

**Salt Lake County Homeless Coordination Council, Inc.**  
**Minutes**  
**August 9, 2007**

*The mission of the Salt Lake County Homeless Coordinating Council, Inc. is to advocate for homeless people by coordinating services, sharing information, and increasing public awareness.*

1. **Welcome/Introductions.** Kerry Bate welcomed the members and introductions were made.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Jona Curry motioned to approve the Minutes from June; Chris Creswhite seconded the motion. The Council voted to approve the Minutes.
3. **Council Update.** Eileen Dwyer updated the Council on completing the budget and will have it ready to present to the council at the September meeting for approval. Twelve individuals traveled to Washington D.C. to attend the End Homelessness Conference. Utah was represented throughout the workshop as presenters. We also visited with Senator Bennett, Senator Hatch's staff, and Congressman Matheson on the National Housing Trust fund Bill and the McKinney Vento Reauthorization Bill requesting their support. Four individuals were also invited to the Region VIII Symposium in Casper, WY to present on 10-Year Plans, HUD Continuum of Care Exhibit 1 and HMIS. Kristina Keene who has been assisting Eileen through the Point in Time and the Continuum of Care has accepted another job and will leaving this week.
4. **HMIS Update.** Rachelle Brown updated the council on HMIS' search for a new Director. She reported that Michelle Vasquez was conducting interviews and is hoping to fill the position soon. Rachelle also reported on the October HMIS training during the Homeless Summit.
5. **"Connecting Our Community."** Tara Rollins of Utah Housing Coalition reported on the Fourth Annual Fall Housing Fair taking place at the State Fairgrounds on October 27<sup>th</sup>. The fair aims to help low-income people and families establish and maintain housing by making information more readily available on the stock of affordable housing within the county, and by assisting people with general health, hygiene, and goods needs. This year the fair will team up with DWS to have a conjoining job fair. HEAT applications on hand for clients to fill out for the November 6<sup>th</sup> HEAT stand-down.

The fair is expecting to have approximately 800 clients and will be providing a range of services from information about jobs and housing to

haircuts, eye exams, clothing, food, duffel bags, and books for children, among other things.

Tara also reported on an affordable housing website she was introduced to at the End Homelessness Conference in Washington D.C. that she would like to see established in Utah. The website would serve as an easily accessible database of affordable housing in Utah to better serve consumers/clients. At the Utah Housing Coalition annual meeting in September, Tara will have more particulars on how the website would work.

**6. PAHTF Applications/Funding.** Kerry Steadman handed out the draft paper of “The Delivery of Housing Services in Salt Lake County” and asked the council for feedback on the paper. He discussed all the challenges and options and where the council would like to proceed in the process. Suggestions were; to have one agency as a clearing housing for all applicants to process through for housing. Also, it was suggested to open this suggestion to a bid process. The Council will look into starting a pilot program to see if this process will work.

**7. Guest Speaker: Chris Crosswhite, Rescue Mission of Salt Lake.** Chris Crosswhite reported on the Rescue Mission’s organizational programs which take a holistic, faith-based approach to what their clients (“students”) need and how they can help meet those needs. They have a men’s and women’s shelter that open at 5:30 pm for guests to request one of 50 beds. They serve a hot breakfast and dinner everyday and provide a sack lunch to clients that work. They also provide clean clothes, a place to shower, bag storage, and a dayroom when the weather is bad.

Chris highlighted the organizations’ recovery program, a free one-year live-in program, that helps clients recover spiritually and physically by helping them overcome psychological issues— such as human dignity issues or a feeling of not being “worthy” of help, and “self-protective pride” issues— that serve as barriers to their recovery.

Chris directed questions about the Rescue Mission’s capital campaign to executive director Stephen Trost, who can be reached by either calling the Rescue Mission directly at (801) 355-1302, or by email:

[strost@rescuesaltlake.org](mailto:strost@rescuesaltlake.org).

**8. Other Business.** None

**9. Agency Announcements/Updates.**

Cheri Jacobson from Granite School District addressed the increasing amount of homeless children in the district, and talked about their

Homeless Education Program. They will be making a presentation to the Long Range Planning Committee next week and would like to present to this council.

Lloyd Pendleton announced the Homeless Summit on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Summit will be at the Sheraton Hotel.

Karen Kuipers from the Tooele County Relief Services reported that Tooele County is feeling the impact of the shelters being full. They are seeing an increase in the numbers of individuals, families, handicapped and transient individuals they are serving. Their homeless coordinating committee is working on the 10-year plan and hopefully will have it finalized soon.

Meghan Maughan of Catholic Community Services announced their annual Backpack Bonanza for Refugee and Low-Income children on August 17, 2007 from 8:30am to 4:30pm at 745 E 300 S.

Janeal Ford from Volunteers of America, Utah announced their merger with Cornerstone treatment center. Cornerstone will now be run by VOA.

Janeal also announced their annual Bowling for Recovery on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 2pm at AMF Ritz Classic Lanes on 2265 S State Street.

Diane Spencer from Family Support Center announced a child abuse crisis nursery they are working on.

Heather Masterton of South Valley Sanctuary announced a workshop "Mobilizing Men in the fight Against Domestic Violence, October 12, 2007 at the E-Center. The Sanctuary is also holding an event on August 10<sup>th</sup> at the University of Utah's Union Ballroom, "Utah Artists Against Domestic Violence." Suggested donation is \$10.

Tony Milner announced the fourth lunch meeting of the case managers will be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the YWCA from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm. If you would like to get on the mailing list, call 792-3342.

On behalf of the Utah Food Bank, the announcement was made on their conference of "The Face of Hunger in Utah" to be held on August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Hotel. Information was handed out to the council.

Melanie Zamora announced the purchase of the Holiday Inn by the Road Home. Closing should take place by the end of August. They are also restructuring the Emergency Assistance and the Housing Program to offer full assistance to those entering the shelter.

Jona Curry announced Valley Mental Health's 25th year celebration on August 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at "This is The Place Monument".

Kerry Bate announced on September 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a benefit concert to support homeless programs at the Gallivan Center. Cost is \$5.00.

Greg Johnson announced the Salt Lake City CDBG deadline for grants is August 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Congress has passed the budget for this fund.

Allan Ainsworth announced the "National Community Health Center Week" was celebrated with Senator Hatch. Also, Fourth Street Clinic is working with The Road Home and St. Vincent's to help alleviate some of the call to the Fire Department.

Shelia Walsh-McDonald reported on the health benefit CHIPS for families. Family and children enrollment is up an additional 1,000 slots. Premiums have increased \$150 per month per family member. CHIPS reauthorization was vetoed by the President. Also, Senator Bennett didn't support the vote.