

Minutes
Homeless Taskforce
MEETING DATE: March 7, 2007
United Way

Taskforce Members

Rev. Cheryl Jefferson Bell Sue Castile Gypsy Claar Connie Dietz
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Ex officio members: Winston Brooks Bill Buchanan George Kolb Ron Holt

Welcome

Jack Focht called the meeting to order at 7 a.m.

New Business

Discussion of Intro/Community Needs Section

Staff created a first draft of the introduction and community needs section of the Task Force report. Discussion covered pieces that are missing, errors and changes in wording. The group also provided direction for future written work. Some of the items discussed follow:

1. Narrow focus of the Chronically homeless (determined at last meeting to be the focus) makes writing report and coming up with a plan difficult.
 - o What about children?
 - o A lot of services the task force discussed are directed at other homeless, not the chronic. If these solutions are left out of report, it should be pointed out that there is a gap of services for those who are homeless by circumstance.
2. Idea to contact each provider and have them give a one-page synopsis of what they do that would be included in the appendix.
3. Community comments should be included after we take report to them.
4. A one-page executive summary should be created for the first page of the report after the full report is finished and suggestions are firm.
5. One section of plan should refer to what has been done from past plans and what has not.

Focht then introduced Rachelle Moody, a Sedgwick County Human Services employee, who is working on the affordable housing portion of the plan with him and Mary K. Vaughn. Moody gave an overview of the affordable housing section that the task force will have for their review at the next meeting.

Focht closed the meeting by asking the Task Force if anyone knew anything about Atlanta's homeless plan. He has heard a lot about it but doesn't know the details. Focht also mentioned that Luella Sanders will have a more complete explanation of the Point in Time count results at the next meeting. Before closing the meeting Focht urged Task Force members to approach mayoral candidates to find out their views on solving homelessness.

Adjourn

Having no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m.