



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: April 29, 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, an Anonymous Donor, Housing Authority, ARC & We CAHR, Town of New Fairfield, Town of New Milford, Town of Redding and the Town of Ridgefield.

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

- DHCC working in conjunction with the Social Service Department of Newtown prevented a person from becoming homeless. This person had been living in a camper on another person's property for over two years. The Town of Newtown had ordered that the camper to no longer be used as a residence and gave the man one week to obtain new housing. DHCC was able to locate a room for rent and he is very happy in the new living arrangement.
- DHCC counseled two landlords on Section 8, how it works, what is required.

II. Outreach & Education

- No new information in this area.

A) Regional

- The Program Director and Homeless Coordinator of DHCC along with representatives from GDMHA, Shelter of the Cross and New Milford Social Services Department attended the CCEH Supportive Housing Lobby Day at the State Capitol on Tuesday March 4th. The group went to area legislators to lobby their support to increase state funding for supportive housing from 250 units to 650 units. While initial results were positive the increase funding is currently not in the proposed state budget.
- The Program Director of DHCC met with the Director of Social Services for the Town of Ridgefield to formalize a relationship between the two agencies on Friday March 14, 2008.

B) Community Involvement

- The Homeless Coordinator volunteered at the Breakfast held at New Hope Baptist Church.
- Jean Bowen, member of DHCC Lead Team attended the Housing Authority of the City of Danbury hearing on the sale of scattered site units and testified in favor of the sale.
- The Program Director and Homeless Coordinator attended a special service and reception for Annie Orr of Dorothy Day held at the United Jewish Center of Danbury.

III. Point of Entry

- DHCC will be heading up a work group of the Danbury CoC to discuss, plan and implement the sharing of client data in HMIS.
- TBICO/Key Rings has agreed in principal to participate in HMIS. DHCC would perform the data entry for any homeless client they come in contact with and record what services they received from the agency. Finalizing this process will occur when the Executive Director of TBICO returns from vacation, mid April.

- The Housing Authority of the City of Danbury has been trained on HMIS and will begin entering data beginning in April.
- The Town of Ridgefield has filed out and returned HMIS paperwork and the paperwork has been forwarded to CCEH for processing. They have already referred one client to DHCC who has a rental issue.
- Aids Project of Greater Danbury has begun using HMIS.

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

HUD Annual Progress Report (HUD-40118)

Report Options:

Provider Group: Danbury CoC Unduplicated

Provider: -Select- This provider AND its children. This provider ONLY.

Operating Year Date Range: 03/01/2008 to 03/31/2008 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Legal Adult Age: 18 (as defined by foster care law in your state)

Or

-Select-

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>298</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>23</u>	11
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	<u>24</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	3
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	<u>14</u>	0	<u>2</u>	1

d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	308	15	26	13
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)	308			13
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>52</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	<u>1</u>	0	0
	b. 51 - 61	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	0
	c. 31 - 50	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>	0
	d. 18 - 30	<u>3</u>	<u>4</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	0	0
	g. 51 - 61	0	0	0
	h. 31 - 50	0	0	0
	i. 18 - 30	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	0
	j. 13 - 17	0	0	0
	k. 6 - 12	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	0
	l. 1 - 5	<u>2</u>	0	0
	m. Under 1	<u>1</u>	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>2</u>
6b. Chronically Homeless.				
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?				<u>5</u>
7. Ethnicity.				
a. Hispanic or Latino				<u>2</u>
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino				<u>25</u>
8. Race.				
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native				0
b. Asian				0
c. Black or African American				<u>7</u>
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander				0
e. White				<u>18</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					0
k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match)					<u>2</u>
9a. Special Needs.					
		All		Chronic	
a. Mental illness		0		0	
b. Alcohol abuse		<u>1</u>		0	
c. Drug abuse		0		0	
d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases		0		0	
e. Developmental disability		0		0	
f. Physical disability		<u>3</u>		<u>2</u>	
g. Domestic violence		<u>3</u>		<u>2</u>	
h. Other (please specify)		0		0	
9b. Disabled.					
How many of the participants are disabled?					<u>4</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>1</u>		<u>1</u>	
b. Emergency shelter		<u>5</u>		<u>2</u>	
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons		<u>1</u>			
d. Psychiatric facility		0			
e. Substance abuse treatment facility		<u>2</u>			
f. Hospital		0			
g. Jail/prison		<u>1</u>			
h. Domestic violence situation		0			
i. Living with relatives/friends		<u>9</u>			
j. Rental housing		<u>1</u>			
k. Other (please specify)		<u>7</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>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	
b. \$1-150	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0	
c. \$151 - \$250	0	0	0	0	
d. \$251 - \$500	0	0	0	0	
e. \$501 - \$1000	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	
f. \$1001 - \$1500	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
g. \$1501 - \$2000	<u>2</u>	0	<u>2</u>	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)	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	

b. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>
c. Social Security	0	0	0	0
d. General Public Assistance	0	0	0	0
e. Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
f. State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	0	0	0	0
g. Veterans benefits	0	0	0	0
h. Employment Income	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
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>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>
m. Other (please specify)	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
n. No financial resources	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
12a. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who left during the operating year.				
		All	Chronic	
a. Less than 1 month		<u>1</u>	0	
b. 1 to 2 months		<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	
c. 3 - 6 months		<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	
d. 7 months - 12 months		<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	
e. 13 months - 24 months		<u>1</u>	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>27</u>	<u>5</u>	
b. 1 to 2 months		<u>68</u>	<u>13</u>	
c. 3 - 6 months		<u>162</u>	<u>57</u>	
d. 7 months - 12 months		<u>22</u>	<u>7</u>	
e. 13 months - 24 months		<u>21</u>	<u>3</u>	
f. 25 months - 3 years		<u>19</u>	<u>2</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>6</u>	<u>1</u>
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>1</u>	<u>1</u>
j. Other (please specify)	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
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)	<u>5</u>	0
	b. Public Housing	0	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	<u>1</u>	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	<u>1</u>	0
INSTITUTION (k - m)	k. Psychiatric hospital	0	0
	l. Inpatient alcohol/drug treatment facility	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	m. Jail/prison	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
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>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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-1800.8500	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
2.	Social Security Disability	NS-1800.8000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
3.	Social Health Insurance	NS-8000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Needs/Service Report
January 1, 2008 to March 31, 2008

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

NEED COUNT January 1, 2008 to March 31, 2008						
Danbury CoC						
NEED COUNT						
<u>Need Type</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Pending</u>	<u>Fully Met</u>	<u>Partially Met</u>	<u>Unmet</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
Alcohol Dependency Support Groups	1	0	1	0	0	0
Checking/Savings Account	1	0	0	0	0	1
Child Care Centers	2	0	0	0	0	2
Domestic Violence Shelters	2	0	2	0	0	0
Emergency Shelter	4	0	4	0	0	0
Employment	5	0	2	0	0	3
Food Pantries	6	0	4	0	0	2
Food Stamps	30	3	24	0	2	1
Homeless Motel Vouchers	1	0	1	0	0	0
Homeless Shelter	920	0	920	0	0	0
Housing Counseling	6	0	6	0	0	0
Job Assistance Centers	2	1	1	0	0	0
Medicaid	4	0	3	0	0	1
Medicare	1	0	1	0	0	0
Mental Health Care	2	0	1	0	0	1
Public Housing	8	0	2	0	0	6
Rental Deposit Assistance	16	5	0	0	6	5
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	18	4	0	0	7	7
Single Room Occupancy Housing	3	0	0	0	0	3
Social Health Insurance	25	0	23	1	1	0
Social Security Disability	6	0	4	0	0	2
SSI	3	0	3	0	0	0
Substance Abuse Services	4	2	1	0	0	1
Supportive Housing	11	3	0	0	3	5
Temporary Financial Assistance	3	0	3	0	0	0
Transitional Housing/Shelter	9	1	2	0	1	5
Unemployment Insurance	1	0	1	0	0	0
Veteran Homes	1	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	1095	20	1009	1	20	45

- **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	176	06320	New London	CT	1
06776	New Milford	CT	35	06057	New Hartford	CT	1
06801	Bethel	CT	21	16101	New Castle	PA	1
06702	Waterbury	CT	20	06050	New Britian	CT	1
06804	Brookfield	CT	16	37127	Marsfreesboro	TN	1
06488	Southbury	CT	7	33052	Marathon	FL	1
06854	Norwalk	CT	7	10541	Mahopac	NY	1
06512	New Haven	CT	6	24572	Madison Hieghts	VA	1
06877	Ridgefield	CT	5	24501	Lynchburg	VA	1
06902	Stamford	CT	4	40211	Louisville	KY	1
01104	SpringField	Ma	4	06759	Litchfield	CT	1
12601	Poughkeepsie	NY	4	06419	Killingworth	CT	1
06450	Meridan	CT	4	06351	Jewet City	CT	1
06606	Bridgeport	CT	4	07306	Jersey City	NJ	1
30301	Atlanta	GA	4	12531	Holmes	NU	1
06790	Torrington	CT	3	11550	Hempsted	NY	1
06069	Sharon	CT	3	92543	Hemet	CA	1
06470	Newtown	CT	3	18201	Hazeltown	PA	1
06812	New Fairfield	CT	2	06112	Hartford	CT	1
06770	Naugatuck	CT	2	06340	Groton	CT	1
90631	La Harbra	CA	2	06031	Falls Village	CT	1
25701	Huntington	WV	2	06082	Enfield	CT	1
06029	Ellington	CT	2	06118	East Hartford	CT	1
03470	Winchester	NH	1	12522	Dover Plains	NY	1
06793	Washington	CT	1	07869	Dover	NJ	1
74101	Tulsa	OK	1	37725	Dandridge	TN	1
33711	St Petersburg	FL	1	78403	Corpus Christi	TX	1
06784	Sherman	CT	1	12047	Cohes	NY	1
13460	Sherburne	NY	1	06410	Cheshire	CT	1
31401	Savannah	GA	1	10512	Carmel	NY	1
06482	Sandy Hook	CT	1	28401	Cape Fear	NC	1
30165	Rome	GA	1	06019	Canton	CT	1
06067	Rocky Hill	CT	1	10457	Bronx	NY	1
06477	Orange	CT	1	10509	Brewster	NY	1
10026	NYC	NY	1	93309	Bakersfield	CA	1
37137	Nunnely	TN	1				
01060	Northampton	Ma	1				

HMIS Data Analysis

Total clients entered into HMIS by *all* Danbury CoC agencies: 1698
 Identified as Chronically Homeless: 476
 Identified as Military Veteran: 94
 Pregnant: 82

Unemployed at time of entry: 1014
 Homelessness Primary Reason:

Unemployed	235	Domestic Violence Victim	23
Substance Abuse	150	Loss of Job	14
Family Breakup	156	Criminal Activity	10
Out of Jail/Prison	138	New to Area	15
Legal Eviction	89	Family Abuse	9
Family Friend Eviction	59	Health/Safety	7
Left Voluntarily	54	Underemployment/Low Income	5
Mental Health	37	Physical Illness	4
Lack of Income	31	Disaster Victim	2
Mental Illness	25	Loss of Transportation	8
Expenses Exceed Income	28	Mortgage Foreclosure	6
Release from Institution	23	Substandard Housing	7
Medical Condition	15	Loss of Child Care	1
Divorced/Separated	15	No Reason Entered	511
No Affordable Housing	14	Loss of Public Assistance	2
		Disaster Victim	5
		Total	1698

Danbury Over Flow Shelter Figures:

The Over Flow Shelter is now closed until Fall 2008.

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	445	419	26	29	15.3	15.8
March	471	435	36	31	15.2	14
YTD	2475	2317	158	147	17	

New Milford Emergency Transitional Shelter:

The New Milford Shelter will close April 6, 2008 for the season.

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	182	154	28	29	6.3	4.9
March						3.2
April						1.7
YTD	397	344	53	109		

Dream Homes Community Center Collaborative - Preventing Homelessness
(We CAHR only)

Total number of new clients served by the collaborative **this month**: __18__

Race/Ethnicity

White_14__ Black_2__ Native American__ Asian__ Hispanic/Latino_2__
Other__

Family Information

Total Families:___ Female___ Male___ Minors/ Parents (under 18)___
Total Singles:_4__ Female_1__ Male_3__ Minor (under 18)___

Age

0-5___ 6-12___ 13-17___ 18-20___ 21-25_2__ 26-34_1__
35-49_4__ 50-64_8__ 65+_2__

Education Level

No High School___ Some High School_3__ High School Diploma/GED_1__
Some College/Degree___ Graduate School___ Unknown_14__

Income Information

Employed_4__ SAGA_7__ Child Support___
SSI_8__ SSDI___ Unemploy. Comp___
Veteran___ None___ TFA___ Other___

Housing Issues

Disaster Victim___ Deinstitutionalized___ Lockout___
Legal Eviction___ Out of Jail/Prison___ Left Voluntarily_3__
Fmly/Friend Eviction_6__ Other_9__

Contributing Factors

Substance Abuse_1__ Expenses Exceed Income_1__ Unemployed_1__
Physical Illness___ New to Area_1__ Divorced/Separated_1__
Family Abuse___ Mental Illness_2__ Other___

Destination

Public Housing _12____ Section 8 __2____ Shelter Plus Care _____

IV. **First Time Home Ownership/Housing**

- DHCC is working with a family through the HDF process so that they can purchase a house on the open market.