

**Greater Bridgeport Area Continuum of Care
Public Policy and Information Committee**

January 10, 2007

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Tony Bonetti, Natalie Matthews, Carol Walter, Andrew Martinez, Mark Barnhart, Tom Bergvik, Kate Kelly, Maxine Boykin, Carl Hendes, Angie Staltano, Victoria Furey, Rose Christy – Co-Chair, Jim Bombaci – Co-Chair, Judy Sklarz, Lori Wilson, David Rich, Kathleen Hunter, and Margaret Peabody

- I. Introductions
- II. Report on Meeting with Bridgeport Housing Authority
 - a. Discussed Meeting with BHA on December 20, 2006 with Nick Colace, Mike Skrebutenas, Carol Walter and Jim Bombaci
 - b. Discussed Wraparound Service Pilot
 - i. Discussed leveraging housing for wrap around pilot from BHA and leveraging services from existing organizations. BHA said Iranistan, a 3 family home, could be used toward the units needed for the pilot.
 - ii. Discussed the Medicaid Rehab Option as a potential funding source for services in pilot. Medicaid Rehab Option is fee for service and is service specific. A complexity to add later on as services will be leveraged from existing providers.
 - iii. Connection of HMIS with Pilot in a specific way to do service planning among providers providing wraparound services.
 - iv. Possibly including an evaluation component of the pilot
- III. 2007 Legislative Session
 - a. Discussed the three items the Public Policy and Information Committee selected as priorities for the GBACoC and the legislative breakfast being planned for early February.
 - i. Expansion of Beyond Shelter CT
 - ii. Expansion of Rental Assistance Program
 - iii. Funding for the second phase of the Next Steps Initiative
 - b. Discussion around the Production Committee of the Reaching Home Campaign and the need to look beyond the Next Steps Initiative.
 - c. Comment made on HOMEConnecticut and the need to include language concerning overlay incentives in inclusionary zoning to make the potential development of supportive housing a part of the HOMEConnecticut plan
- IV. Update of Pipeline Chart
 - a. Updated each project currently on pipeline and identified the year the project entered the pipeline either an original project labeled FY2006 or FY2007.
 - b. To date in FY 2007, 59 units have entered the pipeline with 120+ beds.
 - c. Removed three projects from pipeline as they are open and occupied: RNP East End Partnership, Hall-Brooke Homestead, and CWF SHP as of Jan. 18th.

Next Meeting of the Housing Committee will be Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at 2 PM at the United Way of Eastern Fairfield County, 75 Washington Street, Bridgeport.