

Salt Lake County Homeless Coordinating Council, Inc.

Minutes September 13, 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 August; Jeannie Edens seconded the motion. The Council voted to approve the Minutes.
3. Approval of Annual Budget. The annual budget was distributed to the council. Jennifer Hare-Diggs explained the budget and asked for a motion. Michelle Vasquez made a motion to approve the budget, Michael Glenn seconded the motion. The Council voted to approve the annual budget.
4. Annual Report. Eileen Dwyer gave the annual report of Council for the last year and ½. The document is attached to the minutes. A more formal report will be designed and distributed to the Council.
5. HMIS Update/Introduction of New Director. Michelle Vasquez, Chair of the UHMIS Steering Committee, introduced the new Director, Camille Farra.
6. Meeting with Salt Lake County. Kerry Bate reported on the meeting held with Salt Lake County staff and Mayor Corroon regarding funding for housing projects within the county. He reported within 18-24 months, there will be an increase of 450 unites of affordable housing in the county.
7. PAHTF Applications/Funding Update. Kerry Steadman was unable to attend the meeting so Kerry Bate reported on the funding update. At last month's meeting it was the consensus of the council to proceed with a centralize model for intake individuals and families into housing programs. The executive committee will proceed with the concept.
8. Homeless Education Program – McKinney-Vento Act. Cheri Jacobson from the Granite School District presented a slide show on the Education Program to help children in the schools who are experiencing homelessness.

Patrick Thronson from Mayor Anderson's Office, presented on a program out of Denver, Colorado "Spare Change for the Homeless" with parking meters. The donation meter program is designed to increase awareness about Salt Lake City's homelessness. The concern from some members was the media coverage should be positive and not negative about panhandlers. Jim Kenyon made the motion to support the effort and Cheri Jacobson seconded the motion. Jennifer Hare-Diggs will represent the Council on this program.

9. Other Business. There was no other business conducted.

10. Agency Announcements/Updates.

There has been a recommendation from the Executive Committee to have calendar of events on the website. Agencies are encouraged to provide Eileen Dwyer with the information and a link to the agency website.