



Dream Homes Community Center

To: Mayor Mark Boughton and the Common Council
From: Karl Myers, on behalf of the Dream Homes Community Center collaborative
Re: February 26, 2008 monthly report

I. Program Synopsis

Per the proposal endorsed by Mayor Boughton and the Common Council, the Dream Homes Community Center (DHCC) is a collaborative effort of 4 non-profits: Housing Authority of the City of Danbury, The Association of Religious Communities, We CAHR and People First of CT. The collaborative has financial and in-kind partners, to date: The City of Danbury, Mc Cue Mortgage, Prestima Latino, an Anonymous Donor, Housing Authority, ARC & We CAHR.

Dream Homes works with 3 populations:

- 1) Point of Entry for persons who are homeless
- 2) Rentals
- 3) First-time Home ownership

All three of the above components are a part of Dream Homes. The Point of Entry is not a separate program; rather, it is 1 of the 3 components of Dream Homes ~ per the proposal passed by Mayor Boughton and the Common Council.

The collaborative Leadership Team shares responsibilities for leadership, decision-making, risk-taking, and fundraising. This report is submitted by Karl Myers on behalf of the collaborative Leadership Team, which also includes: Rev. Phyllis J. Leopold, Jean Bowen, Patricia Tomka, and Carolyn Sistrunk.

In addition to the Leadership Team, salaried professionals implement the program:

Program Director (full-time): Karl Myers
Housing Advocate for Persons with Disabilities (part-time): Jeanne Braude-Magi
Homeless Coordinator (part-time): Karen Jacobs

I. Operations

- The Homeless Coordinator participated in the Homeless Point in Time Count on January 31.
- The Homeless Coordinator met with Homeless Outreach Team at their morning breakfast on January 22.

II. Outreach & Education

- No new information in this area.

A) Regional

- A resident of New Milford who did not qualify for energy assistance contacted DHCC for help. DHCC referred them to the Citco Fuel Oil Program and the person received a free oil tank fill up.

B) Community Involvement

- The Executive Director of ARC and the Program Director of DHCC met with members of the Social Service Support Committee of the Housing Partnership on January 9, 2007. The purpose of this meeting was to inform the committee of DHCC activity to date and review HMIS data.
- DHCC introduced the new Executive Director of Shelter of the Cross to the Executive Director of the Housing Authority to obtain information on the Housing Authorities scattered site units that may be sold off. Shelter of the Cross is interested in expanding their program and purchasing another building is one of the options they are considering.

III. Point of Entry

- Dorothy Day informed DHCC that they would be participating in HMIS with DHCC doing the data entry for them. DHCC and Dorothy Day will meet to have the paperwork for HMIS signed and discuss procedures for information flow between the two agencies. This will also include the overflow shelter.
- Aids project of Greater Danbury received their follow up HMIS training on January 24.

HUD Annual Progress Report (HUD-40118)
January 1 to January 31, 2008
All Danbury CoC Agencies using HMIS

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Report Options:

Provider Group Unduplicated

Provider

This provider AND its children. This provider ONLY.

Operating Year Date Range to (mm/dd/yyyy)

Legal Adult Age (as defined by foster care law in your state)

Or

2. Persons Served during the operating year.	Number of Singles Not in Families	Number of Adults in Families	Number of Children in Families	Number of Families
a. Number on the first day of the operating year.	<u>301</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>	10
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	<u>25</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	2
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	<u>5</u>	0	0	0
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-	321	13	21	12

c=d)				
3. Project Capacity.	Number of Singles Not in Families	Number of Adults in Families	Number of Children in Families	Number of Families
a. Number on last day (from 2d, columns 1 and 4)	321			12
4. Non-homeless persons. (Sec. 8 SRO projects only)				
How many income-eligible non-homeless persons were housed by the SRO program during the operating year?				<u>46</u>
5. Age and Gender. Of those who entered during the operating year, how many people are in the following age and gender categories?				
	Age	Male	Female	Other/Not given
Single Persons (from 2b, column 1)	a. 62 and over	0	0	0
	b. 51 - 61	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	0
	c. 31 - 50	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>	0
	d. 18 - 30	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	0
	e. 17 and under	0	0	0
	Not given	0	0	0
Persons in Families (from 2b, columns 2 & 3)	f. 62 and over	0	<u>1</u>	0
	g. 51 - 61	0	0	0
	h. 31 - 50	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	0
	i. 18 - 30	0	0	0
	j. 13 - 17	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	0
	k. 6 - 12	0	0	0
	l. 1 - 5	0	0	0
	m. Under 1	0	0	0
	Not given	0	0	0
6 - 10. Participants who entered during the operating year.				
6a. Veterans Status.				
A veteran is anyone who has ever been on active military duty status.				<u>3</u>
6b. Chronically Homeless.				
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?				<u>9</u>
7. Ethnicity.				
a. Hispanic or Latino				<u>3</u>
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino				<u>25</u>
8. Race.				

a. American Indian or Alaskan Native		0
b. Asian		<u>1</u>
c. Black or African American		<u>3</u>
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		0
e. White		<u>21</u>
f. American Indian/Alaskan Native & White		0
g. Asian & White		0
h. Black/African American & White		0
i. American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American		0
j. Other Multi-Racial		<u>2</u>
k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match)		<u>1</u>
9a. Special Needs.		
	All	Chronic
a. Mental illness	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>
b. Alcohol abuse	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
c. Drug abuse	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases	0	0
e. Developmental disability	0	0
f. Physical disability	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
g. Domestic violence	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
h. Other (please specify)	0	0
9b. Disabled.		
How many of the participants are disabled?		<u>9</u>
10. Prior Living Situation. Participants slept in the following places the week prior to entering.		
	All	Chronic
a. Non-housing (street, park, car, bus station, etc.)	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>
b. Emergency shelter	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons	0	
d. Psychiatric facility	<u>2</u>	
e. Substance abuse treatment facility	<u>1</u>	
f. Hospital	0	
g. Jail/prison	0	
h. Domestic violence situation	0	
i. Living with relatives/friends	<u>7</u>	

j. Rental housing	<u>4</u>	
k. Other (please specify)	<u>4</u>	

11. Amount and Source of Monthly Income at Entry and Exit. Participants who left during the operating year.

Amount	A. Monthly Income at Entry		B. Monthly Income at Exit	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
a. No Income	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
b. \$1-150	0	0	0	0
c. \$151 - \$250	0	0	0	0
d. \$251 - \$500	0	0	0	0
e. \$501 - \$1000	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0
f. \$1001 - \$1500	0	0	0	0
g. \$1501 - \$2000	0	0	0	0
h. \$2000 +	0	0	0	0
Source	C. Income Sources at Entry		D. Income Sources at Exit	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
a. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	0	0	0	0
b. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0
c. Social Security	0	0	0	0
d. General Public Assistance	0	0	0	0
e. Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)	0	0	0	0
f. State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	0	0	0	0
g. Veterans benefits	0	0	0	0
h. Employment Income	0	0	0	0
i. Unemployment Benefits	0	0	0	0
j. Veteran's Health Care	0	0	0	0
k. Medicaid	0	0	0	0
l. Food Stamps	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0
m. Other (please specify)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
n. No financial resources	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>

12a. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who left during the operating year.

	All	Chronic
a. Less than 1 month	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

b. 1 to 2 months	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
c. 3 - 6 months	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
d. 7 months - 12 months	0	0
e. 13 months - 24 months	0	0
f. 25 months - 3 years	0	0
g. 4 years - 5 years	0	0
h. 6 years - 7 years	0	0
i. 8 years - 10 years	0	0
j. over 10 years	0	0

12b. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who did not leave during the operating year.

	All	Chronic
a. Less than 1 month	<u>26</u>	<u>8</u>
b. 1 to 2 months	<u>77</u>	<u>21</u>
c. 3 - 6 months	<u>137</u>	<u>62</u>
d. 7 months - 12 months	<u>49</u>	<u>12</u>
e. 13 months - 24 months	<u>22</u>	<u>3</u>
f. 25 months - 3 years	<u>19</u>	<u>1</u>
g. 4 years - 5 years	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
h. 6 years - 7 years	0	0
i. 8 years - 10 years	<u>1</u>	0
j. over 10 years	0	0

13. Reasons for Leaving. Participants who left during the operating year.

	All	Chronic
a. Left for a housing opportunity before completing program	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
b. Completed program	<u>1</u>	0
c. Non-payment of rent/occupancy charge	0	0
d. Non-compliance with project	0	0
e. Criminal activity / destruction of property / violence	0	0
f. Reached maximum time allowed in project	0	0
g. Needs could not be met by project	0	0
h. Disagreement with rules/persons	0	0
i. Death	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
j. Other (please specify)	0	0
k. Unknown/disappeared	<u>1</u>	0

14. Destination. Participants who left during the operating year.			
		All	Chronic
PERMANENT (a - h)	a. Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)	0	0
	b. Public Housing	<u>1</u>	0
	c. Section 8	0	0
	d. Shelter Plus Care	0	0
	e. HOME subsidized house or apartment	0	0
	f. Other subsidized house or apartment	0	0
	g. Homeownership	0	0
	h. Moved in with family or friends	0	0
TRANSITIONAL (i - j)	i. Transitional housing for homeless persons	0	0
	j. Moved in with family or friends	0	0
INSTITUTION (k - m)	k. Psychiatric hospital	0	0
	l. Inpatient alcohol/drug treatment facility	0	0
	m. Jail/prison	0	0
EMERGENCY SHELTER (n)	n. Emergency shelter	0	0
OTHER (o - q)	o. Other supportive housing	0	0
	p. Places not meant for human habitation (e.g. street)	0	0
	q. Other (please specify)	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
UNKNOWN	r. Unknown	<u>1</u>	0

15. Supportive Services. Participants who left during the operating year.

NOTE:The below services were given to participants who left during the operating year. Add the following counts into the appropriate category for question 15.

	Service	Service Code	All	Chronic
1.	Homeless Shelter	BH-180.850	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Needs/Service Report

January 1, 2007 to January 31,2008

Note: DHCC combined data from all Danbury HMIS agencies to create this report.

NEED COUNT January 1,2007 to January 31,2008

Danbury CoC							
Need Type	Total	Pending	Fully Met	Partially Met	Unmet	Null	
AIDS/HIV Clinics	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
AIDS/HIV Control	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
AIDS/HIV Issues	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Alcohol Detoxification	2	1	0	0	0	0	1
Basic Income Maintenance Programs	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Basic Needs (B)	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Bathing Facilities	105	0	103	0	1	1	1
Bus Fare	39	0	38	0	0	0	1
Checking/Savings Accounts	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Child Care Provider Referrals	3	0	0	0	3	0	0
Clothing	34	0	32	0	0	0	2
Comprehensive Job Assistance Centers (ND-150)	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
Credit Counseling	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Domestic Violence Shelters	5	0	5	0	0	0	0
Drug Detoxification	4	2	0	0	0	0	2
Emergency Medical Care	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Emergency Shelter	14	0	8	1	4	1	1
Emergency Telephones	88	0	85	0	2	1	1
Employment	46	0	34	0	0	0	12
Employment	7	0	2	0	3	0	2
Food Pantries	12	0	12	0	0	0	0
Food Vouchers/Stamps	66	1	38	0	13	0	14
General Legal Aid	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
General Medical Care	49	1	48	0	0	0	0
Health Care (L)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Home Rental Listings	3	0	0	0	3	0	0
Homeless Drop In Centers	299	0	292	0	2	0	5
Homeless Shelter	6459	0	6428	2	8	0	21
Hospital Based Outpatient Services	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Housing Authorities	9	2	0	0	2	0	5
Housing Counseling	15	0	5	0	0	0	10
Housing Search and Information	11	0	8	0	0	0	3
Identification Card	3	0	0	0	1	0	2
Identification Card Fee	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Job Finding Assistance	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
Job Search Resource Centers	23	0	14	0	0	0	9
Job Search/Placement	12	0	11	0	1	0	0
Laundry Facilities	45	0	45	0	0	0	0
Legal Representation	2	0	0	0	1	0	1
Long Distance Bus Services	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Low Income/Subsidized Rental Housing	6	2	0	0	3	0	1
Meals	143	0	140	0	2	0	1

Medicaid	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Mental Health Care and Counseling	89	1	79	0	1	8
Motel Voucher	1	0	1	0	0	0
Outpatient Health Facilities	1	0	0	1	0	0
Probate Conservatorship	3	0	0	0	1	2
Public Housing	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
Rental Deposit Assistance	36	<u>5</u>	3	<u>0</u>	17	11
Residential Housing Options	1	0	1	0	0	0
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	9	0	3	0	1	5
Single Room Occupancy Housing	10	0	0	0	0	10
Social Health Insurance	63	<u>2</u>	45	<u>0</u>	5	<u>11</u>
Social Security Disability	29	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	15
Social Security Retirement Benefits	1	0	1	0	0	0
SSI	6	<u>0</u>	5	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	1
State Unemployment Insurance	4	0	2	0	1	1
Substance Abuse Hotlines	4	0	3	0	1	0
Substance Abuse Services	106	1	98	2	1	4
Supportive Housing	25	1	0	0	1	23
TANF	<u>19</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
Temporary Mailing Address	148	0	143	0	2	3
Transitional Housing/Shelter	29	3	10	0	4	12
Veteran Homes	1	0	0	0	0	1
Veteran/Military Health Insurance	2	0	1	1	0	0
Veterans	6	0	6	0	0	0
Totals	8133	24	7792	7	89	221

• **Zip Code Information Report:**

<u>Zip Code</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Number of Persons</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Number of Persons</u>
06810/06811	Danbury	CT	153	06784	Sherman	CT	1
06776	New Milford	CT	28	06770	Naugatuck	CT	1
06702	Waterbury	CT	19	06759	Litchfield	CT	1
06801	Bethel	CT	17	06482	Sandy Hook	CT	1
06804	Brookfield	CT	11	06477	Orange	CT	1
06854	Norwalk	CT	7	06419	Killingworth	CT	1
06488	Southbury	CT	7	06410	Cheshire	CT	1
06512	New Haven	CT	6	06351	Jewet City	CT	1
12601	Poughkeepsie	NY	4	06340	Groton	CT	1
30301	Atlanta	GA	4	06320	New London	CT	1
06790	Torrington	CT	3	06118	East Hartford	CT	1
06606	Bridgeport	CT	3	06082	Enfield	CT	1
06450	Meridan	CT	3	06067	Rocky Hill	CT	1
06069	Sharon	CT	3	06050	New Britian	CT	1
25701	Huntington	WV	2	06031	Falls Village	CT	1
06902	Stamford	CT	2	06019	Canton	CT	1
06877	Ridgefield	CT	2	03470	Winchester	NH	1
06470	Newtown	CT	2	01060	Northampton	Ma	1
01104	SpringField	Ma	2	92543	Hemet	CA	1
90631	La Harbra	CA	2	78403	Corpus Christi	TX	1
93309	Bakersfield	CA	1	74101	Tulsa	OK	1
37725	Dandridge	TN	1	40211	Louisville	KY	1
37137	Nunnelly	TN	1	31401	Savannah	GA	1
33711	St Petersburg	FL	1	30165	Rome	GA	1
24572	Madison Hieghts	VA	1	28401	Cape Fear	NC	1
24501	Lynchburg	VA	1	18201	Hazelton	PA	1
12047	Cohes	NY	1	16101	New Castle	PA	1
10457	Bronx	NY	1	12531	Holmes	NU	1
07869	Dover	NJ	1	12522	Dover Plains	NY	1
07306	Jersey City	NJ	1	10541	Mahopac	NY	1
06793	Washington	CT	1	10512	Carmel	NY	1
				10509	Brewster	NY	1
				10026	NYC	NY	1

HMIS Data Analysis

Total clients entered into HMIS by <i>all</i> Danbury CoC agencies:	1637
Identified as Chronically Homeless:	468
Identified as Military Veteran:	90
Pregnant:	80
Unemployed at time of entry:	986
Homelessness Primary Reason:	

Unemployed	232	Domestic Violence Victim	22
Substance Abuse	142	Loss of Job	14
Family Breakup	152	Criminal Activity	9
Out of Jail/Prison	135	New to Area	15
Legal Eviction	79	Family Abuse	8
Family Friend Eviction	56	Health/Safety	7
Left Voluntarily	50	Underemployment/Low Income	4
Mental Health	37	Physical Illness	4
Lack of Income	27	Disaster Victim	2
Mental Illness	25	Loss of Transportation	2
Expenses Exceed Income	28	Mortgage Foreclosure	6
Release from Institution	21	Substandard Housing	3
Medical Condition	15	Loss of Child Care	1
Divorced/Separated	15	No Reason Entered	506
No Affordable Housing	13	Loss of Public Assistance	2
		Disaster Victim	5
		Total	1637

Danbury Over Flow Shelter Figures:

2007/2008					2006/2007	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Nights Open</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Average</u>
October	0	0	0	0	0	9.4
November	335	306	29	25	13.4	6
December	513	479	34	31	16.5	7.8
January	711	678	33	31	22.9	16.4
February						15.8
March						14
YTD	1559	1463	96	87	17.6	

New Milford Emergency Transitional Shelter:

The Shelter had no guests on only one night during the month of December.

2007/2008					2006/2007	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Nights Open</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Average</u>
November	27	22	5	18	1.5	1.2
December	91	73	18	31	2.9	1.7
January	97	95	2	31	3.1	3.7
February						4.9
March						3.2
April						1.7
YTD	215	190	25	80		

Dream Homes Community Center Collaborative - Preventing Homelessness
(We CAHR and The Housing Authority of the City of Danbury Only)

Total number of new clients served by the collaborative **this month:** 9

Race/Ethnicity

White 8 Black Native American Asian Hispanic/Latino 1 Other

Family Information

Total Families: 2 Female 4 Male 4 Minors/ Parents (under 18)
Total Singles: 1 Female Male 1 Minor (under 18)

Age

0-5 6-12 4 13-17 18-20 21-25 26-34 3
35-49 50-64 1 65+ 1

Education Level

No High School Some High School 2 High School Diploma/GED
Some College/Degree Graduate School Unknown 7

Income Information

Employed SAGA 2 Child Support
SSI 2 SSDI 2 Unemploy. Comp
Veteran None TFA Other

Housing Issues

Disaster Victim Deinstitutionalized Lockout
Legal Eviction 6 Out of Jail/Prison 1 Left Voluntarily 2
Fmly/Friend Eviction Other

Contributing Factors

Substance Abuse 1 Expenses Exceed Income Unemployed 5
Physical Illness 3 New to Area Divorced/Separated
Family Abuse Mental Illness 2 Other

IV. First Time Home Ownership/Housing

- The Program Director did a presentation at CACD to their IDA program clients on First Time Home Ownership Program on January 30, 2008
- The Program Director and Homeless Coordinator participated in the Morris Street School Financial Fair held on January 16th and presented the First Time Home Ownership Program.