



QUINCY & WEYMOUTH Board on Homelessness MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 24, 2009



1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- John Yazwinski, Chairperson, welcomed the members and introductions were made. Minutes of the February 24, 2009 meeting were approved, pending the striking of the last sentence in section 3.

2. FEDERAL STIMULUS – AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA)

- \$848,274 has been allocated to the City of Quincy under the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program of the ARRA. This program is a one-time infusion of federal dollars. Applicants are encouraged to focus their proposals on homeless prevention activities.
- Weymouth may be able to apply for these resources through the State portion of this program, if any local providers want to apply through Weymouth. Interested parties should contact fellow Board member John Parnaby.
- Matt Simmonds will be looking for assistance from HPRP subgrantees in fulfilling reporting requirements. Subgrantees will be required to participate in an initial report in October 2009, as well as quarterly reports and an annual report. Accomplishments under HPRP must be reported in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) or a comparable reporting tool.
- The Quincy Housing Authority will receive \$1.4 million under the stimulus for capital expenditures, which will be used for building repair, etc.

3. DTA/DHCD UPDATES

- The State legislature voted unanimously to shift shelter contracts from the Department of Transitional Assistance to the Department of Housing and Community Development. The conversion will take place on July 1, 2009.

4. MASS. INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS (ICHH) / SOUTH SHORE NETWORK

- The South Shore Network to End Homelessness was created as one of the eight regional State networks to work with the ICHH in implementing pilot projects to end homelessness. The South Shore Network was awarded \$837,913 for this pilot. About \$600,000 will be used for family housing, and about \$200,000 will be used for an emergency triage-to-housing program. Locally, Quincy Community Action Programs, Inc. will be an agency partner to the ICHH under the family housing portion, and Father Bills & MainSpring will be an agency partner to the ICHH under the individual housing portion. The Quincy/Weymouth Continuum of Care is represented on the South Shore Network by Sharon Cole, Peter Forman (of the Quincy Leadership Council on Chronic Homelessness), Sean Glennon, Normand Grenier, and Bob Quinn. Matt Simmonds is also a member of the ICHH on the state level as the data coordinator. Lt. Gov. Timothy Murray attended our regional ICHH press event at Stonehill College on February 27, 2009. John Yazwinski thanked the Board and local ICHH members for their participation at the press event.

5. UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH UPDATE

- Isabel Ventre met with a sample group of unaccompanied youth in the Quincy Public School system. They are an eclectic group of kids. For the kids whose only options are to live on the street or in emergency shelter, it would be preferable for them to be somewhat segregated from the older population staying at Fr. Bill's Place. John Yazwinski has been working on arrangements to make unaccompanied youth feel comfortable and safe if they need to stay in emergency shelter.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2009 at 9:30 A.M. in the second floor Community Room of Roche Bros. Supermarket, on Falls Blvd., in Quincy.

Present	Last Name	First Name	Organization
	Bickler	Melissa	South Shore Mental Health
X	Boisson	Karen	Quincy Commission on the Family
X	Callanan	Nancy	Quincy Planning Dept.
	Carmer	Jessica	DOVE
X	Cole	Sharon	MA Dept. of Mental Health
	Coleman	Richard	Colonial Federal Savings Bank
X	Connelly	Stephen	Quincy Planning Dept.
X	DiSante	Ed	Friends of the Homeless
	Ellison	Belinda	C.H.D., Atlantic House
	Faring	Gail	South Shore Savings Bank
X	Fitzgerald	Nicole	Father Bills & MainSpring
X	Gilmartin	Ginny	Quincy Community Action Programs
X	Glennon	Sean	Quincy Planning Dept.
	Grenier	Normand	Neighborhood Housing Services of. S.S.
	Lauser	Wendy	IMPACT Employment Services/hopeFound
	Lehrer	Jody	Weymouth Planning Dept.
X	MacKinnon	Mona	Quincy Mental Health Center
	MacRitchie	Jay	Quincy Housing Authority
	Newell	Dorothy	Friends of the Homeless
X	Newell	Herb	Friends of the Homeless
	Niles	Barbara	Quincy Housing Authority
	Olmstead	Rose Ann	South Shore Mental Health
X	Parnaby	John	Weymouth Planning Dept.
X	Quinn	Robert	Quincy Housing Authority
X	Simmonds	Matt	SimTech Solutions
	Spinks	Bill	Bay State Community Services
X	Stepansky	Michael	MA Dept. of Mental Health
	Stevens	Robert	Quincy Planning Dept.
X	Stice	Linda	Quincy Commission on the Family
X	Strollo	Beth Ann	Quincy Community Action Programs
	Vecchi	Jacquelyn	MA Dept. of Social Services
X	Ventre	Isabel	Quincy Public Schools
X	Weston	Regina	Atlantic Clubhouse
X	Yazwinski	John	Father Bills & MainSpring

Alternates/Guests:

X	Flores	Maureen	DOVE
X	Sierra	Cynthia	Manet Community Health Center