

**Utah Balance of State
Homeless Coordinating Council, Inc.
December 10, 2007
Minutes**

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Attending In Person:

Chris Nguyen, Chair
Eileen Dwyer, Director
Maureen Allred, Six County AOG
Stefanie Jones, BRAG AOD
Lisa Hunt, Davis Behavioral Health
Lloyd Pendleton, State of Utah

On Conference Call:

Gloria Kariya, United Way Northern Utah
Camille Farra, UHMIS
Catherine Yack, Uintah Basin AOG
Amanda Hague, Uintah Basin AOG
Debbie Stark, YCC
ReAnne Hart, St. Anne's Center
Heidi Miller, Cedar City Housing Authority
Sharon Anderson, Family Connection Center
Bill Woods, ICCS
Sharon Relph, Four Corners Behavioral Health
Jeff Kane, Homeless Veterans Fellowship

1. Introductions. Chris Nguyen welcomed the participants and introductions were made.
2. Approval of Minutes. There were no minutes for approval.
3. Area Updates and Pilot Projects
 - a. Bear River AOG- Date collection has been taking place for the last two years with the pilot program. With the assistance of CAPSA, clients are being moved into permanent housing.
 - b. Uintah AOG – Meeting will be held in a couple of weeks. The pilot project is expected to be transferred into permanent housing in January.
 - c. Southeastern AOG – Grand County-The committee has changed their name to Grand Homeless Coordinating Council. They have also established their mission statement: "To expand community awareness of Grand County's homeless and at-risk populations, and to increase the amount of housing, support services and related resources needed to maximize the stability of our workforce and prevent homelessness." The group is still working on the pilot project, however it appears they will work with the drug court as a referring agency, identify and prioritize two

individuals, assist them with housing, utilizing a master lease property. Details are still being worked on. Carbon/Emery – Continuing to work in identifying a pilot project. Working the Ben Logue/LaPort Construction on plans to renovate the Mission and gut rehab the old New House Hotel on Main Street in Price into transitional housing and permanent housing (apartments) for income range ASMI 25%-38%. The public will have an opportunity for input at a Town Hall Meeting on December 12, 2007.

d. Six County AOG - Four families have been identified from Sanpete County as high users of services. The families will be offered wrap around services using the Bridges out of Poverty handbook.

e. Davis County - Four families are in the training program. One family is ready to graduate. Three other families participating for 12 months. Two parent homeless families are hard to find. Started with three families and two are still in the program.

f. Five County AOG – One family has moved into the pilot program in St. George, it is hopeful that another family will be assisted by the end of January. One person in Cedar City started in December and it is anticipated an additional family will be assisted no later than the end of January.

g. Weber County- Next meeting will be on January 16th and discussion will be the point in time. ReAnne Hart from St. Anne's Center reported their project has been going for 1 ½ years. Individuals in the program have required intensive case management to meet their needs. The center has been working with The Road Home in gathering information on successes and barriers in the program. A lot of progress has been made in the last couple of months to move individuals into permanent housing. Five individuals are in the program and if possible two more will be added.

4. Strategic Planning Updates:

a. Goals – ReAnne Hart, has agreed to chair this committee. Committee will be meeting on a Quarterly basis to keep on track of the goals. Next month's meeting, we will discuss what will work for our council. This will be an agenda item each month.

b. Threshold/Prioritization – Stefanie Jones, Heidi Miller and Debbie Stark discussed the change in points on the prioritization criteria. Issues for points were involvement in LHCC with attendance of at least 8 meetings, award programs with budgets that provide more services with less dollars or less dollars per person, and good budgets.

c. Continuum of Care. Eileen Dwyer reported on the HUD training that took place in Salt Lake on November 29th and 30th. A couple of issues that need to take place in the Continuum is agencies actively participating in their LHCCs and the BOS, identify leveraging dollars on application and increasing our housing dollars vs. supportive service dollars.

5. Membership Update: Debbie Stark reported she has only received 8 membership applications. A reminder email will be sent out with who has paid and who still needs to pay.
6. HMIS Update: Camille Farra, Director, reported they are training agencies on Metsys. David Musick is monitoring the help desk and answering questions. They are implementing a HMIS model with Grace Mary Manor, the new project with Salt Lake County Housing Authority. The upgrades with Metsys will happen in February with cosmetic changes, easier to read reports, and generating reports. UHMIS is going to be under the State Homeless Coordinating Committee under the Information Committee with Bill Crim as Chair. The next HMIS meeting is January 3rd at The Road Home.
7. Meeting Schedule: It was decided by the committee that meetings will continue on the second Monday of each month during the grant process and then it will be revisited to convening every other month.
8. Announcements/Other Business:
 - Lloyd Pendleton announced the Point in Time count will be held on January 31, 2008. Information has been sent out to the chairs and co-chairs of the LHCC. Survey Monkey has been redesigned and there is also a new form for police and jails. Emails will be sent out the week of January 20th.
 - Bill Woods announced he is the new Executive Director of Iron County Care and Share. All information is the same as Carol Bolsover.
9. Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm. Next meeting will be held on January 14, 2008 at 12:00 noon