



Dream Homes Community Center

To: Mayor Mark Boughton and the Common Council
From: Jean Bowen, on behalf of the Dream Homes Community Center collaborative
Re: February 27, 2007 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, WeCAHR 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 & WeCAHR.

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 Jean Bowen on behalf of the collaborative Leadership Team, which also includes: Rev. Phyllis J. Leopold, Pat Tomka, and Carolyn Sistrunk.

In addition to the Leadership Team, salaried professionals implement the program:

Program Director (full-time): Karl Myers

Homeless Coordinator (part-time): Rev. Elizabeth Braddon

Housing Advocate for Persons with Disabilities (part-time): Jeanne Braude-Maji

I. Operations

- No new information in this area.

II. Outreach & Education

- No new information in this area.

A) Regional Introductions

- At the January 2007 meeting of HVCEO, Mayor Boughton, Judge Yamin, Carolyn Sistrunk, Rev. P.J. Leopold, Pat Tomka and Karl Myers were in attendance to answer questions on the information provided in the November HVCEO meeting. HVCEO decided on three action steps that were to take place:
 - i. City of Danbury to hold a meeting inviting all Director of Social Services from all the surrounding towns as well as the towns Mayor's and First Selectman's. The meeting is to discuss a regional referral process for homeless persons/families.
 - ii. Mayor of Danbury along with representatives of DHCC to meet with all Mayor's and First Selectman's to request funding in the surrounding towns 07/08 budgets for an allocation to DHCC and the Point of Entry.
 - iii. A study to be performed on current affordable housing needs for each community by a consulting firm and report this information to HVCEO.

B) Community Involvement

- On January 30 & 31 the Danbury Continuum of Care participated in a state wide "Point in Time Count" of homeless persons, families and youth. The preliminary figures show 148 persons; there were 34 unsheltered, 114 sheltered, 8 were families and a total of 13 children.
- Town of New Milford also participated in the count, preliminary figures from there showed 41 homeless persons: 9 were sheltered, 32 where unsheltered. The total included 14 youth under 18 and two veterans.

III. Point of Entry

A) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

- a. DHCC and Catholic Charities of Fairfield County (The Homeless Outreach Team) have signed a Data Sharing Agreement for HMIS.
- b. DHCC is entering data for Shelter of the Cross into HMIS.
- c. AMOS House has stated that they will be receiving refresher training in February and will then begin to enter data into HMIS and will also enter into a Data Sharing Agreement with DHCC at that time as well.
- d. DHCC and Harmony House have signed a Data Sharing Agreement for HMIS.
- e. DHCC in January met with Connecticut Outreach West –PILOTS to discuss their program, DHCC and HMIS. PILOTS do enter data into HMIS but only for certain individuals, not all who participate in their program. The data is entered in by their Waterbury office and the HMIS entry person position is currently vacant. PILOTS are following up on HMIS and the possibility of entering into a Data Sharing Agreement with DHCC.
- f. DHCC is currently discussing with the Town of New Milford to potential of allowing DHCC to enter data for New Milford into HMIS. All the necessary paperwork to allow this to happen has been given to the Director of Social Services who is now waiting on approval from the Mayor to proceed.

B) Point of Entry – Data

Total number of new clients served by the collaborative **this month**: 16

Race/Ethnicity

White 6 Black 2 Native American 3 Asian Hispanic/Latino 2 Other

Family Information

Total Families: 2 Female 3 Male 4 Minors/ Parents (under 18)
Total Singles: 9 Female 6 Male 3 Minor (under 18)

Age

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

Education Level

No High School 2 Some High School 2 High School Diploma/GED 5
Some College/Degree 1 Graduate School Unknown 4

Income Information

Employed 5 SAGA 1 Child Support

SSI 2
 Veteran _____

SSDI _____
 None _____

Unemploy. Comp _____
 TFA _____ Other 1

Housing Issues

Disaster Victim _____

Deinstitutionalized _____

Lockout _____

Legal Eviction 1

Out of Jail/Prison _____

Left Voluntarily _____

Fmly/Friend Eviction 2 Other 3

Contributing Factors

Substance Abuse 2

Expenses Exceed Income 8

Unemployed 4

Physical Illness 1

New to Area _____

Divorced/Separated 1

Family Abuse _____

Mental Illness 1

Other _____

Danbury Over Flow Shelter Figures

<u>Month</u>	<u>Total Count</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Nights Open</u>	<u>Average Per Night</u>
October	75	62	13	9	9.4
November	24	23	1	4	6
December	235	213	23	30	7.8
January	446	362	85	28	15.9
YTD	780	660	122		

New Milford Emergency Transitional Shelter

<u>Month</u>	<u>Total Count</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Nights Open</u>	<u>Average Per Night</u>
November	30	30	0	23	1.3
December	52	51	1	28	1.8
January	116	95	21	31	3.7
YTD	198	176	22		

HMIS Report for Danbury CoC for 1/16 to 2/15/07

HUD Annual Progress Report (HUD-40118)

Report Options:

Provider Group

Danbury CoC Unduplicated

Provider

-Select-

Operating Year Date Range

01/16/2007 to 02/15/2007 (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.	249	1	2	1
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	40	4	0	1
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	0	0	0	0
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	289	5	2	2
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)	289			2
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?				69
5. Age and gender.	Age	Male	Female	Other/Not given
Single Persons (from 2b, column 1)	a. 62 and over	1	0	1
	b. 51 - 61	3	3	0
	c. 31 - 50	12	8	0
	d. 18 - 30	5	7	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	1	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	3	
6a. Veterans Status.				
A veteran is anyone who has ever been on active military duty status.				1
6b. Chronically Homeless.				
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?				8
7. Ethnicity.				

a. Hispanic or Latino					11
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino					33
8. Race.					
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native					0
b. Asian					0
c. Black or African American					4
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					3
k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match)					14
9a. Special Needs.					
		All		Chronic	
a. Mental illness		3		0	
b. Alcohol abuse		1		0	
c. Drug abuse		0		0	
d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases		0		0	
e. Developmental disability		0		0	
f. Physical disability		3		0	
g. Domestic violence		3		0	
h. Other (please specify)		0		0	
9b. Disabled.					
How many of the participants are disabled?					6
10. Prior Living Situation.					
		All		Chronic	
a. Non-housing (street, park, car, bus station, etc.)		3		1	
b. Emergency shelter		19		6	
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons		1			
d. Psychiatric facility		0			
e. Substance abuse treatment facility		0			
f. Hospital		0			
g. Jail/prison		0			
h. Domestic violence situation		0			
i. Living with relatives/friends		4			
j. Rental housing		4			
k. Other (please specify)		13			
11. Amount and Source of Monthly Income at Entry and Exit.					
Amount	A. Monthly Income at Entry		B. Monthly Income at Exit		
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic	
a. No Income	0	0	0	0	
b. \$1-150	0	0	0	0	

c. \$151 - \$250	0	0	0	0
d. \$251 - \$500	0	0	0	0
e. \$501 - \$1000	0	0	0	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)	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	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	0	0	0	0
m. Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0
n. No financial resources	0	0	0	0
12a. Length of Stay in Program. (Participants who left during operating year)				
	All	Chronic		
a. Less than 1 month	0	0		
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		
12b. Length of Stay in Program. (Participants who did not leave during operating year)				
	All	Chronic		
a. Less than 1 month	44	8		
b. 1 to 2 months	62	18		
c. 3 - 6 months	126	46		
d. 7 months - 12 months	11	3		
e. 13 months - 24 months	33	4		
f. 25 months - 3 years	9	2		
g. 4 years - 5 years	6	2		
h. 6 years - 7 years	2	0		

i. 8 years - 10 years		1	0
j. over 10 years		0	0
13. Reasons for Leaving.			
		All	Chronic
a. Left for a housing opportunity before completing program		0	0
b. Completed program		0	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		0	0
j. Other (please specify)		0	0
k. Unknown/disappeared		0	0
14. Destination.			
		All	Chronic
PERMANENT (a - h)	a. Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)	0	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	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)	0	0
UNKNOWN	r. Unknown	0	0
15. Supportive Services.			
No supportive services found.			

III. First Time Home Ownership/Housing

- In January DHCC sent out a mailing to Section 8 Voucher recipients that made over \$35,000 for nondisabled or elderly families and \$25,000 disabled or elderly

families. This mailing went to a total of 31 families. To date 3 inquiries have been made.

- DHCC will be working the Renaissance at High Ridge developers to market ten units. Currently DHCC has 6 potential candidates that have just begun the review process.