the two year term, the Vice Chair will automatically assume the role of Chair. Upon completing a two year term of office as Chair, the Chair will automatically become the Past Chair for a period of two years. A Director elected to the office of Treasurer or Secretary shall serve a term of two years. No Treasurer or Secretary may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

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Motion passed.

The Committee noted that bylaw changes take effect 30 days after adoption by the board, and so it recommends adoption of this single change at the June board meeting in time for July officer elections, with a more complete bylaw review to follow in the coming months.

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Suburban Homeless Count Finds Troubling Trends



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The Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County says that Homelessness may be on the rise in Chicago's suburbs. **Their 2009 annual homeless count** says that chronic homelessness in those areas has increased over 10-percent since 2007. The Alliance's Executive Director, Jennifer Hill says that the situation is likely to get worse.

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Clarissa G, Melrose Park // Monday, June 22, 2009 @ 5:59 PM

I am a counselor for runaway and homeless youth at a social services agency that has had an enormous sum cut from our budget. My program is closing. I'm not worried about myself, as am young and marketable in various fields... I'm worried about the youth we work with every day, who now will have nowhere to turn to for help. And its only going to get worse...:(

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