

Utah Balance of State Steering Committee
February 12, 2007
Minutes

In Attendance:

Attending in Person

Sharon Downing, Chair
Jonathan Hardy, Utah State Division of Community and Culture
Jeff Kane, Homeless Veterans Fellowship
Pauline Zvonkovic, HUD Field Office
Eileen Dwyer, Director

On Conference Call:

ReAnne VanDrimmelen, St. Anne's Center
Tracy Socwell, Ogden/Weber Community Action Partnership
Sharon Relph, Four Corners Behavioral Health
Tara Adamson, Davis Family Connection Center
Marilyn Vogrinec, Southeastern Utah AOG
Debbie Stark, Your Community Connection
Kim Michaud, Safe Harbor
Stephanie Volker, SW Behavioral Health
Carol Bolsover, Iron County Care and Share

1. Sharon Downing welcomed everyone and introductions were made.
2. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Marilyn Vogrinec, Jeff Kane seconded the motion and the members approved the minutes.
3. Area Updates and Pilot Project Update
 - a. Bear River AOG- No report
 - b. Uintah AOG – No report
 - c. Southeastern AOG – Marilyn Vogrinec reported Moab Housing Coalition will decide on pilot project focus after their meeting last week with Lloyd Pendleton. Carbon/Emery will meet tomorrow and are searching for a pilot project.
 - d. Six County AOG – No report
 - e. Davis County – Tara Adamson reported they have placed into housing a single parent family for the pilot project with assistance in self-sufficiency and hopefully will have another three families in housing soon. They will be working closely with issues on housing, school programs, mentorship, etc. They have hired a part-time case manager dedicate to the project.
 - f. Five County AOG – Southwest has accepted “Lost Boys” as their pilot project. A home has been donated in St. George for youth emancipated out of the polygamous community. Housing Community Resource is

providing case management to help these young people learn social skills so they can function in society. They have no contact with family and no knowledge how to function in a community. The estimate is there are around 1,500 of these "Lost Boys/Girls" in the area. These individuals couch surf with 20-30 in a house or apartment. They are very transient and there isn't anyway to really count them. Jonathan Hardy reported there is a recommendation to commit \$250,000 from Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust fund one time to the "Lost Boys". Currently the recommendation is in subcommittee under Senator Hickman.

g. Weber County – Pilot project has five individuals in housing

4. Eileen Dwyer reported that the Point-In-Time Homeless Count took place on January 24th. Preliminary numbers are good. We are hoping to have the final report done by March and will be posted on the website.
5. Sharon Downing announced that Debbie Stark, Your Community Connection in Ogden has agreed to be our Secretary/Treasurer. Debbie shared with the committee she has been involved in accounting for 30 years. She has lived in Utah for the last twelve years moving from the East Coast. Some day she would like her MBA. A motion was made by Jonathan Hardy to accept Debbie Stark as our Secretary/Treasurer. Jeff Kane seconded the motion and the committee approved the motion.
6. Jonathan Hardy reported that RFP's for Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund, Critical Needs Housing, and Emergency Shelter Grants will be an online application this year, and that there would be a two step process for primary funding with approval for new projects through Local Homeless Coordinating Councils. The dates for the online applications:
 - March 1, 2007 – Applications Available
 - March 6, 2007 – Application Workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the State Library
 - March 30, 2007 – Applications Due to State Community Services Office
 - May 9, 2007 – Awards Finalized
 - July 1, 2007 – Contract Period Begins

New projects can apply for funding any time during the fiscal year. New project funding submissions must be submitted four weeks prior to each State Homeless Coordinating Committee meeting in order to be considered for the next meeting. The deadlines are:

- April 11, 2007
- August 15, 2007
- October 17, 2007
- December 12, 2007
- February 13, 2008

7. Official Title of Committee: In order to pursue a 501(c)(3) status, we need to change our name from Steering Committee. A motion was made by Jonathan Hardy to change our name to Utah Balance of State Homeless Coordinating Council (UBSHCC). Debbie Stark seconded the motion and the committee agreed to the motion.
8. Announcements – Tracy Socwell announced that Troy Vanderhule resigned as Executive Director of St. Annes Center for personal reasons. The Board has asked ReAnne VanDrimmelen to be the interim director.
10. Other Business – Eileen Dwyer explained the delay of funding for the Continuum of Care grant was because Congress hasn't passed the FY06 funding resolution. Rumor has it that the awards will be announced soon. She would like to schedule a conference call in the month of March for all interested agencies for new funding as well as agencies applying for renewals.
11. Adjournment: Jonathan Hardy made the motion to adjourn and Debbie Stark seconded the motion. Members approved.