



## 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:** November 27, 2007 monthly report

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### 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

## **I. Operations**

- DHCC has hired a new part-time Homeless Coordinator, Karen Jacobs. Karen will work Monday through Friday 8:45am to 12:45pm. When fully trained she will assume the primary role of "Point of Entry". HMIS training will occur on November 30, 2007. The Program Director of DHCC will remain as the System Administrator of HMIS for the Danbury CoC.

## **II. Outreach & Education**

- DHCC along with ARC and We CHAR attended the Western Connecticut's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Business to Business Showcase held on November 15, 2007. The table used was also staffed by representatives from the Women's Center and Children's First.

### **A) Regional Introductions**

- No new information in this area.

### **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 October 3, 2007. The purpose of this meeting was to inform the committee of DHCC activity to date and discuss the transition of reporting to the Housing Partnership versus the Common Council.

## **III. Point of Entry**

- Dorothy Day has referred 40 clients to DHCC since September 18, 2007 until November 16, 2007. Of these 40 clients approximately 50% had not been previously entered into HMIS by any other agency in the Danbury CoC. Their continued cooperation will aide the Point of Entry to gather more information on the homeless population in the City of Danbury.
- The Aids Project of Greater Danbury has had two new employees trained on using HMIS.
- The week of November 5<sup>th</sup>, two persons were brought to Danbury from a transitional housing program located in Brewster NY called Delancey Street Foundation. One person was staying at Dorothy Day and was at their from the Massachusetts Department of Corrections and is originally from Springfield Ma. The other person entered their program on their own seeking help for alcohol abuse. Once there they did not feel the program was best for them and asked to contact family to make arrangement for pick up. They were denied use of the phone. They were dropped off at the bus depot with no money, id or coat. They were from New Jersey. DHCC contacted this program to discuss the circumstances of these two cases, discussed coordination between Delancey Street and DHCC on future releases to Danbury that are not from this area and how DHCC can make referrals to Delancey Street for persons we come in contact with that meet their eligibility requirements.

## Needs/Service Report

**January 1, 2007 to October 31, 2007**

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

<b>NEED COUNT January 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007</b>							
<b>Danbury CoC</b>							
<b>Need Type</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Pending</b>	<b>Fully Met</b>	<b>Partially Met</b>	<b>Unmet</b>	<b>Null</b>	
Meals	143	0	140	0	2	1	
Homeless Drop In Centers	299	0	292	0	2	5	
Homeless Shelter	5214	0	5188	2	4	20	
Transitional Housing/Shelter	19	0	7	0	4	8	
Housing Search and Information	11	0	8	0	0	3	
Clothing	34	0	32	0	0	2	
Bathing Facilities	105	0	103	0	1	1	
Laundry Facilities	45	0	45	0	0	0	
Temporary Mailing Address	148	0	143	0	2	3	
Bus Fare	39	0	38	0	0	1	
Emergency Telephones	88	0	85	0	2	1	
AIDS/HIV Control	1	0	1	0	0	0	
Emergency Medical Care	1	0	1	0	0	0	
Alcohol Detoxification	2	1	0	0	0	1	
Drug Detoxification	4	2	0	0	0	2	
Health Care (L)	1	0	1	0	0	0	
General Medical Care	49	1	48	0	0	0	
Hospital Based Outpatient Services	1	0	1	0	0	0	
Social Health Insurance	37	2	26	0	2	7	
AIDS/HIV Clinics	2	0	2	0	0	0	
Substance Abuse Services	105	0	98	2	1	4	
Substance Abuse Hotlines	4	0	3	0	1	0	
Employment	46	0	34	0	0	12	
Job Search Resource Centers	23	0	14	0	0	9	
Job Search/Placement	12	0	11	0	1	0	
Mental Health Care and Counseling	89	1	79	0	1	8	
Veterans	6	0	6	0	0	0	
AIDS/HIV Issues	2	0	2	0	0	0	
Basic Needs (B)	3	0	0	0	0	3	
Food Vouchers/Stamps	48	1	23	0	10	14	
Emergency Shelter	12	0	6	1	4	1	
Housing Counseling	10	0	0	0	0	10	
Rental Deposit Assistance	27	0	2	0	17	8	
Home Rental Listings	3	0	0	0	3	0	
Residential Housing Options	1	0	1	0	0	0	
Public Housing	2	0	1	0	0	1	

Low Income/Subsidized Rental Housing	4	0	0	0	3	1
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	9	0	3	0	1	5
Single Room Occupancy Housing	10	0	0	0	0	10
Housing Authorities	8	2	0	0	2	4
Long Distance Bus Services	1	0	0	0	1	0
Credit Counseling	1	0	0	0	1	0
Checking/Savings Accounts	2	0	0	0	0	2
Legal Representation	2	0	0	0	1	1
General Legal Aid	1	0	0	0	0	1
Outpatient Health Facilities	1	0	0	1	0	0
Employment	7	0	2	0	3	2
Comprehensive Job Assistance Centers (ND-150)	5	0	0	0	0	5
Job Finding Assistance	2	0	1	0	1	0
SSI	5	0	4	0	0	1
Social Security Disability	22	0	7	0	2	13
Social Security Retirement Benefits	1	0	1	0	0	0
Veteran Homes	1	0	0	0	0	1
TANF	4	0	2	0	0	2
Medicaid	2	0	2	0	0	0
Veteran/Military Health Insurance	2	0	1	1	0	0
State Unemployment Insurance	1	0	0	0	1	0
Food Pantries	10	0	10	0	0	0
Identification Card Fee	2	0	2	0	0	0
Identification Card	2	0	0	0	1	1
Child Care Provider Referrals	3	0	0	0	3	0
Probate Conservator ship	3	0	0	0	1	2
Supportive Housing	20	0	0	0	1	19
Basic Income Maintenance Programs	1	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6768</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6477</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>195</b>

• **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	106	78403	Corpus Christi	TX	1
06776	New Milford	CT	20	92543	Hemet	CA	1
06702	Waterbury	CT	14	01060	Northampton	Ma	1
06801	Bethel	CT	10	03470	Winchester	NH	1

06804 Brookfield	CT	9	06019 Canton	CT	1
06854 Norwalk	CT	5	06082 Enfield	CT	1
06512 New Haven	CT	4	06118 East Hartford	CT	1
06069 Sharon	CT	3	06320 New London	CT	1
06488 Southbury	CT	3	06340 Groton	CT	1
90631 La Harbra	CA	2	06351 Jewet City	CT	1
06450 Meridan	CT	2	06470 Newtown	CT	1
06606 Bridgeport	CT	2	06477 Orange	CT	1
10026 NYC	NY	1	06482 Sandy Hook	CT	1
10509 Brewster	NY	1	06770 Naugatuck	CT	1
10512 Carmel	NY	1	06784 Sherman	CT	1
10541 Mahopac	NY	1	06793 Washington	CT	1
12522 Dover Plains	NY	1	06902 Stamford	CT	1
12531 Holmes	NU	1	07306 Jersey City	NJ	1
16101 New Castle	PA	1	10457 Bronx	NY	1
18201 Hazelton	PA	1	24501 Lynchburg	VA	1
28401 Cape Fear	NC	1	24572 Madison Hieghts	VA	1
30165 Rome	GA	1	33711 St Petersburg	FL	1
31401 Savannah	GA	1	37725 Dandridge	TN	1
40211 Louisville	KY	1	93309 Bakersfield	CA	1
74101 Tulsa	OK	1			

### HMIS Data Analysis

<b>Total</b> clients entered into HMIS by <i>all</i> Danbury CoC agencies:	1512
Identified as Chronically Homeless:	449
Identified as Military Veteran:	78
Pregnant:	79
Unemployed at time of entry:	886
Homelessness Primary Reason:	

Unemployed	221	Domestic Violence Victim	11
Substance Abuse	135	Loss of Job	13
Family Breakup	129	Criminal Activity	8
Out of Jail/Prison	127	New to Area	9
Legal Eviction	60	Family Abuse	6
Family Friend Eviction	50	Health/Safety	6
Left Voluntarily	42	Underemployment/Low Income	4
Mental Health	36	Physical Illness	4
Lack of Income	26	Disaster Victim	2
Mental Illness	23	Loss of Transportation	2
Expenses Exceed Income	27	Mortgage Foreclosure	6
Release from Institution	19	Substandard Housing	3
Medical Condition	15	Loss of Child Care	1
Divorced/Separated	12	No Reason Entered	498

No Affordable Housing	13	Loss of Public Assistance	2
		Disaster Victim	2
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1512</b>

**Danbury Over Flow Shelter Figures:**

Opened November 15, 2007 for the winter months.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Nights Open</u>	<u>Average</u>
October	75	62	13	9	9.4
November	24	23	1	4	6
December	235	213	23	30	7.8
January	507	405	102	31	16.4
February	442	336	106	28	15.8
March	435	350	85	31	14
<b>YTD</b>	<b>1718</b>	<b>1389</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>12.9</b>

**New Milford Emergency Transitional Shelter:**

Opened November 5<sup>th</sup> currently only has t one to two guests staying each night.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Nights Open</u>	<u>Average</u>
November	30	30	0	25	1.2
December	52	51	1	31	1.7
January	116	95	21	31	3.7
February	136	115	21	28	4.9
March	95	95	0	30	3.2
April	12	12	0	7	1.7
<b>YTD</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>152</b>	

**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:**     10    

**Race/Ethnicity**

White   7   Black      Native American      Asian      Hispanic/Latino   1    
 Other   2  

**Family Information**

Total Families:   2   Female   2   Male   2   Minors/ Parents (under 18)   4    
 Total Singles:   6   Female   3   Male   3   Minor (under 18)

**Age**

0-5 \_\_\_ 6-12 \_\_\_ 13-17 \_\_\_ 18-20 \_\_\_ 21-25 \_\_\_ 26-34 \_\_\_ 2\_   
 35-49 \_\_\_ 4\_ 50-64 \_\_\_ 2\_ 65+ \_\_\_

**Education Level**

No High School \_\_\_ Some High School \_\_\_ 1\_ High School Diploma/GED \_\_\_   
 Some College/Degree \_\_\_ Graduate School \_\_\_ Unknown \_\_\_ 9\_

**Income Information**

Employed \_\_\_ 2\_ SAGA \_\_\_ Child Support \_\_\_   
 SSI \_\_\_ 2\_ SSDI \_\_\_ 6\_ Unemploy. Comp \_\_\_   
 Veteran \_\_\_ None \_\_\_ TFA \_\_\_ 4\_ Other \_\_\_ 1\_

**Housing Issues**

Disaster Victim \_\_\_ Deinstitutionalized \_\_\_ Lockout \_\_\_   
 Legal Eviction \_\_\_ 1\_ Out of Jail/Prison \_\_\_ 1\_ Left Voluntarily \_\_\_   
 Fmly/Friend Eviction \_\_\_ 1\_ Other \_\_\_ 7\_

**Contributing Factors**

Substance Abuse \_\_\_ Expenses Exceed Income \_\_\_ Unemployed \_\_\_ 2\_   
 Physical Illness \_\_\_ 1\_ New to Area \_\_\_ Divorced/Separated \_\_\_   
 Family Abuse \_\_\_ Mental Illness \_\_\_ 1\_ Other \_\_\_ 7\_

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

- Dream Homes Community Center was presented with a \$5,000.00 check from Wells Fargo Bank for its use to aid low-income families with down payment and closing costs assistance for the Home Ownership Program.

HUD Annual Progress Report (HUD-40118)

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

<b>2. Persons Served during the operating year.</b>	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>130</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	7
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	<u>102</u>	0	0	0
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	<u>3</u>	0	0	0
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	229	7	10	7
<b>3. Project Capacity.</b>	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)	229			7
<b>4. Non-homeless persons. (Sec. 8 SRO projects only)</b>				
How many income-eligible non-homeless persons were housed by the SRO program during the				29

operating year?

**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
<b>Single Persons (from 2b, column 1)</b>	a. 62 and over	<u>3</u>	0	0
	b. 51 - 61	<u>14</u>	<u>2</u>	0
	c. 31 - 50	<u>55</u>	<u>14</u>	0
	d. 18 - 30	<u>12</u>	<u>2</u>	0
	e. 17 and under	0	0	0
	Not given	0	0	0
<b>Persons in Families (from 2b, columns 2 &amp; 3)</b>	f. 62 and over	0	0	0
	g. 51 - 61	0	0	0
	h. 31 - 50	0	0	0
	i. 18 - 30	0	0	0
	j. 13 - 17	0	0	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. 9

**6b. Chronically Homeless.**

How many participants were chronically homeless individuals? 52

**7. Ethnicity.**

a. Hispanic or Latino 7

b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino 95

**8. Race.**

a. American Indian or Alaskan Native 0

b. Asian 2

c. Black or African American 26

d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander 0

e. White 63

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	1
j. Other Multi-Racial	1
k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match)	9

**9a. Special Needs.**

	All	Chronic
a. Mental illness	11	5
b. Alcohol abuse	5	4
c. Drug abuse	8	7
d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases	2	2
e. Developmental disability	0	0
f. Physical disability	10	3
g. Domestic violence	1	1
h. Other (please specify)	1	1

**9b. Disabled.**

How many of the participants are disabled? 29

**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.)	14	7
b. Emergency shelter	56	28
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons	1	
d. Psychiatric facility	1	
e. Substance abuse treatment facility	0	
f. Hospital	2	
g. Jail/prison	6	
h. Domestic violence situation	0	
i. Living with relatives/friends	13	
j. Rental housing	2	
k. Other (please specify)	7	

**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	1	1	1	1

b. \$1-150	0	0	0	0
c. \$151 - \$250	0	0	0	0
d. \$251 - \$500	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
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)	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	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	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>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
m. Other (please specify)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
n. No financial resources	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</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>3</u>	<u>2</u>
b. 1 to 2 months	0	0
c. 3 - 6 months	0	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
<b>12b. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who did not leave during the operating year.</b>		
	All	Chronic
a. Less than 1 month	<u>81</u>	<u>40</u>
b. 1 to 2 months	<u>41</u>	<u>18</u>
c. 3 - 6 months	<u>29</u>	<u>5</u>
d. 7 months - 12 months	<u>48</u>	<u>9</u>
e. 13 months - 24 months	<u>18</u>	<u>4</u>
f. 25 months - 3 years	<u>15</u>	<u>1</u>
g. 4 years - 5 years	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
h. 6 years - 7 years	<u>2</u>	<u>0</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>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	0	0

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

PERMANENT (a - h)		All	Chronic
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
<b>TRANSITIONAL (i - j)</b>	i. Transitional housing for homeless persons	0	0
	j. Moved in with family or friends	0	0
<b>INSTITUTION (k - m)</b>	k. Psychiatric hospital	0	0
	l. Inpatient alcohol/drug treatment facility	0	0
	m. Jail/prison	0	0
<b>EMERGENCY SHELTER (n)</b>	n. Emergency shelter	0	0
<b>OTHER (o - q)</b>	o. Other supportive housing	0	0
	p. Places not meant for human habitation (e.g. street)	0	0
	q. Other (please specify)	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>UNKNOWN</b>	r. Unknown	0	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>
2.	Transitional Housing/Shelter	BH-180.950	<u>1</u>	0
3.	Rental Deposit Assistance	BH-380.725	<u>1</u>	0
4.	Public Housing	BH-700.460-60	<u>1</u>	0
5.	Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	BH-700.460-70	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
6.	Supportive Housing	BH-840	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
7.	SSI	NL-100.810	<u>1</u>	0
8.	Medicaid	NL-500.500	<u>1</u>	0
9.	Food Stamps	NL-600.200	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
10.	Social Health Insurance	NS-800	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>