



**Siouxland Human Investment Partnership (SHIP)
Siouxland Street Project
Super Shelter Committee**

Meeting Notes from:
May 31, 2017
10:00 AM – Launch PAD Children’s Museum

Present: Jason Allen (LaunchPAD Children’s Museum); Allison Larson (Institute for Community Alliances); Matt Ohman (SHIP); Katie Roberts (Habitat for Humanity); Amy Tooley (Sioux City Housing Authority); Joe Twidwell (Warming Shelter); Barb Wingert (Women Aware)

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Day Shelter trial run report and outcomes
3. Fundraising for Day Shelter
4. Detox update
5. Warming Shelter update
6. Other updates
7. Future of emergency shelter services
8. Next meeting date – proposed time change

1. Introductions

Allison Larson from the Institute for Community Alliances introduced herself. She is part of the coordinated entry team and was hired by ICA in March 2017. Her office is located in the Center for Siouxland. Allison continues to also work part-time as the coordinator of the Sioux City College Access Network.

2. Day Shelter trial run report and outcomes

The final report for the trial run for the Day Shelter of Siouxland was shared. This four page document contains the inputs, outcomes, successes and challenges, and community partners and funding sources for the one month trial period at the Soup Kitchen.

3. Fundraising for Day Shelter

The Leadership Siouxland group raised \$3,665 of the \$50,000 goal for the first season of the Day Shelter. The group has graduated but many of the members are still committed to helping to raise funds over the summer and into the early fall. The Committee suggested that these efforts, which have been paused

momentarily, should resume and be kicked into high gear before the momentum and interest level in the community dies down. Promotion of the GoFundMe page and one-on-one meetings with businesses could result in much more funding.

4. Detox update

An updated report from the Street Project's Detox committee was shared. The report shows the community costs of not having a detox facility in place, including data from the Sioux City Police Department, Woodbury County Jail, Iowa Workforce, Iowa Department of Human Services, and both hospitals.

5. Warming Shelter update

For the past season, the Warming Shelter:

- Provided 11,700 nights of shelter at a cost of \$136,000 (around \$10 a night)
- Police and EMS calls were down 60% this year due to a new rule requiring everyone to stay and not leave and come back, as well as the construction of a controlled outdoor smoking area.
- There were no bed bug incidents
- A clothing and voucher program with Goodwill was successful

Next season:

- The Day Shelter will continue as a service of Warming Shelter, but will be in a different location (to be determined)
- The shelters hope to hire a Director/Manager, someone to coordinate
- A training to work program will be offered to residents of both shelters by Fimco. Potential partnership will allow for savings accounts to be set up to deposit some of the earnings with the intention for those funds to be used to set up permanent housing; more details forthcoming
- Clothing and voucher program with Goodwill will likely continue

6. Other updates

Amy Tooley reported that Sioux City Housing Authority's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program has committed all available funding and is fully leased at this time. SCHA is only issuing special purpose vouchers at this time including vouchers through the HUD VASH Program by VA referral, and small number of vouchers for the FUP Program (Family Reunification Program) through DHS referral. Vouchers for the regular waiting list have not been issued since March, 2017. Applicants are currently advised that the wait exceeds one year as all funding has been obligated. The President's Proposed FY18 budget may impact the Section 8 Program with a proposed 14% reduction in funding. Security Deposit Assistance may be in jeopardy if HOME or CDBG funding is eliminated. All of these factors make the issue of available shelter services more vital.

7. Future of emergency shelter services

The committee's viewpoint is that the future of the emergency shelter services are contingent upon fundraising efforts. This should be the focus of this committee's work in the near future.

8. Next meeting date – proposed time change

Some committee members can only come to meetings over the noon hour – the committee was open to the idea of scheduling all future meetings from 12-1. A next meeting date was not determined, but a doodle poll will be sent out for next month or early to mid July.