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Implementation Leadership Council  
Family Service of the Piedmont Boardroom  
November 12, 2008  
11:00 A.M.

- I. Welcome
  
- II. Review and Approval of Minutes
  - October Minutes
  
- III. Old Business
  - Discharge Planning Action Team & Chair – David Miller
  - Guilford County Jurisdictional Representatives meeting – Jehan Benton
  - Jordan Institute, Cost Benefit Study - David Miller
  - Housing Recovery Act of 2008 - Mike McNair
  
- IV. New Business
  - Advocacy & Marketing Committee Update (Video/Website/Presentations)
  - Additional Items for Discussion

Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on December 10, 2008 at 11:00am.



**Ten Year Plan Implementation Leadership Council Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, November 12, 2008 @ 11:00 am – Family Service of the Piedmont Board Room

**Council Members Present:** David Miller, Keith Barsuhn, Karen Bridges, Tom Campbell, Rev. Odell Cleveland, Michael McNair, Donna Newton, Bobby Smith

**Council Members Not Present:** Sheriff BJ Barnes, Mark Konen, Paul Lessard, Raymond Payne, Billie Martin Pierce, Jim Roskelly, Andy Scott

**Also Present:** Cyndi Blue, Desha Dickson, Michelle McNair,

**Staff Present:** Jehan Benton, Myla Erwin

<b>STATUS OF ASSIGNMENTS FROM LAST MEETING</b>		
<b>WHO</b>	<b>WHAT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>

<b>PROGRESS AND DECISIONS</b> (What key decisions were made during the meeting?)	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DISCUSSION/DECISIONS</b>
<b>Opening and Welcome</b>	David Miller, Chair opened the meeting at 11:05 am and thanked everyone for attending.
<b>Review &amp; Approval of Minutes</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Approval of October 10, 2008 Minutes</li> </ul>	There were two corrections to the October 10, 2008 minutes. The correct amount of money to be dispersed through the Housing & Economic Recovery Act of 2008 is \$3.92 billion. The city of Charlotte received an additional appropriation of \$5 million. The minutes were accepted as amended.
<b>Old Business</b>  Discharge Planning Action Team Chair – David Miller  Youth Homelessness – David Miller	David reported that a meeting had been held with Judge Frye regarding chairing this action team, however, after thoughtful consideration, Judge Frye declined the invitation. There was a recent meeting with Carole Bruce to identify other potential chairs. David stressed the importance of getting this committee in place before the third quarter of the fiscal year and asked members of the Leadership Council to submit names to Jehan.  He then directed the conversation to the issue of youth homelessness. Joseph’s House and I Am Now address the issue of homeless male youth but nothing was being done to assist females, particularly those under the age of 18. Karen pointed out that for six years Youth Focus has operated a

	<p>transitional housing program for females who were pregnant, parenting or dealing with other issues. They will soon build a maternity home in Greensboro and another one is opening in Winston-Salem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mike McNair suggested that High Point could benefit from such a facility and said that the City may take possession of an older home that might be suitable for such use. When Mike mentioned houses becoming available in High Point that might be suitable for such programs, Karen asked to be kept informed of these opportunities in High Point.</li> </ul> <p>Desha reported on a meeting held earlier in the week by the United Way of Greater High Point to address services for homeless young women below the age of 18 who are not pregnant. Leslie’s House serves a different population of women with more life experience. It was agreed that others should be at the table regarding this issue. Karen added that funds are available to assist this age group with educational needs, but many of them have not completed high school and have no plans to pursue higher education. It was agreed that pregnancy should not be a criteria for providing housing for homeless youth. Youth maxing out of foster care and ex-offenders in this age range will need housing as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ David encouraged Keith to begin a similar discussion in Greensboro to address the issue of shelter for homeless female youth.</li> <li>▪ United Way of Greater High Point will hold a meeting in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to explore this issue further.</li> </ul>
<p>Housing &amp; Economic Recovery Act of 2008 – Mike McNair</p>	<p>Mike reported that under the Housing &amp; Economic Recovery Act of 2008 the state of North Carolina will be eligible for up to \$52 million. There will be a secondary application cycle in December and the allocations amounts will depend on the number of agencies submitting letters of intent. Twelve counties in the state have been identified as high need areas; depending on the criteria used, Guilford ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The City of High Point has applied for two \$5 million grants that will be used to acquire, repair and sell foreclosed or distressed properties or to acquire and demolish them. The repair work will be contracted out, and David suggested that SHARE puts ex-offenders and other under-employed individuals to work, making this an opportunity to address the housing shortage issues as well as the job training component. Under the guideline, middle income houses are eligible for purchase, making the quality and condition of the houses available ideal for some non-profit programs.</li> <li>▪ The City of Greensboro also applied for funds. Cyndi noted that five separate non-profit agencies in Greensboro had applied for between \$800,000-1,000,000 of the grants.</li> </ul>
<p>Guilford County Jurisdictional Representatives meeting – Jehan Benton</p>	<p>Jehan reported that earlier in the year, Sheriff Barnes had suggested inviting the remaining eight other towns which make up Guilford County to participate in the Ten Year Plan by appointing jurisdictional representatives to serve as contacts for receiving information and updates regarding the plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Five towns responded to the invitation to participate: Archdale, Sedalia,</li> </ul>

<p>Jordan Institute, Cost benefit Study – David Miller</p>	<p>Jamestown, Pleasant Garden and Summerfield. Stokesdale is still attempting to identify a representative; Whitsett has not been able to do so and has declined participating at this time and Gibsonville has not replied to the invitation at all.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An orientation was held for four representatives on October 27<sup>th</sup> and Jehan met with the remaining representative on November 11<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> <p>While some are not aware of any homeless individuals in their own townships, the high numbers of foreclosures and evictions in all localities made the issue relevant to them. They have offered to present the information to their respective town councils and are interested in adding a link to our website to their town’s website and posting the video on their sites. They are also considering which Community Partnership Action Team they would like to participate on. When asked whether or not the town reps would join the Leadership Council, Jehan stated that this would be something the Leadership Council would need to consider.</p> <p>David reminded everyone that the Jordan Institute had shared information at the last meeting on the cost benefit of providing permanent housing to homeless individuals and studied the cost of supportive housing based on the two year period immediately prior to providing supportive housing and two years post housing. They are currently studying the Housing Support Team program in Guilford County; a preliminary report is due the end of November. The full report will be complete at the end of two years. Karen reminded everyone that while the Task Force was looking to see reduction in the cost of services for homeless individuals, a secondary goal was to improve the quality of life for those served through our work. She added that a spike in costs associated with obtaining health care after years on the streets would level off once conditions were stabilized with medical treatment.</p> <p>Jehan said that according to the Ten Year Plan, a full and complete evaluation process is considered essential to successfully reporting the outcomes to the community as well as for future planning. The plan indicates that a multi-year effort should be conducted by a university; this group indicated that UNC-G seemed to be the most likely resources in the community to conduct such an evaluation, but agreed to consider NCA7T and High Point University. Donna noted that we would have to be clear on the project description before anyone could respond to a proposal for assistance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jehan will begin working on a project description for the December meeting. The group will look into a study about the Ten Year Plan after the first of the year.</li> <li>▪ Tom Campbell offered to provide a contact person at NCA&amp;T. It was agreed that Terri Shelton would be the contact at UNC-G and Dr. Hayes would be contacted at High Point University.</li> </ul>
<p><b>New Business</b></p> <p>Advocacy &amp; Marketing Action Team Update – Jehan Benton</p>	<p>Jehan reported that since May 2008, 13 Ten Year Plan overviews were conducted to a total audience of 1,455 people. An additional eight HOPE Team presentations were done for a total audience of 150 people. Nine individuals were trained as part of a Speakers Bureau. Currently, two HOPE Teams are in the process of working with formerly homeless clients of the Housing Support</p>

	<p>Team, three more should be active within the next month. The Homeless Prevention Coalition of Guilford County will be working again with 97.1 FM and 1510 AM to sponsor 97 hours of homelessness the second week of December. The Ten Year Plan will be featured in an hour long interview. The website should be ready for preview by Council members at the December meeting. Council members reviewed the video.</p>
<p><b>Additional Items</b> Winter Emergency Overflow</p>	<p>In response to questions from Keith, Jehan explained that the next Point in Time count would occur at the end of January. She also reported that due to an increase in the number of beds needed this past summer, shelters anticipate there will be a need for more overflow beds this winter. Grace Community Church, Daystar Christian Fellowship and First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro are willing to serve as overflow sites. The Salvation Army in Greensboro also has an additional site on Aycokk Street they will be willing to open. A Winter Shelter Committee has been meeting weekly for the past month in order to prepare for the increased need. They are working on developing a manual which will address basic operating procedures for emergency overflow shelters.</p>
<p>Greensboro Day Center</p>	<p>The Day Center Task Force in Greensboro will also be holding a meeting on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. They have selected an administrative committee which will be chaired by Rev. F. Willis Johnson and Bob Newton. They plan to hire a consultant, who should be hired by January, to develop a business plan and determine whether or not they should work under an existing non-profit or form a new one. High Point is looking at a Neighborhood Resource model that could possibly morph into a day center down the road; this effort is being led by Steve Key and David Miller.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mike suggested that the video be displayed on the public access channel and that the website be linked to the municipal websites upon its completion.</li> <li>▪ Bobby added that there is a Ministerial Alliance in High Point and suggested that Jehan contact Joe Barnes for information on how to contact them and make them aware of our efforts.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 12:20pm.</p>

<b>ASSIGNMENTS</b>		
<b>WHO</b>	<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHEN</b>
Jehan	Contact Joe Barnes at UWGHP regarding Ministerial Alliance in High Point regarding Ten Year Plan	By December 10 <sup>th</sup> meeting
Jehan	Begin working on project description for Guilford County Ten Year Plan research project	By January 14 <sup>th</sup> meeting
<b>NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 10, 2008 @ 11:00am – Family Service of the Piedmont Board Room</b>		