

Salt Lake County Homeless Coordinating Council, Inc.
Minutes
May 8, 2008

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.** Mike Harman motioned to approve the Minutes from April 2008; Cheri Jacobson seconded the motion. The Council voted to approve the Minutes.
3. **Announcements:** Kerry Bate made an announcement that he had been asked by Michele Straube of Salt Lake Solutions to name two homeless providers to be part of a group working on issues regarding Pioneer Park at the request of Mayor Ralph Becker and SLC council member Luke Garrott. Kerry recommended Matt Minkevitch and Allan Ainsworth and they have accepted. We will ask Matt and Allen to give us updates on the process throughout the year.
4. **McKinney – Vento Reauthorization and Continuum of Care Update.** Eileen Dwyer reported on the reauthorization of the McKinney – Vento Homeless Assistance Grants program. The reauthorization will expand the definition of chronically homeless to include families, which makes chronically homeless families eligible for the same permanent supportive housing programs that chronically homeless individuals have access to, and modifies the definition of homelessness to include people who couch surf. The reauthorization will also establish a 30 % set aside for permanent housing for people with disabilities, will create an incentive for rapid rehousing programs for families, will require HUD to continue special incentives for permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless, and will create a separate rural competition to assist rural communities by simplifying the competition.

Eileen Dwyer announced a Continuum of Care meeting will be held on May 29th at 2:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Salt Lake County Housing Authority.

Eileen reported that HMIS is looking for a new Director. They are taking resumes and hope to be interviewing the week of May 19th with second interviews the week of May 26th. Hopefully, someone will be in the position by the middle of June. Metsys is doing the long awaited upgrade today and we hope all will go well.

5. **State of Utah Funding.** Jonathan Hardy reported on the funding process for this year's PAHTF, ESG and CNH. This year 54 agencies applied for \$4,854,051 in funding across all funding sources with \$3,277,364 in available funds allocated. To free up some of the funds, FY08 programs were cut 10% across the board, food programs were not considered and were referred to the Emergency Food Network, underperforming contracts and overfunded areas were considered for additional cuts, home repair projects for Critical Needs Housing were capped at \$18,000, and no contracts below \$10,000 were considered. Jonathan reported that the good news was that approximately \$83,000 is available for new innovative projects with a September deadline for proposals. Salt Lake County received a 10 % increase in funding, and some housing dollars have been moved into the OWHLF Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program. The bad news: 32 agencies received fewer funds than in FY08, 12 were level funded, and all FY09 funds are lapsing funds with the exception of PAHTF which will be deposited back into the restricted account. They anticipate an increased demand next year with Palmer Court, Avalon House and Kelly Benson Apartments.
6. **Salt Lake County Update.** Kerry Steadman reported on CDBG, SSBG, Home grants for Salt Lake County that have been awarded to the applicants. Training will take place later this month. The Utah NAHRO will be holding their Spring Conference in St. George, May 14th through May 16th. There is a track on Homeless Issues as well as Training from Nan McKay. The Fourth Street Clinic with other agencies is going to be applying for the SAMSHA grant. The last application was not funded but they are hopeful this application will be successful.
7. **Guest Speakers.** Lorna Koci of Utah Food Bank Services reported on 2-1-1 call statistics from January 2007 to April 2008. She reported that there has been a 124 % increase in calls for Emergency Shelters. With the Meth Now campaign out of 744 substance abuse calls, 1/3 are Meth related. 2-1-1 will be reporting on referrals per agency on a regular basis on their website, www.211ut.org. She also reported the new Red Book resource book, which will include Davis County, will be distributed soon. Classes on how to use the book will be conducted.
8. **State Point-In-Time Count and Media Strategy for Homeless Campaign.** Lloyd Pendleton reported on the annual Point-In-Time Count results. The annualized estimates showed that the total sheltered homeless has increased 32.3 % compared to the annualized amounts from 2005 – 2007; the total unsheltered homeless has decreased by 20 %, and the total chronically homeless has decreased by 9.8 %.

Lloyd Pendleton and Kristen Stewart presented the media strategy for the Homeless Campaign entitled “Home for Life: Restoring hope to the homeless.” They presented a bubble chart that displayed some examples of things contributing to homelessness, a chart that showed the cost to the public for a chronically homeless individual including Jail cost, Booking cost, Arrest cost, and ambulance fees, accompanied by an annualized amount of the cost of one chronically homeless individual. “Home for Life” seeks to move the homeless directly from the streets and institutions into supportive housing with needed services. “Home for Life” was discussed by the Council and recommendations and suggestions were made on how to improve the campaign.

9. **Agency Announcements/Updates.**

- Eileen Dwyer talked about the second part Motivational Interviewing of the training session held on May 21st at 12:00 noon at the State Library. Lunch will be provided.
- Terry Feveryear reported Salt Lake City Housing Authority is developing a pilot program for refugees with the purchase of three duplexes, with four to six bedrooms and also will be providing supportive services for the new arrivals.
- Housing Authority of Salt Lake City has been awarded 35 HUD Section 8 Vouchers for Veterans.
- Lorna Koci announced the “Stamp Out Hunger” event which took place on May 10, 2008.
- The Poverty Conference will be held on September 29 – 30. This conference put on by Utah Issues in the past.
- Anne Burkholder reported the Family Justice services helped 635 individuals last year. This is a collaborative service, free and walk-ins are encouraged. The hours are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Heather Masterton announced South Valley Sanctuary will be hosting the National Organization for Men Against Sexism’s 33rd annual conference on Men and Masculinity at the University of Utah, August 21-23, 2008. The call for proposals was just sent out. We are looking for workshops that address the following topics: Domestic Violence in the LGBT community, Men’s Role in Domestic Violence Work, Anti-Racist, anti-sexist community organizing models, Domestic Violence and Addiction/Substance Use, Immigration Laws and Protecting/Empowering Undocumented Survivors, Co-Option of Shelter Services/Dilemmas/Challenges in Domestic Violence Shelters, Multicultural Feminist Counseling Models, Working with Youth Exposed to Violence, Women and Poverty, Cultural Competency Models for working with/sheltering traumatized individuals. For more information contact Heather at: heatherm@southvalleysanctuary.com or 801-255-1095.
- Heather also announced that SB 81 will take effect July 1, 2009. It will make renting to an undocumented person a Class C Misdemeanor. This will most likely increase the homeless population of Utah—especially doubled up families. There will be interim immigration committee hearings open to the public. It would

be great if we could send members from the Coordinating Council to discuss the impact of this bill on homelessness. I will try to get the schedule for the meetings by next month.

- Karen Kupiers reported Tooele County in collaboration with Workforce Services is developing a one stop for general assistance clients.
- Mark Manazer of VOA talked about consolidating services with Cornerstone Counseling. They will be moving together day treatment services.
- Shawn Teigen announced the May Community Action Reception held at Rico's.

10. There was no further business; the meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.