



Three Rivers Community Action, Inc.

Serving people in Goodhue, Rice, and Wabasha Counties

**Goodhue County Homeless Response Team Minutes
Friendship House, 480 W 5th Street
Red Wing, Minnesota
February 2, 2010, 10:00 a.m.**

Attendance

Facilitator: Shirley Gregory, Three Rivers Community Action, Inc
Cathy Goggin, New Beginnings Pregnancy and Family Services
Emily Nelson, HOPE Coalition
Kris Kvols, Goodhue/Wabasha Sexual Assault
Jane Wassink, Red Wing Schools
Jane Whiteside
Janet Adams, Goodhue County Adult Detention Center
Jeanne Follstad, Catholic Charities Counseling
Marilyn Olson, Seniors Community Service Employment Program
Melissa Olson, Workforce Development, Inc.
Parker Quammen, Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity
Tim Sletten, Red Wing Police Department
Wendy Ahren, Goodhue County Education District

Recording Secretary: Jenae Pagel, Three Rivers Community Action, Inc

Welcome and Introductions

Welcome and introductions were made.

Approval of January 5, 2010 Minutes and February 2, 2010 Agenda

Cathy Goggin made a change to the minutes on page three, second to last paragraph; that they are funded through donations only and not grants. Janet Adams made a motion to approve the January 5, 2009 minutes with the change, and the February 2, 2010 agenda. Marilyn Olson seconded, the motion was approved.

Training Opportunities

Janet Adams said that University of Minnesota Extension and North Dakota State University Extension is presenting a lunch and learn webinar on "Research Review: Families and the Economy" on Wednesday February 10, 2010 from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

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Janet said that the Red Wing Police Department and the Goodhue County Sheriff's Department are sponsoring Minnesota Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training. The training is in memory of Detention Deputy Thomas Carroll, formerly of the Goodhue County Sheriff's Department, who strongly believed in both the mission and the benefits of CIT training. They will have 40 hours of intensive training over a five day period. CIT requires a collaborative effort between law enforcement, mental health providers, mental health advocates and consumers, criminal justice system and the community. CIT is a law enforcement approach to assist the mental health community by training police officers to understand mental illness in an effort to reduce repeat calls, reduce injuries or death to consumers and officers, and assist the mental health community to understand what is going on in the consumer's life in a time of crisis. Tim said that CIT training will assist them when dealing with a person who has a mental illness by being sensitive to the person's struggles with their illness by and developing skills to de-escalate the situation to safely resolve the crisis at hand. He is sending a couple of his officers to the training.

CoC Update

There was no meeting in December and the January meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

Program Sharing

Emily Nelson said that Community Care program has seen a dramatic increase in the last year. Their funding is down but is trying to find other sources to help these people, so they don't have to turn them away. There are no openings right now in their Transitional Housing units unless someone else drops out. They have four people, two from the jail system, in their HPRP program, and they are doing really well. These four will use their allotment from this program, but Three Rivers still has funds. They expect to hear this week about the selection of a new president for the HOPE Coalition.

Wendy Ahrens, Goodhue County Education District, said that this is a difficult time of the year as students are just coming out of the holidays and because of the weather being so cold. She said that they do many different projects with the kids to keep them motivated to stay in school. One of the big motivators is they take a group of ten kids to Ft. Meyers Florida for a week. While there they help build Habitat for Humanity homes and get school credit. They learn what hard work is but get the reward of being able to go to Florida. They work, live and do everything together. She said that it is a really good experience for the kids and makes them appreciate their families more.

Jane Wassink said that last year they were approached by someone from the United Way about purchasing backpacks for students in need. The backpacks would be filled with food and other things to get them through the weekend. She would like to contact this person again to proceed with the project.

Cathy Goggin said that they are gearing up for 2010. They are working on trying to get more funding. She said funding has been up.

Tim Sletten said that they are down three full time cops and one part time clerical position. What he is hearing about the upcoming legislative session is not good and could result in more cut backs.

Kris Kvols said things are going good. They had their first support group last Thursday (January 28, 2010). They had five people in attendance. They are looking forward to the rest of the sessions. They are also planning for Sexual Assault and Awareness month in April. She said this time of the year is normal for their number of clients to be up. She said that people always hold out through the holidays because they want everyone happy, but after the holidays they all come in. They have had more clients in the last three weeks than they have in the last two months. Tim said that they are putting together statistics from the sexual assault crimes in 2009.

Melissa Olson said that the next culinary program is set tentatively for March, 2010.

Janet shared some information about the free clinic. They opened a week ago and have over 90 volunteers trained for all of the different positions there. She said that they had five people come in the first night and they are still trying to get the word out about the clinic.

Marilyn Olson said that she now has two long term openings for her program. She doesn't know how long they will be open for at this point.

Jeanne Folstad said that funding is down and referrals are up.

Shirley Gregory said that HPRP money is available and they are trying to determine if clients are eligible for the program. She has no family homeless prevention dollars left and has a small amount of United Way funds available. She said that the Energy Assistance Program is still going and there are lots of funds left. The number of applications are up this year compared to other years.

Parker Quammen said that they will have two homes, one in Red Wing and one in Lake City. They are looking for families and applications are open still. People who are approved can take a mortgage out for somewhere between 20-30 years depending on what they can afford for a monthly payment. If they choose a 20 year mortgage their monthly payment will be right around \$600 and for a 30 year mortgage their monthly rent will be around \$450.00. The interest rate is 0%, which also helps keep the monthly payment down.

Next Meeting Date/Time: March 2, 2010 10:00 a.m. Friendship House Conference Room.