

Region VIII Supportive Housing Development Collaborative (SDHC) Meeting

January 20th, 2014 8:30-10:30 am

Dickinson City Hall

Dickinson, ND

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

Proposed Meeting Goals:

- To gather in a spirit of collegiality and cooperation
- To receive general and specific housing-related information and updates from participants
- To review the outcomes of previous meetings including the region's short and long term housing/support service needs and priorities based on the survey results;
- To identify the region's housing/support service goals and develop the SHDC's working plan to address them; and
- To identify next steps for continued regional collaboration and communication

Meeting Participants: Cheryl Merck, Money Follows the Person; Kylie Mundt, Money Follows the Person; Suzanne Blessum, Money Follows the person; Heather Ingman, Domestic Violence; TANA Johnson, PATH Coordinator/ Homeless Case Manager; Melanie Bauer-Diekart, USDA rural development; Shirley Meyer, Sen. Heitkamp office; Jim Parke, Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council.

Facilitated by: Money Follows the Person

Welcome and Introductions, Review of the ground rules and Proposed Agenda:

Participants were welcomed to the meeting and provided self-introductions, including information about the organizations they represent.

Meeting Summary:

Heather gave a brief update on the work group that has been meeting regarding a homeless shelter. She expressed it is at a stand-still right now due to infrastructure issues and/or construction costs. It was discussed that everyone needs a new facility (domestic violence, homeless shelter, men's shelter, women's shelter, mental health/addiction). It was decided that due to confidentiality and safety issues, separate buildings would need to occupy different populations.

Tana spoke about an upcoming visit from Alex Burkhalt who is from Montana and speaking with city commissioners about a plan he has for a new housing development. It would be a 36 unit complex that would be for low income families and it would accept vouchers. They would be 2 and 3 bedroom apartments w/ a min. of 6 month lease. She stated it would also have an area for children to play and be safe for all housed there. There was discussion that 6 of the apartments would be set aside for the homeless. Other things would be in place but he needs to get the city on board with his plans. It was encouraged that Tana meet with him and the legislators that following Saturday to express the need for this type of housing in the area as well as the possibility of other infrastructure to be built.

Resource packet work group- Group will be gathering contact information for agencies in the area. Consumers will be getting a pocket sized pamphlet to carry with them while the agencies will have a more in depth packet that they will be giving to individuals so they are aware of what each agency provides.

Additional Stakeholders:

Getting other individuals to the table- Housing Authority, Southwest Region developers, City Commissioners, Law Enforcement.

****NEXT MEETING: February 11th @ 8:30-10:30 am.**

**NEW LOCATION: Southwestern District Health Unit
2893 3rd Ave West (Hwy 22 north across from Walmart or Max Hardware)**