

Siouxland Street Project
9:00 - 11:30 AM, Tuesday, September 26, 2017
Sioux City Public Museum

Present: Jim Anderson (Warming Shelter); Susan Beidler (Briar Cliff University); Terrie Binneboese (United Way of Siouxland); Marcia Carlson (Siouxland Mental Health); Dee Coon (Harvest House); Ragen Cote (Downtown Partners); Rita DeJong (SHIP/BOOST); John Donovan (United Healthcare); Kristina Eagle Chasing (Briar Cliff University); Sister Shirley Fineran (Briar Cliff University); JoAnn Gieselman (SHIP/DCC); Marisela Gonzales (Briar Cliff University); Kevin Grieme (Siouxland District Health Department); Pete Groetken (City of Sioux City); Kerri Hall (SHIP); Todd Harlow (Woodbury County Sheriff's Office); Mary Hendriks (Mercy Medical Center); Jerry Hernandez (Mercy Medical Center); Jennifer Jackson (Heartland Counseling); Jamie Jacobsen (Briar Cliff University); Alison Justice (Center for Siouxland/Bridges West); Heidi Kammer-Hodge (Jackson Recovery Centers); Mark Kirkpatrick (Sioux City Police Department); Theresa Kroll (Briar Cliff University); Allison Larson (Institute for Community Alliances); Jean Logan (Community Action Agency of Siouxland); Karen Mackey (Human Rights Commission); Susan McGuire (Center for Siouxland/SCEH); Linda McKinney (business owner, 117 Pierce); Marissa Messinger (Briar Cliff University); LaShawna Moyle (Briar Cliff University); Rex Mueller (Sioux City Police Department); Ben Nesselhuff (Jackson Recovery Centers); Griselda Oliveros (Briar Cliff University); Michelle Parker (HoChunk Community Development Corp/Winnebago PTS); Stephanie Pickinpaugh (Institute for Community Alliances); Jerry Self (U.S. Senator Joni Ernst); Rox Ann Smith (Jackson Recovery Centers); Kalynn Sortino (Downtown Partners); Amy Tooley (Sioux City Housing Authority); Val Uken (Four Directions); Tasha Williams (DHS); Erika Worrell (Siouxland Mental Health); Melista (First Class Security)

Facilitators: Erin Binneboese (SHIP); Captain Lisa Claeys (Sioux City Police Department); Matt Ohman (SHIP)

- **Welcome and agenda confirmation**
Introductions were made and the agenda was reviewed
- **Information sharing - Project updates**
 - **Street Project website**
Matt Ohman reviewed the Street Project page of the SHIP website (<http://siouxlandship.org/the-siouxland-street-project>). The website contains a news/update section, minutes from community and committee meetings, and a resource guide of all services for the homeless population in the Siouxland area. Those in attendance were urged to check the resource guide to ensure that information is accurate and complete. Also available on

the website is the summary and complete report for the Interview Project conducted by Julia Kleinschmit and volunteers from Briar Cliff University – with assistance by Mercy Medical Center.

➤ **Day Shelter trial project**

Matt gave a report out on the Day Shelter trial project that took place during the month of April. A collaboration between a Leadership Siouxland group, Mercy Medical and the Warming Shelter & Soup Kitchen, the Day Shelter was open April 3rd – May 3rd, 7 days a week, from 8:30 to 4:30 each day. It was located in the front of the Soup Kitchen at 717 West 7th in Sioux City. An average of 27 individuals utilized the shelter during the day, and the largest amount of individuals at the shelter on a single day was 39 on a cold, rainy day. Through outreach services at the Shelter, 1 person found a job and 3 people found permanent housing. To see the full report, go the Street Project website:

<http://siouxlandship.org/wp-content/uploads/Day-Shelter-of-Siouxland-Trial-Period-2017-Final-Report.pdf>. The Day Shelter is being adopted as part of the Warming Shelter and will open at the same location beginning November 1, 2017.

Melista, a security guard with First Class Security, was on site for the Day Shelter trial period working security. Melista gave those present some insight on the population that was served and the help that was given via the community organizations that did outreach. Melista stated that she informed those utilizing the Day Shelter that the Shelter was not being funded with government funds, but with community funds. She stated that some of the users of the Shelter were pleasantly surprised that the community cared for their welfare – many in this population are under the impression that the community does not care about them.

➤ **Warming Shelter update**

Jim Anderson and Jerry Hernandez, members of the Warming Shelter Board of Directors, shared that the

Shelter will open November 1st for its fifth season and remain open until April 30th. This year they are adding the Day Shelter during the season, once again located in the front of the Soup Kitchen. The Day Shelter's hours are 8:30 AM until the Soup Kitchen serves its evening meal. The Warming Shelter opens at 5:30 PM and closes at 8:30 AM. The Warming Shelter accepts people in any condition – as long as they are respectful of others staying at the Shelter. Last year there were 159 EMS calls to the Warming Shelter, compared to 600 calls just a few years ago. This is due to new rules being put into place to make the shelter safer. Joe Twidwell has met with the Mayor and an interested business to talk about the potential providing work with pay for those utilizing shelter during the day. More info is forthcoming on this as it develops. It costs \$221,000 to run the Shelters during the season, and would cost \$450,000 to run 365 days a year. The organization is accepting donations and needs support from the business community to continue to prevent people from freezing to death during the cold winter months. Also needed: organizations to provide outreach during the Day Shelter operations. A calendar will be sent out to the community with sign-up times.

➤ **Rapid City Detox visit**

Erin Binneboese and Chief Rex Mueller of the Sioux City Police Department reported out on the trip the Detox Committee took to Rapid City, SD on September 11, 2017. Frank LaMere also made the trip to Rapid, but was unable to attend today's meeting, so a packet of materials Mr. LaMere put together was shared: The Committee met with the City-County Alcohol and Drug Program (CCADP). Pennington County has partnered to address the need in Rapid for detox, alcohol and drug abuse prevention, homelessness, and advocacy among the disaffected and addicted population there, most of which are Native Americans. The County and the City split the costs of operation of the CCADP equally with their budget being supplemented by a host of local groups, most notably the local hospital and McArthur

Foundation. There is little buy-in there from Indian Health Services.

The Detox committee has also been in touch with Representative Steve King, and Senator Joni Ernst had a representative (Jerry Self) present at today's meeting.

The members of the committee stated that replicating the facilities in Rapid City here in Siouxland would be beneficial for the community – and could become a reality if all parties are willing. Detox Committee will continue working.

➤ **Four Directions update**

Val Uken, the Care Coordinator at Four Directions, the Native American Community Center, reported that due to the building being sold by its owner, Four Directions will be closing on or around October 10th. Frank LaMere is working on securing another site. In the interim, Four Directions will likely have administrative offices at HoChunk Center, and an area provider will likely temporarily oversee the shuttle that takes patients from Sioux City to Winnebago Hospital three times daily. More information and details will be shared over the next several weeks.

➤ **Coordinated Entry: A Community Effort**

Stephanie Pickinpaugh with Institute for Community Alliances did a presentation on the coordinated entry system that she and Allison Larson are working on. The purpose of this system is to stitch together existing programs, connect homeless individuals to the best resource for them, ensure every homeless individual is known by name, assist based on their unique needs, and match based on the right housing fit. To see the PowerPoint, visit the website:

<http://siouxlandship.org/the-siouxland-street-project/>

• **Committee work & action planning**

The Committees were given action planning documents. Each Action Plan has a timeline of one year, with a long-term project goal, short-term objective and project activities to achieve these goals.

➤ **Detox Committee**

Committee is working on establishing a budget for a Sioux City detox center. They are also going to start tracking frequency of those utilizing hospital for detox and police for public intox.

➤ **Super Shelter Committee**

Committee's long-term goal is to have an emergency shelter open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Committee talked a lot about aligning with the detox committee as these needs go hand-in-hand and it would be ideal to have detox and emergency shelter services housed together. Dee Coon has Harvest House – a potential building that could be utilized in the stockyards area of town (1804 Dace Avenue). She has wanted to turn this into a shelter, but the property has been badly vandalized and would need complete renovations. Harvest House is a 501c3 organization. An emergency shelter would need an agency to step up and take it on. What social service agencies will commit to providing outreach?

➤ **Intake & Outreach Committee**

Committee's first project objective is to **design and conduct another survey of homeless individuals**. In one month's time, Lisa Claeys will review the previous survey, the group will write a new survey to include the previous questions, and find individuals to conduct the survey. Committee's second project objective is to **increase public awareness through public service announcements**. Lisa Claeys and Ragen Cote will write public service announcements. The Committee's third objective is to **raise funds to meet the needs**.

• **Adjourn**

Committees will continue to work on their action planning and the Community will come together again in January.

