



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
July 6, 2010, 10:00 a.m.**

Attendance

Facilitator: Shirley Gregory, Three Rivers Community Action, Inc
Bonnie Jablonskie, Red Wing Housing Redevelopment Authority
Doug Foster, Common Bond
Jack Nordgaard, Senior Homework
Janet Adams, Goodhue County Adult Detention Center
Kris Kvols, HOPE Coalition
Patti Riebold, The Connecting Connection
Tim Sletten, Red Wing Police Department

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

Welcome and Introductions

Welcome and introductions were made.

Approval of May 4, 2010 Minutes and June 1, 2010 Agenda

Tim Sletten made a motion to approve the May 4, 2010 minutes and the June 1, 2010 agenda.
Doug Foster seconded, the motion was approved.

View DVD "Jail Discharge Planning: Ending the Cycle of Recidivism"

We were unable to watch the video today. Shirley Gregory will see if we can get something set up for next month. Jack Nordgaard said that if other people wanted to view it before next month he will be willing to lend his copy out. Janet Adams said that the jail was sent a couple copies of the DVD as well. She said that the Steele County jail system has really done many wonderful things with their program. Tim Sletten said that things are very different in small towns than in large cities when it comes to running the jail. He said that some small towns are able to do more things than larger cities because there are fewer inmates to keep an eye on. He said that Red Wing (Goodhue County) really has a great system and everything runs smoothly.

Training Opportunities

There are no training opportunities.

CoC Update

There are no CoC updates.

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Program Sharing

Bonnie Jablonske said that the Section 8 waiting list is sitting at 209 but they are still taking applications. She strongly encourages people on Section 8 to report any changes right away. This allows for any chance of them having to pay back rent, or even the possibility of termination from their residence. Public Housing still has a waiting list, but very few compared to the Section 8 waiting list. They have two openings at their redevelopment location and it will be market rate rent. Both openings are two bedrooms and one is handicapped accessible.

Jack Nordgaard is looking for a contact person in Pine Island and Kenyon who can help with issues related to the free clinic. They need to make sure that places are getting the flyers so people know about it, and possibly talking about it at monthly meetings. They don't have to do a lot and it will not take much of their time. Jack said that it would be nice for some of the towns in Goodhue County that are not so close to Red Wing to have friendly reminders about the free clinic. They want someone from those communities so they can give feedback to them and stay on top of the situation. Tim said the police chief in Kenyon would be a good contact person because he is very involved within the community.

Doug Foster said things are going well at Maple Hills. The long-term homeless units are full and the people in them are doing well. With the help of Jack and Veterans for Peace they have a few gardens planted at the apartments. They are busy planning their Unite to Unite which is on August 3, 2010. They have lots of fun activities planned for the night.

Patti Riebold reported that people are coming in and asking for furniture before they have a home of their own to place it. She has referred several of them to JoAnn at the Friendship House for housing. Her next shipment of supplies will go to Honduras.

Janet Adams said that they had about 20 inmates from the Dakota County jail stay at the adult detention center. They are all gone now and they are down to about 50 inmates.

Kris said that they will be hiring a new Shelter Management position within the next month. Things are going well overall at Hope Coalition.

Tim wanted to know about crime free multi-housing. Bonnie said that the outcome is very good. Background checks are considered under the crime free multi-housing. There are several different places that can check criminal histories. Tim said that the city is looking at budget cuts and he is just checking around to see where else this can be done and how often services are used locally.

Shirley Gregory said that she has camp money left to be spent.

Next Meeting Date/Time: August 3, 2010 10:00 a.m. Friendship House Conference Room.