



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: May 27, 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 CACD, CT Legal Services and the Housing Authority of Danbury prevented a mother and her son from being evicted. The collaboration arranged for an agreement between the client and their landlord (Danbury Housing Authority) to repay the back rent. In addition CACD offered \$500.00 in cash assistance and DHCC offered an additional \$99.00 from the ARC Emergency Aid Fund to help. The Housing Authority agreed to have the remaining back rent balance to be repaid over a slightly longer period of time making the repayment arrangement financially obtainable by the client.
- DHCC worked with a 60 year old women and prevented her from becoming homeless. The client was facing eviction and had a very limited fixed income. DHCC referred her to Shelter of the Cross where she successfully went through their intake process. In addition DHCC is continuing to work with the client to fill out various applications of the Housing Authority.
- DHCC, the Hispanic Center and The Housing Authority of Danbury are working together to help maintain the housing of a family of three. The family fell behind on their rent when the youngest son was diagnosed with Leukemia and had to leave his job as a result. The Housing Authority adjusted the families rent down based on their new income situation, placed the family on several lists to help find them different housing that will better suit their needs due to the family illness and DHCC and the Hispanic Center are seeking from other community agencies to help the family with the back rent money that is currently owed .

II. Outreach & Education

- No new information in this area.

B) Regional

- No new information in this area.

C) Community Involvement

- The Homeless Coordinator volunteered at the Morning Glory Breakfast operated by HOT.

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, the first meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2008.
- Additional Housing Authority personal will be trained on HMIS on Wednesday May 14th at City Hall.

- DHCC working in conjunction with DCF and The Connection Inc. successfully help a homeless family of 5 become housed and enter the Supportive Housing Program of DCF, operated by The Connection Inc. The client was referred to DHCC by a Social Worker from Bethel High School and was living in their car, motels and a Bethel firehouse from November 2007 until they were housed in April 2008.

HUD Annual Progress Report (HUD-40118)
April 1 to April 30, 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: 04/01/2008 to 04/30/2008 (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.	304	14	26	12
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	26	4	6	3
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	5	3	6	2
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	325	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)	325			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?	59			
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	1	0	0
	b. 51 - 61	1	2	0
	c. 31 - 50	11	1	0
	d. 18 - 30	7	3	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	2	0
	i. 18 - 30	1	1	0
	j. 13 - 17	0	0	0
	k. 6 - 12	1	2	0
	l. 1 - 5	2	0	0
	m. Under 1	1	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.	5			
6b. Chronically Homeless.				
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?	3			
7. Ethnicity.				
a. Hispanic or Latino	5			
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino	25			
8. Race.				
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native	0			
b. Asian	0			
c. Black or African American	3			
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0			
e. White	23			
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	1			
k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match)	3			
9a. Special Needs.				

	All	Chronic		
a. Mental illness	0	0		
b. Alcohol abuse	0	0		
c. Drug abuse	0	0		
d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases	0	0		
e. Developmental disability	0	0		
f. Physical disability	0	0		
g. Domestic violence	<u>1</u>	0		
h. Other (please specify)	<u>1</u>	0		
9b. Disabled.				
How many of the participants are disabled?		<u>1</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>	0		
b. Emergency shelter	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>		
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons	0			
d. Psychiatric facility	0			
e. Substance abuse treatment facility	<u>1</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>9</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>	0	<u>1</u>	0
b. \$1-150	0	0	0	0
c. \$151 - \$250	0	0	0	0
d. \$251 - \$500	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0
e. \$501 - \$1000	0	0	0	0
f. \$1001 - \$1500	0	0	0	0
g. \$1501 - \$2000	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0
h. \$2000 +	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	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)	0	0	0	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	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0
h. Employment Income	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</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>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0
m. Other (please specify)	<u>1</u>	0	<u>3</u>	0
n. No financial resources	<u>3</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0
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>4</u>	<u>1</u>	
c. 3 - 6 months		<u>3</u>	0	
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>30</u>	<u>3</u>	
b. 1 to 2 months		<u>60</u>	<u>8</u>	
c. 3 - 6 months		<u>151</u>	<u>50</u>	
d. 7 months - 12 months		<u>52</u>	<u>18</u>	
e. 13 months - 24 months		<u>25</u>	<u>4</u>	
f. 25 months - 3 years		<u>19</u>	<u>2</u>	
g. 4 years - 5 years		<u>2</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			0	0
b. Completed program			<u>3</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			<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
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		0	0	
j. Other (please specify)		1	0	
k. Unknown/disappeared		3	0	
14. Destination. Participants who left during the operating year.				
		All	Chronic	
PERMANENT (a - h)	a. Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)	2	0	
	b. Public Housing	0	0	
	c. Section 8	2	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)	1	0	
UNKNOWN	r. Unknown	3	1	
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	3	1

Needs/Service Report
January 1, 2008 to April 30,2008

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

NEED COUNT January 1,2008 to April 30,2008
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 Advocacy Center	2	0	2	0	0	0
Child Care Centers	2	0	0	0	0	2
Domestic Violence Shelters	6	0	2	0	0	4
Emergency Shelter	4	0	4	0	0	0
Employment	12	0	3	0	0	9
Food Pantries	9	0	5	0	0	4
Food Stamps	41	7	29	0	3	2
Homeless Motel Vouchers	1	0	1	0	0	0
Homeless Shelter	1404	0	1399	0	0	5
Housing Counseling	15	0	15	0	0	0
Job Assistance Centers	4	1	3	0	0	0
Medicaid	5	0	4	0	0	1
Medicare	2	0	2	0	0	0
Mental Health Care	7	0	6	0	0	1
Public Housing	16	2	2	0	0	12
Rental Deposit Assistance	26	5	0	0	6	15
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	24	4	5	0	7	8
Single Room Occupancy Housing	3	0	0	0	0	3
Social Health Insurance	35	0	32	1	1	1
Social Security Disability	11	1	8	0	0	2
SSI	4	0	4	0	0	0
Substance Abuse Services	5	2	2	0	0	1
Supportive Housing	17	3	5	0	3	6
TANF	1	0	1	0	0	0
Temporary Financial Assistance	3	0	3	0	0	0
Transitional Housing/Shelter	14	1	7	0	1	5
Unemployment Insurance	2	0	2	0	0	0
Veteran Homes	1	1	0	0	0	0
Vocational Education	1	1	0	0	0	0
WIC	2	0	2	0	0	0
Totals	1681	28	1549	1	21	82

• **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	200	06740	Newtown	CT	1
06776	New Milford	CT	37	06320	New London	CT	1
06702	Waterbury	CT	22	06057	New Hartford	CT	1
06801	Bethel	CT	22	16101	New Castle	PA	1

06804 Brookfield	CT	16	06050 New Britian	CT	1
06488 Southbury	CT	7	37127 Marsfreesboro	TN	1
06854 Norwalk	CT	7	33052 Marathon	FL	1
06512 New Haven	CT	6	10541 Mahopac	NY	1
06877 Ridgefield	CT	5	24572 Madison Hieghts	VA	1
06902 Stamford	CT	4	24501 Lynchburg	VA	1
01104 SpringField	Ma	4	40211 Louisville	KY	1
12601 Poughkeepsie	NY	4	06759 Litchfield	CT	1
06450 Meridan	CT	4	06419 Killingworth	CT	1
06606 Bridgeport	CT	4	06351 Jewet City	CT	1
30301 Atlanta	GA	4	07306 Jersey City	NJ	1
06790 Torrington	CT	3	12531 Holmes	NU	1
06069 Sharon	CT	3	11550 Hempsted	NY	1
06470 Newtown	CT	3	92543 Hemet	CA	1
06812 New Fairfield	CT	2	18201 Hazelton	PA	1
06770 Naugatuck	CT	2	06112 Hartford	CT	1
90631 La Harbra	CA	2	06340 Groton	CT	1
25701 Huntington	WV	2	06031 Falls Village	CT	1
06029 Ellington	CT	2	06082 Enfield	CT	1
03470 Winchester	NH	1	06118 East Hartford	CT	1
06793 Washington	CT	1	21222 Dundallias	Md	1
74101 Tulsa	OK	1	12522 Dover Plains	NY	1
33711 St Petersburg	FL	1	07869 Dover	NJ	1
06784 Sherman	CT	1	37725 Dandridge	TN	1
13460 Sherburne	NY	1	78403 Corpus Christi	TX	1
31401 Savannah	GA	1	12047 Cohes	NY	1
06482 Sandy Hook	CT	1	06410 Cheshire	CT	1
30165 Rome	GA	1	10512 Carmel	NY	1
06067 Rocky Hill	CT	1	28401 Cape Fear	NC	1
32822 Orlando	FI	1	06019 Canton	CT	1
06477 Orange	CT	1	10457 Bronx	NY	1
10026 NYC	NY	1	06752 Bridgewater	CT	1
37137 Nunnely	TN	1	10509 Brewster	NY	1
01060 Northampton	Ma	1	93309 Bakersfield	CA	1

HMIS Data Analysis

Total clients entered into HMIS by *all* Danbury CoC agencies: 1743
 Identified as Chronically Homeless: 477
 Identified as Military Veteran: 97
 Pregnant: 83
 Unemployed at time of entry: 1044
 Homelessness Primary Reason:

Unemployed	238	Domestic Violence Victim	23
Substance Abuse	153	Loss of Job	14

Family Breakup	163	Criminal Activity	11
Out of Jail/Prison	139	New to Area	16
Legal Eviction	95	Family Abuse	9
Family Friend Eviction	66	Health/Safety	11
Left Voluntarily	54	Underemployment/Low Income	5
Mental Health	37	Physical Illness	5
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	16	No Reason Entered	520
No Affordable Housing	15	Loss of Public Assistance	2
		Disaster Victim	5
		Total	1743

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	
April	265	242	23	13	20.4	0	
YTD	2740	2559	181	160	17.1	11.57	

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	180	160	20	31	5.8	3.2	
April	31	30	1	12	2.6	1.7	
YTD	608	534	74	152	3.7	2.7	

Dream Homes Community Center Collaborative –

Preventing Homelessness and Rental Issues

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

Race/Ethnicity

White 2 Black 5 Native American Asian Hispanic/Latino 2 Other

Family Information

Total Families: 2 Female 3 Male 3 Minors/ Parents (under 18)
Total Singles: 3 Female Male 3 Minor (under 18)

Age

0-5 6-12 3 13-17 18-20 21-25 26-34 1
35-49 2 50-64 2 65+ 1

Education Level

No High School Some High School 3 High School Diploma/GED 2
Some College/Degree Graduate School Unknown

Income Information

Employed 3 SAGA 1 Child Support 3
SSI 2 SSDI Unemploy. Comp
Veteran None TFA Other

Housing Issues

Disaster Victim Deinstitutionalized Lockout
Legal Eviction 3 Out of Jail/Prison Left Voluntarily 4
Fmly/Friend Eviction 1 Other

Contributing Factors

Substance Abuse Expenses Exceed Income 3 Unemployed 1
Physical Illness 1 New to Area 1 Divorced/Separated
Family Abuse Mental Illness 1 Other 4

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.
- DHCC has placed several ads to run on local cable channels, in the news-Times and PennySaver to inform the public of this part of our program.

