

10-YEAR PLAN TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

Management Advisory Team Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2008 ▪ **10:30 A.M.** ▪ Pitt County Development Services Conference RM

Committee Members Present: James Rhodes, Stephen Smith, Ruth Peebles, Amy Modlin, Lynne James, Paulette White, Margaret Dixon, Bob Thompson, Taylor Holder

Committee Members Absent: Lori Jones, Reverend Albert Shuler, Karen Gilkey

The MAT reviewed and accepted the January 31 meeting minutes.

Updates

Paulette has not received all of the Point in Time Count surveys and will have a month to collect surveys. Paulette reported that preliminary information will be shared at the February 21 BRTF meeting. The Point in Time Count information collected to date is as follows:

- Transitional Housing - 29
- Unsheltered - 9
- New Directions – 9
- Greenville Shelter – 45
- Lt. Phipps - TBA
- Connection with veterans – TBA

The Point in Time Count is not a true indicator of the number of homeless individuals in Pitt County. A narrative related to previous Point in Time Count data documented must be provided to explain exactly how data was collection during each year. The current network that has been created will help with determining the unsheltered homeless population in the future.

Focus Groups

Three focus groups have been held. The focus groups were diverse and helpful information to share with the BRTF has been collected. The focus group participants raised issues related to rural homelessness, foster care and access to resources were discussed.

Kathryn Lennox, Amy and Ruth will meet to determine recurring themes of the focus groups. Only detailed summaries for each focus group and overall summary will be provided to the BRTF. Summaries will be posted on the website.

The MAT discussed potential focus groups with the Latino/Hispanic community and the veterans (Vietnam Veteran Council resource).

Subcommittee meeting updates

The Transition to Independence subcommittee assigned best practices reading to committee members and added life skills and financial literacy as areas of focus. Committee members have been asked to identify the background information needed and the resource contacts that they would like to hear from by their next meeting.

The MAT identified the following resources for subcommittees: Pitt Resource Connection, Project Homelessness Connect and Pitt Voices.

Margaret will attend the next Prevention and Crisis Stabilization committee meeting.

The Services and Support committee has had a difficult time determining a focus for the subcommittee. Ruth will contact Cheryl Waters and provide the support needed to help the committee move forward.

Public Forums

The potential dates for the public forums are as follows: March 18, April 3, 8, 15, 17, 22, 24, and 29.

- St. Gabriel's Catholic Church (no longer available for public use)
- Boys and Girls Club located on NC 33 (available)
- Intergenerational Center located on West 5th Street (need to contact Lessie Bass)
- Community Schools and Recreation (available)

Additional potential public forum locations: Willis Building, Wells Chapel Church of God in Christ, Eppes Center. Cornerstone and Red Oak Christian Church are alternates to Wells Chapel Church.

Other Items

It was suggested that MAT view the movie about homeless veterans featuring actor Danny Glover.

Action Steps:

1. Paulette:
 - a. contact veterans organizations to gather information and determine if focus group is feasible (Vietnam Veteran Council and Covenant Methodist)
 - b. compile Pitt County data and send to Ruth for distribution and posting on website.

2. Ruth:

- a. contact Kathy Castillo regarding a potential focus group with the Latino/Hispanic community
- b. contact Cheryl Waters about the Services and Support committee work and recruiting a co-chair
- c. meet with Amy and Kathryn regarding focus groups and create a summary for distribution at the BRTF meeting
- d. provide MAT with public forum sample program/agenda for review at next MAT meeting
- e. send subcommittee co-chairs public forum topics, dates, potential speakers and sample program/agenda

3. Lynne:

- a. provide Ruth with the Transition to Independence subcommittee recommendations for the public forums

4. Margaret:

- a. contact Lessie Bass with the Intergenerational Center

**Next MAT meeting: Thursday, February 14 at 10:30 a.m. at
Pitt County Development Services Conference Room**