

HCCSC

System Performance Committee

November 19 2013

The November meeting of the HCCSC System Performance Committee was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Committee Chair Maria Heege. In addition to the Chair the following members were present: Shannon Hunter, Jennifer Keaton, Beth Pearson, Beverly A. Lewis, Amy Krebs, Shellie Thomas, Natalie McCleskey, Vicki Conley, and Duane Wykoff.

It was moved by Beth Pearson and seconded by Jennifer Keaton that the minutes of the October 15, 2013 meeting be approved as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

At the October meeting, chairs were selected and focus groups were formed to study three issues. The following reports were made:

- Increased Demand for Emergency Shelters---Duane Wykoff stated that this committee had a good first meeting, and they are working on a plan to move forward. He met with Mike Gill from the Chamber of Commerce regarding the homeless in the city. One of the main issues is the need for more emergency shelter beds. The next meeting is scheduled for after Thanksgiving.
- Effectiveness of Rapid Re-Housing/Transitional Housing---Beth Pearson reported that the recurring theme is that there is just not enough affordable housing in our community. There is a definite need for transitional housing, especially for transitional youth. On December 9th & 10th Sally Luken from the Corporation for Supportive Housing will be meeting with each of the transitional housing providers to make sure that placements and programs are meeting the needs. There is a back and forth between Permanent Support Housing and Transitional Housing. A lot of individuals appear to need Permanent Supportive Housing. The committee will be examining the waiting list.
- Permanent Supportive Housing---Shellie Thomas stated that this committee is looking into the following issues:
 - What are the characteristics of individuals in permanent supportive housing?
 - Are current referrals to PSH proper?
 - There are often "singles" in PSH while their children are actually with relatives.
 - The committee is getting waiting lists together to determine where the need is.
 - There is a need for affordable housing as well as exit strategies.

- The committee is questioning whether or not those in PSH really need to be in PSH.

Beth Pearson asked how can HCCSC impact affordable housing?

Some of the issues raised included the following:

- There is a need for proper referrals.
- The need to recognize that certain parts of town have stigmas.
- There is a need for better enforcement in some areas.
- There is a need for an overhaul of everything.
- The problem is not necessarily a lack of affordable housing.
- We need to have meetings and conversations with the Chambers, Cities, Police Departments, Stark Community Foundation, Neighborhood Associations, City Council members, etc.

In preparation for the December 17th meeting the following needs to be done:

- Develop a waiting list of issues
- Develop and send a resource questionnaire to all providers---information available

The Point-In-Time Committee has had one meeting in preparation for the January 2014 Point-In-Time.

Local conditions and factors contributing to homelessness need to be discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at _____

The next meeting of the System Performance Committee will be at 9:30 a.m. on December 17th at Goodwill.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by: Vicki Conley