

Safety Net Task Force
March 14, 2006

Agenda:

Introductions
Redbook discussion
Other committee work
Other
Next meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 2006

Summary of discussion:

The meeting began at 2:05.

Chris Kelly announced that United Way is willing to share their data base with us which will make putting together the (little) Red Book much easier. When the data is received, Chris will take a look at it and offer some suggestions about how we move forward. The data should be given to us within the next three weeks and will hopefully be available at the next meeting for review.

The task force is eager to begin the work of constructing the book.

We discussed a “**wish list**” for the book and came up with the following suggestions: accessible to the population we serve(available at libraries, hospitals, post office, prisons etc), user friendly, available electronically for agency use, include a map of where services are, cross reference various services, include links to other agencies and organizations, include local AA/NA meetings, include standing job training opportunities, bi-lingual copies, inquire as to whether we can get some space in the Hispanic yellow pages, advertise the publication through Lamar Advertising or Connecticut Post, use a font size that is easily read, include historic information about Bridgeport and quotes from homeless or formerly homeless individuals, ask the consumer group to review book for accuracy, etc.

The group is in agreement that we should look for interns from various schools to help collate the book. The tentative plan for distribution is late summer, 2006.

Funds will be needed to print and assemble the book. The United Way may have money available through their *Destination Home Project*. If/when that money becomes available; a call for proposals will be made. In the interim, task force members might want to begin working on a draft for the proposal. **This should be further discussed at the next meeting and therefore added to the agenda.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:05

Respectfully Submitted
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