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To: Mayor Boughton and the Common Council

From: Rev. Phyllis J. Leopold, for the *Dream Homes Community Center* collaborative

Re: Dream Homes Community Center,
July monthly report

Program Staffing

The collaborative is pleased to have concluded the Search Process. The Program Director started on Monday, July 10th and the Homeless Coordinator started on Tuesday, July 25th. Their names are Karl Myers and Rev. Elizabeth Braddon, respectively. Both Karl & Elizabeth have experience working in the area of housing and, specifically, with Homeless Shelters.

Program Operations

Two office spaces, telephones, emails, computers, printers and business cards for the Program Director and Homeless Coordinator were all set up at ARC. Set-up costs totaled approximately \$4,000.

Computer services were provided by a consultant who reduced his standard hourly rate from \$125 to \$65 for the Dream Homes start-up process.

Point of Entry Agreement

The document has been finalized, signed, and returned to City Hall.

Program Outreach

The Dream Homes Community Center was featured on a prominent Display Table at a community event that, in part, was related to housing: ARC's Second Annual Forum on Immigrants. Carolyn Sistrunk introduced the Dream Homes Program Director to a group of nearly 40 Forum participants that voluntarily attended a break-out session on housing.

Neither the Homeless Consortium (generally convened at the New Street Shelter by City Welfare) nor the Dispatch Planning Group (generally convened at GDMH) met in July.

Program Cases

KEY INDICATOR	SUBINDICATOR	INDICATOR DESCRIPTOIN	TOTAL # OF CASES
PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS	Number of Applicants	Number of applicants for public housing units that were called from waiting list to be housed	26
PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS	Number Housed	Number of applicants for public housing units that have been housed	9
PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS	Number of Applicants Sec 8	Number of applications for Housing Choice Vouchers that were moved from wait list to be housed	52
PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS	Number Housed	Number of applications for Housing Choice V ouchers that have received vouchers	38

PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS	Number of Applicants referred by Homelessness or Social Service Providers	Number of applicants referred to HACD as Homeless or soon to be Homeless	8
PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS	Number of Applicants referred by Homelessness or Social Service Providers	Number successfully housed	2
PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS	Number of Applicants referred by Homelessness or Social Service Providers	Number pending housing	6
EVICTION AVOIDANCE	Total Eviction Prevention Efforts	Total number of Families HACD assisted with Eviction Prevention Strategies	24
EVICTION AVOIDANCE	Total Eviction Prevention Efforts	Total number of Families HACD referred to avoid loss of housing	5
HOMELESS PREVENTION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES	Number of homeless clients with disabilities needing Information, Referral and Advocacy	Total number of homeless clients assisted	4
FIRST TIME HOME OWNERSHIP FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES	Number of clients with developmental disabilities	Total number of clients assisted	1