

**Greater Bridgeport Area Continuum of Care
Housing Production Committee
September 21, 2005
Minutes**

Present: Judy Sklarz-United Way, Valencia Taft-Jackson-People’s Bank, Kathy Hunter-City of Bridgeport, Angie Staltaro-City of Bridgeport, Rose Christy-City of Bridgeport, Paul Mendes-Mt. Avery Baptist, Jim Bombaci-Hallbrooke, Mike Skrebutenas-Bridgeport Housing Authority, Carol Walter-CARC

The group reviewed 2005 and 2006 action items from the Ten Year Plan and identified individuals in the community whose participation we will need and leaders who can champion goals.

Name	Organization	Who will contact	Why
Nick Calace	Bridgeport Housing Authority	Merle Burke Schlessel	Networking-join leadership group
Duncan Yetman	Town of Stratford	?	Connect to Stratford HA
Mark Burnhart	Town of Fairfield	Meghan Lowney (cw)	Fairfield HA
Bigelow Tea		Judy Sklarz	Suburban Employer-political sway
Local Initiatives Support Corporation		Kathy Hunter	Assistance with business plan
Bob Kantor	Fannie Mae	Kathy Hunter	Connection between plan and “deep dive” initiative
Pat Spring	CT Housing Coalition	Kathy Hunter	TA
Janice Elliott	CSH	Kathy Hunter	TA
Mutual Housing		Carol Walter	Participation
Betsy Crum	Women’s Institute	Carol Walter	TA
Ann Robinson	Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust	Jim Bombaci	Participation

Mike Skrebutenas from the Bridgeport Housing Authority talked about a number of projects which BHA is pursuing. Mike is responsible for overseeing completion with the Father Panic Village relocation project which has stalled over recent years. BHA owns the former Park City Hospital and has plans to convert the site to 110 units of elderly housing. Looking at the numbers, there are not enough former Father Panic residents who fit the criteria, so they are looking to use up to 40 units for supportive housing serving homeless. There are a number of federal, state and local hurdles to clear in order to make this happen and Mike will keep the group apprised. It was suggested that Mike attend the Public Policy committee meeting so that they can strategize around government and community support for the project.

Kathy Hunter filled the group in on the “Deep Dive” neighborhood designation with Bridgeport recently won through Fannie Mae. Bridgeport’s east end will be the focal point of the project which targets resources to affordable housing and economic development.

The next meeting was scheduled for **Monday, October 12th at 2:00 PM**, to be held at United Way. It is the hope of the group that some of the parties we identified for participation will be able to attend, so the group can begin working on a business plan for housing development.