



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: January 27, 2009 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 3 agencies: Housing Authority of the City of Danbury, The Association of Religious Communities, and We CAHR. 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, and the Town of Ridgefield, HUD-CDBG and HUD HMIS Grant, DSS Beyond Shelter CT Grant.

Dream Homes works with 4 populations:

- 1) Point of Entry for persons who are homeless
- 2) Beyond Shelter CT Program
- 3) Rentals
- 4) 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 (part-time): Karl Myers
Housing/Homeless Coordinator (part-time): Melanie Karkos
Housing Advocate for Persons with Disabilities (part-time): Jeanne Braude-Magi

I. Operations

- Effective January 19, 2009 the Program Director will only be working part-time Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm. This change was made due to anticipated funding that was not received.

II. Outreach & Education

- DHCC held a Home Ownership workshop at GDMHA on Thursday December 11, 2008.

B) Rental

- DHCC aided two referrals from the Town of Ridgefield obtain new rental apartments and avoid eviction. One was a single male, the other a single mother of one.
- DHCC prevented the eviction of a single mother of two from Danbury.

C) Regional

- DHCC will be making a presentation to HVCEO at it's February meeting.

D) Community Involvement

- No new information to report

III. Point of Entry

- The Ct Coalition to End Homelessness has extended DHCC HMIS System Administrator functions to include new user training. This function until now has been only the responsibility of CCEH.
- DHCC is currently working on the 2008 HMIS Regional Report. The report is expected to be complete in February.

HUD Annual Progress Report (HUD-40118)

December 1 to December 31, 2008

All Danbury CoC Agencies using HMIS

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>225</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>35</u>	17
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	<u>17</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	1
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	1
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	235	18	33	17
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)	235			17
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>48</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>2</u>	0	0
	c. 31 - 50	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>	0
	d. 18 - 30	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	0
	e. 17 and under	<u>1</u>	0	0
		Not given	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	0	<u>1</u>	0
	j. 13 - 17	0	0	0
	k. 6 - 12	0	0	0
	l. 1 - 5	0	<u>1</u>	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>2</u>
6b. Chronically Homeless.				
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?				<u>2</u>
7. Ethnicity.				

a. Hispanic or Latino					<u>3</u>
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino					<u>15</u>
8. Race.					
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native					0
b. Asian					0
c. Black or African American					<u>5</u>
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander					0
e. White					<u>11</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>1</u>
k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match)					<u>1</u>
9a. Special Needs.					
		All		Chronic	
a. Mental illness		<u>2</u>		0	
b. Alcohol abuse		<u>1</u>		0	
c. Drug abuse		<u>1</u>		0	
d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases		0		0	
e. Developmental disability		0		0	
f. Physical disability		<u>1</u>		0	
g. Domestic violence		0		0	
h. Other (please specify)		0		0	
9b. Disabled.					
How many of the participants are disabled?					<u>3</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>4</u>		<u>1</u>	
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons		0			
d. Psychiatric facility		0			
e. Substance abuse treatment facility		0			
f. Hospital		<u>1</u>			
g. Jail/prison		0			
h. Domestic violence situation		0			
i. Living with relatives/friends		<u>3</u>			
j. Rental housing		<u>1</u>			
k. Other (please specify)		<u>8</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>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>
b. \$1-150	0	0	<u>1</u>	0
c. \$151 - \$250	0	0	0	0
d. \$251 - \$500	0	0	0	0
e. \$501 - \$1000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
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)	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	0	0	0	0
h. Employment Income	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</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	0	0	<u>1</u>	0
m. Other (please specify)	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0
n. No financial resources	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</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>	<u>1</u>
b. 1 to 2 months	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
c. 3 - 6 months	<u>1</u>	0
d. 7 months - 12 months	0	0
e. 13 months - 24 months	<u>1</u>	0
f. 25 months - 3 years	0	0
g. 4 years - 5 years	<u>1</u>	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>17</u>	<u>2</u>
b. 1 to 2 months	<u>73</u>	<u>20</u>
c. 3 - 6 months	<u>47</u>	<u>6</u>
d. 7 months - 12 months	<u>48</u>	<u>10</u>

e. 13 months - 24 months	<u>51</u>	<u>16</u>
f. 25 months - 3 years	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>
g. 4 years - 5 years	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
h. 6 years - 7 years	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
i. 8 years - 10 years	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
j. over 10 years	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
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	<u>1</u>	0
h. Disagreement with rules/persons	0	0
i. Death	0	0
j. Other (please specify)	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
k. Unknown/disappeared	0	0

14. Destination. Participants who left during the operating year.

		All	Chronic
PERMANENT (a - h)	a. Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)	<u>3</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	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	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
	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)	0	0
UNKNOWN	r. Unknown	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Needs/Service Report: December 1, 2008 to December 31,2008

NEED COUNT						
Need Type	Total	Pending	Fully Met	Partially Met	Unmet	Null
Homeless Shelter (BH-1800.8500)	<u>466</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>464</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
Housing Counseling (BH-3700)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Supportive Housing (BH-8400)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Veteran Homes (BH-8400.9000)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Food Stamps (NL-6000.2000)	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Social Security Disability (NS-1800.8000)	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Social Health Insurance (NS-8000)	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Unemployment Insurance (NS-9000)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total (8 Need Types)	<u>480</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>475</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

Zip Code Report
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

<u>Town</u>	<u>2007 Figures</u>		<u>2008 Figures</u>	
	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
Danbury	159	39.3%	185	41.3%
New Milford	31	7.7%	41	9.2%
Bethel	15	3.7%	24	5.4%
Brookfield	12	3.0%	10	2.2%
New Fairfield	4	1.0%	4	0.9%
Ridgefield	3	0.7%	7	1.6%
Newtown	3	0.7%	2	0.4%
Sherman	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Bridgewater	0	0.0%	3	0.0%
Redding	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
Rest of State	72	17.8%	71	15.8%
Out of State	44	10.9%	38	8.5%
Unknown	61	15.1%	62	13.8%
Total	405		448	

HMIS Data Analysis

Total clients entered into HMIS by <i>all</i> Danbury CoC agencies:	2054
Identified as Chronically Homeless:	521
Identified as Military Veteran:	114
Pregnant:	87
Unemployed at time of entry:	1183

Homelessness Primary Reason:

Unemployed	277	Domestic Violence Victim	29
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Substance Abuse	184	Loss of Job	17
Family Breakup	197	Criminal Activity	12
Out of Jail/Prison	161	New to Area	23
Legal Eviction	126	Family Abuse	12
Family Friend Eviction	82	Health/Safety	16
Left Voluntarily	76	Underemployment/Low Income	5
Mental Health	39	Physical Illness	6
Lack of Income	37	Disaster Victim	2
Mental Illness	29	Loss of Transportation	8
Expenses Exceed Income	29	Mortgage Foreclosure	10
Release from Institution	24	Substandard Housing	7
Medical Condition	15	Loss of Child Care	1
Divorced/Separated	30	No Reason Entered	603
No Affordable Housing	19	Loss of Public Assistance	2
Disaster Victim	5		
		Total	2054

Dream Homes Community Center Collaborative
Preventing Homelessness and Rental Issues

Total number of new clients served by the collaborative **this month:** ___13___

Race/Ethnicity

White___24___ Black ___3___ Native American___ Asian___ Hispanic/Latino___3___ Other___

Family Information

Total Families:___6___ Female___11___ Male___11___ Minors/ Parents (under 18)___1___
Total Singles:___7___ Female___3___ Male___4___ Minor (under 18)___

Age

0-5___4___ 6-12___6___ 13-17___1___ 18-20___8___ 21-25___1___ 26-34___2___ 35-49___5___ 50-64___2___ 65+___

Education Level

No High School___ Some High School___3___ High School Diploma/GED___6___
Some College/Degree___ Graduate School___ Unknown___4___

Income Information

Employed___4___ SAGA___1___ Child Support___2___ SSI___2___ SSDI___2___
Unemploy. Comp___ Veteran___ None___1___ TFA___ Other___

Housing Issues

Disaster Victim___ Deinstitutionalized___1___ Lockout___ Legal Eviction___11___
Out of Jail/Prison___ Left Voluntarily___ Fmly/Friend Eviction___2___ Other___2___

Contributing Factors

Substance Abuse__1__ Expenses Exceed Income_6__
Physical Illness__1_ New to Area____
Family Abuse_____ Mental Illness__5__

Unemployed____
Divorced/Separated__1__
Other__3__

IV. First Time Home Ownership/Housing

- No new information in this area.