

## **10-YEAR PLAN TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS**

### **Management Advisory Team Meeting Minutes**

**July 10, 2008 ▪ 10:30 A.M. ▪ Pitt County Development Services Conference room**

Committee Members Present: Ruth Peebles, Paulette White, Margaret Dixon, Sandra Anderson, Engda Wubneh, James Rhodes, Amy Modlin, Stephan Smith, Georgia Claxton, Lynne James

Committee Members Absent: Bob Thompson, Stephanie Hinnant, Pauline High, Sandra Anderson, Lori Jones, Reverend Shuler

Guest: John Bulow, Community Action Plan and Special Projects Coordinator, United Way of Pitt County

The MAT reviewed and accepted the July 3 meeting minutes.

### **Updates**

Kiara Jones will be filming at the next MAT and BRTF meetings and produce the 10-Year Plan video.

Presentations to the City Council and County Commissioners will be made early August.

A meeting with public officials from Grimesland is scheduled for August 8.

Volunteers from the MAT may be needed to attend various small town meetings.

### **10-Year Draft Plan**

The MAT reviewed the plan and made revisions to the indicators and strategies related to Housing (Goal 2). During the next MAT meeting, the MAT will discuss comments and suggested revisions presented by the BRTF.

Several suggestions regarding revisions to the plan were made:

- Under the Definition of Homelessness - the general definition of homelessness should be presented before the definition of “chronically homeless”.
- Housing costs needs updating
- The Introduction and Face of Homeless sections must be compelling and present a case for developing the plan. The loss of housing units from the flood should be included in the plan to help build a case.

- Emerging issues should include information regarding the US economy (gas prices, foreclosures) and the rise in the number of homeless children.
- The MAT agreed that the title of the document will include “Chronic Homelessness.”

Ruth will make revisions to the plan including revisions the economic costs section and marketing plan.

The 10-Year Plan will be distributed to the BRTF on July 15. The MAT will continue to make revisions to the plan over a two week period. The “final” draft will be distributed to the public by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Presentations to the City Council and County Commissioners will be made early to mid August.

### **Action Steps:**

#### 1. Ruth:

- send a meeting reminder to the BRTF
- continue to make revisions to the draft of the 10-Year plan
- hold a phone meeting with Paulette to discuss revisions to the plan
- distribute the first draft of the 10-Year Plan as a PDF to the BRTF on Tuesday, July 15
- prepare a Power Point presentation for the BRTF meeting
- send the MAT a revised planning timeline/work plan

#### 2. Paulette:

- gather data regarding child care, the Hispanic population (seek statement from DSS and other stats related to the face of homelessness in Pitt County)
- contact Reverend Shuler regarding BRTF meeting to be held on July 17
- finalize the resource list with mission statements and websites

#### 3. Margaret:

- provide Paulette and Ruth with data/information related to daycares (cost, waiting list) and the elderly

#### 4. ALL MAT members:

- provide Ruth (and copy Paulette) with any revisions to the 10-Year Plan by noon on Monday, July 14.

**Next MAT meeting: Thursday, July 17, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon at Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church.**