



Partners Ending Homelessness
Implementation Leadership Council
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, October 8th 2008
11:00 a.m.

- I. Welcome

- II. Review & Approval of Minutes

- III. New Business
 - a) UNC–Chapel Hill Jordan Institute Housing First Cost/Benefit Analysis-Dean Duncan & Adam Walsh
 - b) Sustaining the Housing Support Team project (Fundraising Strategy)
 - c) Additional items for discussion

- IV. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12th at 11:00 a.m.



Ten Year Plan Implementation Leadership Council Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2008 @ 11:00 am – Family Service of the Piedmont Board Room

Council Members Present: David Miller, Sheriff BJ Barnes, Keith Barsuhn, Karen Bridges, Tom Campbell, Rev. Odell Cleveland, Mark Konen, Michael McNair, Donna Newton, Billie Pierce, Bobby Smith

Council Members Not Present: Paul Lessard, Raymond Payne, Jim Roskelly, Andy Scott

Also Present: Michelle McNair, Dean Duncan, Adam Walsh

Staff Present: Jehan Benton, Myla Erwin

STATUS OF ASSIGNMENTS FROM LAST MEETING		
WHO	WHAT	STATUS
Jehan Benton	Hold an orientation session for jurisdictional representatives to bring them up to date on TYP. Participating are the following towns: City of Archdale; Town of Sedalia; Town of Summerfield; Town of Jamestown; and Town of Pleasant Garden.	Orientations held on October 27 th and November 11, 2008

PROGRESS AND DECISIONS (What key decisions were made during the meeting?)	
SUBJECT	DISCUSSION/DECISIONS
Opening and Welcome	David Miller, Chair opened the meeting at 11:00 am and thanked everyone for attending. Mike McNair noted that City Manager Strib Boynton’s son died on October 7 th .
Review & Approval of Minutes	Accepted as submitted.
Old Business	David mentioned that there had recently been a meeting with

<p>Eviction Prevention Initiative Plan</p>	<p>Consumer Credit Counseling Services. Several predatory business practices aimed at poor people were identified such as rent-to-own furniture stores, payday check cashing businesses and income tax preparers who charge high fees and don't take advantage of all available tax credits due the filers. He commended Desha Williams and the City of High Point on their VITA and Earned income Tax Credit program in High Point and stated that this program should be made available county wide.</p> <p>➤ David stated that this program should be made available to residents throughout the county; Mike and Michelle advised him that the program was available in Greensboro and agreed to take the lead on helping to coordinate an effort to send out joint announcements and better publicize the entire VITA program so more residents can take advantage of the program countywide.</p>
<p>New Business</p> <p>UNC-Chapel Hill Jordan Institute Housing First Cost/Benefit Analysis</p>	<p>Dean Duncan and Adam Walsh of UNC-Chapel Hill Jordan Institute have been conducting a cost study on the effectiveness of the supportive housing efforts regarding homelessness in Guilford County. They presented highlights from a study on the cost effectiveness of supportive housing based on the two year period immediately prior to providing supportive housing and two years post housing. The study was based on 21 individuals housed at the Lennox Chase complex in Wake County.</p> <p>Once individuals were placed in supportive housing, the study showed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Costs associated with incarceration decreased ▪ Costs associated with inpatient psychiatric care decreased ▪ Costs related to outpatient mental health care decreased ▪ Costs related to substance abuse treatment decreased ▪ Costs associated with medical care increased* <p>*Since many individuals did not have access to medical care prior to being housed, it is not unusual to find that medical costs spike during a two-month period after housing was provided. These costs later decrease once most health conditions are stabilized. It was also noted that medical care and dental care were not separated, and that a history of poor dental hygiene could result in the need for oral surgery which, since it is considered medical treatment, would further drive up the costs of medical care.</p> <p>When comparing Lennox Chase to the Housing Support Team program in Guilford County, it is important to remember that we are using scattered sites versus a single location such as Lennox Chase. When asked to quantify the dollar amount of resources our clients are using, Adam explained that he was not in a position to do this just yet as he was still waiting on provider information to come in and not all people will be tapping into the same systems at the same time. He explained one person might be using more</p>

<p>Sustaining the Housing Support Team</p>	<p>medical resources than another, while another has been incarcerated more than someone else, making the figures difficult to compare. David explained that we would be seeking to raise funds in the near future and would need valid numbers to present to our funders.</p> <p>➤ Dean told him that they were working on gathering information for Martha Are and should have a preliminary report from Martha sometime in November. Acknowledging the high number of HIV cases in Guilford, Dean stated that they are also doing an HIV study in Buncombe County that should be ready after the first of the year.</p> <p>When asked if there was anything in their study of Guilford County that surprised them, Adam stated he was surprised by the level of need he was seeing, especially considering the number of available resources here, and that there weren't more veterans or youth maxing out of foster care among the homeless he was encountering. Jehan reminded everyone that Joseph's House was implementing a scattered site program to serve homeless youth 18-21 who have maxed out of foster care.</p> <p>Lennox Chase cost almost \$3million to build, with much of the funding coming from local government. The City of Raleigh provided a \$600,000 loan; Wake County provided an addition loan of almost \$583,000. Grants funded the rest of the project and included \$343,000 in reserve to cover operating expenses and the first two years of salary and benefits to provide a social worker through the on-site. Much of the program's success can be attributed to having on-site case management available.</p> <p>Mitch reported that to date, the Housing Support Team has worked with 77 people; 54 people were permanently housed; an additional 3 were housed but failed to meet the criteria for our program; 10 people were in transitional housing; 2 are in a long-term treatment program waiting to enter our program; 2 are homeless and on the streets but considering joining the program while another 2 are not ready to come in; and 9 people had left the program. The program's success rate is 86 %.</p> <p>David said that the Marketing video would be shown at the next Leadership Council meeting.</p> <p>Mike shared that under the Housing & Economic Recovery Act of 2008, \$3.92 billion is being distributed across the states. He anticipated that North Carolina would receive \$52 million, with an additional \$5 million going to Charlotte. On October 9th, Mike should be able to learn how much High Point would receive but he suggested it might be as much as \$800,000 and that Greensboro would receive \$1.5 million. He will have this information available at the next Leadership Council meeting and suggested we look at</p>
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	ways of purchasing foreclosed properties to create housing for homeless individuals.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:55am.

ASSIGNMENTS		
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