

Salt Lake County Homeless Coordinating Council, Inc.

Minutes

Thursday, April 10, 2008

1. **Welcome/Introductions.** Kerry Bate welcomed the members and introductions were made.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Diane Spencer motioned to approve the Minutes from March 2008; Heather Masterton seconded the motion. The Council voted to approve the Minutes.
3. **Membership/Budget Update.** Jennifer Hare-Diggs updated the Council on membership and budget. To date, 44 agencies have joined with membership dues of \$3,570.00. The budget is at 59% in expenditures after the third quarter.
4. **South Valley Sanctuary Update.** Heather Masterton updated the Council on South Valley Sanctuary, which is celebrating its 10th Anniversary. She reported that South Valley Sanctuary for 2006 – 2007 brought in 468 people with 10,127 days of service. From July 2007 to January 2008 the Sanctuary served 520 people with 12,900 days of service. They turned away 968 people. She reported that their staff is now 50% bilingual to help with Spanish speaking clients.
5. **UHMIS Update.** Camille Farra updated the Council on UHMIS. HMIS will be holding additional trainings soon for the new Metsys update system. They have created a blog link on their website to better connect with other HMIS groups in the State as well as the western United States. They have added to their website procedural flow charts and have created a weekly Go -To Meeting every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. to discuss applications procedures and answer any questions.
6. **Salt Lake County Update.** Kerry Steadman reported on a public hearing held by Salt Lake County on HOME, CDBG, CDSG, and ESG. The meeting to approve the grants will be held on Monday, April 14 and they will have all contracts in placed by July 1st. He reported on the Utah NAHRO Conference that will be held in St. George May 14th through May 16th. Some of the sessions will be; reports from the University of Utah and HMIS, the Point in Time Count, Continuum of Care Super NOFA, and available Homeless services around the state. A summary of the sessions are available on Utah Housing Coalitions website www.utahhousing.org. Kerry also reported that Governor Huntsman received an award for his support of homeless programs.
7. **National Housing Trust Fund & SEVRA.** Michelle Flynn distributed information sheets regarding the Section 8 National Voucher Reform Act (SEVRA) and the National Housing Trust Fund. The Section 8 voucher program is the nation's

leading source of low-income housing assistance. Some of the highlights are; a comprehensive solution for voucher funding, simplified rent rules, streamlining inspections and promoting affordable housing development, improving housing conditions and promoting family stability and enhancing cost-effectiveness. There is a letter in the handouts from The Road Home to Senator Bennett encouraging him to support and co-sponsor the two bills. Michelle Flynn made a motion that the Council send a letter to Senator Bennett asking him to support and co-sponsor the bills; the motion was seconded by Matt Minkevitch and Sheila Walsh-McDonald, and was approved by the Council. It was also recommended that agencies also write their own letters to Senator Bennett and have Balance of State agencies get involved as well. Michelle asked that a copy of the letters be sent to her and Eileen Dwyer.

8. **The Road Home Shelter Update.** Matt Minkevitch reported on the Winter Shelter numbers. This year, the Shelter has provided more nights than they did during the 2002 Winter Olympics. As the days and nights warm up, the demand for shelter decreases. Before Midvale shelter closed, The Road Home was able to secure TBRA's and place 42 families into housing. Single men numbers for shelter were down for this past year and that number should correlate with the opening of Sunrise Metro and Grace Mary Manor. Number should continue to decrease with the opening of Kelly Benson and Palmer Court as well as the expanded Pathways Program
9. **Guest Speaker.** Ella Dayzie from the Indian Walk In Center reported on their programs. The Indian Walk In Center provides a variety of programs free of charge with no co-pay. Some of the programs are; health including diabetes training, life style changes, cooking classes, Behavioral Health with a substance abuse out patient program for 24 weeks, Food Pantry with assistance six times a year, youth programs with individual counseling and academic counseling with a summer program; and Mental Health with direct therapeutic services.
10. **Council Training.** Eileen Dwyer talked about some upcoming training and handed out a survey so the Council members could rank the types of trainings they'd like to see in the future. Eileen will send out emails about other upcoming trainings and conferences.
11. **Agency Announcements/Updates.**
 - Sheila Walsh – McDonald reported that HEAT applications would continue through May 30th.
 - Fourth Street Clinic is working on a major remodel and new day increments, and the new appointment system will have patient's call-in in the morning for same or next day appointments; the specialist appointments will not change. They are also working on moving all patient files into an electronic records system.

- On September 7th the second annual Concert and food drive for the homeless will be held.
- Salt Lake VA Hospital Integrated Health Network will be hosting workshop by Byron Katie on May 16th and 17th. Flyers will be sent out to the Council.
- Camille Farra of HMIS reported on a meeting with Welfare Square aimed at getting their data into the HMIS system.
- Heather Masterton of South Valley Sanctuary has created a broacher in response to the Spanish DV Coalition. Senate Bill 81 regarding Domestic Violence.
- Diane Spencer of Family Support Center announced April is Children Abuse Prevention Month.
- Lorna Koci reported that 2-1-1 will be printing Red Book updates and will be holding classes on how to use the book. They are also working on a better referral system for November. Lorna offered to watch trends from 2-1-1— last year they received double the food and housing requests— taking interest in reporting on the number of calls by agency.

12. There was no further business; the meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.