



Dream Homes Community Center

To: Mayor Mark Boughton and the Common Council
From: Patricia Tomka, on behalf of the Dream Homes Community Center collaborative
Re: March 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 Patricia Tomka on behalf of the collaborative Leadership Team, which also includes: Rev. Phyllis J. Leopold, Jean Bowen, 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-Maji

I. Operations

- The four collaborating agencies met at the end of February to review the overall operations of DHCC. At that time it was decided that at the current time the part-time position was not needed and that the functions could be incorporated into the Program Directors functions. This decision will be reviewed again in the near future as the Point of Entry function expands.

II. Outreach & Education

- DHCC was invited to speak at a Rotary Club breakfast on March 30, 2007.

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 held a meeting and invited all Director of Social Services from all the surrounding towns. The meeting was 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

- No new information in this area this month.

III. Point of Entry

A) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

- a. AMOS House has signed up for HMIS retraining for March 28 or March 30. After the training is complete DHCC will revisit the question of data sharing and get all necessary paperwork signed and submitted to accomplish this task.
- b. DHCC has submitted all HMIS paperwork to The Town of New Milford for HMIS. We are currently waiting on a decision from the Mayor of New Milford as to if they will be proceeding with HMIS and data sharing with DHCC.
- c. At the request of the volunteers at Dorothy Day Hospitality House DHCC has set aside each Tuesday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon to be available for referrals from Dorothy Day. Dorothy Day is still no ready to ask their

guest to fill out information sheets and to participate in HMIS directly. The referral process was considered a first step.

- d. On March 21 DHCC uncovered a security access issue within the Danbury CoC. The issue was that the data entry person at City Welfare had been granted a security access level far beyond what her work required. This access was granted when the City Shelter was the only agency entering information into HMIS in 2004 and was never corrected as more agencies began using the system. The access level allowed this person to see client data, access to reports and other information when they should not have been able to. It also created some client information to be entered into the system incorrect. Further investigation by Aimee Budnick, City Welfare Director, revealed that a second person in her department also had the same access level. Both issues have been corrected by resetting access levels to their proper levels.

B) Point of Entry

HMIS Report for Danbury CoC for 2/16 to 3/15/07

HUD Annual Progress Report (HUD-40118)

Report Options:

Provider Group: Danbury CoC Unduplicated

Provider: -Select-

Operating Year Date Range: 02/16/2007 to 03/15/2007 (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:	288	5	2	2
b. Number entering program during the operating year:	27	2	1	1
c. Number who left the program during the operating year:	5	0	0	0
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year:	310	7	3	3

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of the operating year. (a+b+c=d)				
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)	310			3
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?				74
5. Age and gender.	Age	Male	Female	Other/Not given
Single Persons (from 2b, column 1)	a. 62 and over	0	0	0
	b. 51 - 61	4	1	0
	c. 31 - 50	10	7	0
	d. 18 - 30	4	1	0
	e. 17 and under	0	0	0
Persons in Families (from 2b, columns 2 & 3)	Not given	0	0	0
	f. 62 and over	0	0	0
	g. 51 - 61	0	0	0
	h. 31 - 50	0	1	0
	i. 18 - 30	0	1	0
	j. 13 - 17	1	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	
6a. Veterans Status.				
A veteran is anyone who has ever been on active military duty status.				2
6b. Chronically Homeless.				
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?				6
7. Ethnicity.				
a. Hispanic or Latino				8
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino				21
8. Race.				
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native				0
b. Asian				1
c. Black or African American				7
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander				0
e. White				14
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				0
k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match)				7
9a. Special Needs.				
		All	Chronic	
a. Mental illness		0	0	

b. Alcohol abuse	3	0
c. Drug abuse	1	0
d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases	1	1
e. Developmental disability	0	0
f. Physical disability	2	1
g. Domestic violence	0	0
h. Other (please specify)	0	0

9b. Disabled

How many of the participants are disabled? 5

10. Prior Living Situation

	All	Chronic
a. Non-housing (street, park, car, bus station, etc.)	0	0
b. Emergency shelter	10	4
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons	0	
d. Psychiatric facility	0	
e. Substance abuse treatment facility	0	
f. Hospital	0	
g. Jail/prison	2	
h. Domestic violence situation	0	
i. Living with relatives/friends	12	
j. Rental housing	1	
k. Other (please specify)	4	

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	2	1	2	1
b. \$1-150	0	0	0	0
c. \$151 - \$250	0	0	0	0
d. \$251 - \$500	0	0	0	0
e. \$501 - \$1000	2	2	2	2
f. \$1001 - \$1500	0	0	0	0
g. \$1501 - \$2000	0	0	0	0
h. \$2000 +	1	0	1	0
Source	C. Income Sources at Entry		D. Income Sources at Exit	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
a. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	1	1	1	1
b. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	1	1	1	1
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	3	1	3	1
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	2	1	2	1
12a. Length of Stay in Program (Participants who left during operating year)				
		All	Chronic	
a. Less than 1 month		1	0	
b. 1 to 2 months		1	1	
c. 3 - 6 months		2	2	
d. 7 months - 12 months		0	0	
e. 13 months - 24 months		1	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		29	6	
b. 1 to 2 months		82	20	
c. 3 - 6 months		149	49	
d. 7 months - 12 months		11	5	
e. 13 months - 24 months		30	3	
f. 25 months - 3 years		8	1	
g. 4 years - 5 years		5	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		2	1	
b. Completed program		1	1	
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		1	0	
j. Other (please specify)		0	0	
k. Unknown/disappeared		1	1	
14. Destination				
		All	Chronic	

PERMANENT (a - h)	a. Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)	2	1	
	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)	1	1	
UNKNOWN	r. Unknown	2	1	
15. Supportive Services.				
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.	Case/Care Management Referrals	PH-240.130	1	0

Point of Entry Referrals:

- 4 new clients: each client may have had multiple referrals
- Danbury Hospital – 1
- Department of Labor – 2
- Department of Social Services – 1
- Housing Authority – 1
- Emergency Aid – 1
- International Institute – 1
- We CAHR – 1

Zip Code Information Report:

- Councilwoman Taborsak has requested that DHCC provide information on zip code data for the homeless individuals that were recorded during the above HMIS report timeframe (2/16-3/15). Below is that information:

<u>Zip Code</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Number of Persons</u>
01060	Northampton	Ma	1
06351	Jewet City	CT	1
06450	Meridan	CT	1
06702	Waterbury	CT	5
06704	Waterbury	CT	1
06801	Bethel	CT	1
06810	Danbury	CT	5
06854	Norwalk	CT	1
10509	Brewster	NY	1
30165	Rome	GA	1
Don't Know			2
No Zip Code entered into HMIS			7
Person refused			2

Notes:

Don't Know- means that information was not filled in on intake form.
 No Zip Code entered – means no information status of intake form unclear.

HMIS Data Analysis

Total clients entered into HMIS by <i>all</i> Danbury CoC agencies:	1144
Identified as Chronically Homeless:	296
Identified as Military Veteran:	65
Pregnant:	55
Unemployed at time of entry:	708
Homelessness Primary Reason:	

Unemployed	158	Domestic Violence Victim	8
Substance Abuse	114	Loss of Job	8
Family Breakup	111	Criminal Activity	7
Out of Jail/Prison	110	New to Area	6
Legal Eviction	50	Family Abuse	5
Family Friend Eviction	40	Health/Safety	5
Left Voluntarily	37	Underemployment/Low Income	4
Mental Health	34	Physical Illness	4
Lack of Income	23	Disaster Victim	2
Mental Illness	20	Loss of Transportation	2
Expenses Exceed Income	19	Mortgage Foreclosure	2
Release from Institution	14	Substandard Housing	2
Medical Condition	12	Loss of Child Care	1
Divorced/Separated	10	No Reason Entered	327
No Affordable Housing	9	Total	1144

Danbury Over Flow Shelter Figures

<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
YTD	1283	1039	245	102	

New Milford Emergency Transitional Shelter

<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
YTD	334	291	43	115	

Dream Homes Community Center Collaborative - Preventing Homelessness

Total number of new clients served by the collaborative **this month:** 3

Race/Ethnicity

White 2 Black Native American Asian Hispanic/Latino 1 Other

Family Information

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

Age

0-5 1 6-12 13-17 4 18-20 21-25 26-34
 35-49 3 50-64 65+

Education Level

No High School Some High School 6 High School Diploma/GED
 Some College/Degree Graduate School Unknown 1

Income Information

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

Housing Issues

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

Contributing Factors

Substance Abuse _____ Expenses Exceed Income __ 1 __ Unemployed _____
Physical Illness __ 1 __ New to Area __ 1 __ Divorced/Separated __ 2 __
Family Abuse _____ Mental Illness __ 2 __ Other _____

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. A brochure on this project has been created and is being distributed to agencies in the Danbury area. Currently DHCC has 9 potential candidates that have begun the review process.
- Tuesday March 6, representatives from DHCC, The Housing Authority, MC Cue Mortgage, GRC Property Investment and CHFA met to discuss the Renaissance project and to see if CHFA's involvement. CHFA is very interested in the Renaissance and will decide on the extent of their involvement by March 30, 2007.