

[RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT]

2009 Funding

CITY

One committee briefing, seven individual briefings and two budget hearings were held for City Council. The Mayor's budget proposes to provide a one-time, contract period adjustment for two grants. This enables Rebuilding Lives and CDBG funding to be relatively consistent on a month-to-month basis. A note of caution though -- 2010 contracts will need to be for full 12-month allocations and at the 2008 monthly rate an additional \$666,824 will be required. To offset some additional operational costs associated with increasing demand, CSB has requested that Council provide an additional award of \$343,165 for 2009. We await Council's decision in early February. Outreach to new council members is underway.

COUNTY

We are very pleased that the Franklin County Commissioners approved a 2008 supplemental appropriation of \$697,000 to fill the gap between the intended 2008 contract award of \$3,250,000 and the actual funds provided through collections of the real estate transfer fee. This hold harmless funding will allow us to keep the doors open to critically needed services, for the Safety Net of emergency shelter, and Rebuilding Lives permanent supportive housing. Thank you to all who helped advocate for this support. We intend to continue the conversation about a supplemental appropriation for 2009 to fill any gap between RETF collections and the contract maximum of \$3,000,000 as well as advocate for an additional grant of \$325,000.

UNITED WAY

United Way awarded initiatives funding for Rebuilding Lives in the amount of \$198,409 for the current fiscal year. This award results in making CSB's combined United Way Rebuilding Lives awards flat from last year. For 1/1/2010 and beyond, preliminary funding decisions by United Way, via their new competitive application process, are expected in mid-March.

Increasing Housing Costs

Within the ten-year span of 1996 to 2006, the cost of housing has grown by 66% with only a 36% increase in income for home-owning households. Renters are feeling this swell as well, with renting costs increasing by 51% and a mere 31% increase in renter household incomes.

Source: Stretched Thin: The Impact of Rising Housing Expenses on America's Owners and Renters, www.nhc.org/pdf/pub_stretchedthin_2008.pdf

Special Edition: HUD Secretary Announcement

Corporation for Supportive Housing – 12/15/2008 – Editorial

New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development Commissioner Shaun Donovan has been named to head the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Donovan will be entering the Obama Cabinet with an extensive background in affordable housing work. While working on the Clinton administration, Donovan served as the deputy assistant secretary for multifamily housing at HUD, and later worked as acting commissioner of the Federal Housing Administration. Since being named Commissioner in 2004, Donovan assisted New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg in implementing his plan to construct and conserve nearly 165,000 affordable housing units by 2013, and has directed a \$7.5 billion plan with the intent of putting a half-million workers into affordable housing.

[PROGRAM UPDATES]

Family System

The family system continues to manage the demand for shelter in ways to reduce the need for overflow. There have been zero nights of hotel use for homeless families since November 2008.

The Family System has identified the need for key partnerships to meet special needs of families. A representative of the family system met with the Executive Director of Franklin County Children's Services to begin discussions of a formal partnership. The Family System would also like to develop partnerships with the health care system.

Adult Shelter System

Winter Overflow for the emergency shelters has operated without serious problem to date. The severe weather trigger of temperatures below 25 degrees has come into play recently. With the additional overflow capacity provided by the renovated space at the Faith Mission on 8th Avenue shelter, the system has been able to accommodate demand.

Critical Access to Housing

The Critical Access to Housing initiative continues to focus on persons with the most critical needs related to health and safety. Throughout the month, Outreach has worked with individuals camping on the banks of the Olentangy River near Battelle and along the bike path, as well as an area near Confluence Park. Outreach staff continues to engage and offer services to these individuals.

CAH is a Rebuilding Lives project to engage people experiencing street homelessness who are staying in places where there are identified health and safety concerns, or otherwise need critical care and focused attention to secure housing through. CAH has three components: (1) additional permanent supportive housing units targeted to persons experiencing street homelessness, (2) enhanced street outreach focused on persons with the most critical needs related to health and safety and (3) coordinated intervention by public and private partners, including service providers, local government, law enforcement, and faith-based groups.

2009 Point In Time Count

The 2009 point in time count scheduled for January 27 is being coordinated by the Homeless Count Workgroup of the Continuum of Care Steering Committee. Volunteers are being recruited, trained, and assigned as needed to conduct a comprehensive count, which is a requirement of HUD. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Tiffany Nobles at tnobles@csb.org or 221-9195 ext. 117.

Direct Client Assistance

CSB's Direct Client Assistance programs (Direct Housing, Family Housing Collaborative and Stable Families) received a targeted review of all applicable administrative and program standards, as part of the Program Review & Certification process. The review team found CSB to be in full compliance with all applicable standards, and no findings were noted.

Foreclosure Assistance

Fannie Mae recently announced a stop to evicting renters when a building's landlord goes into foreclosure. These renters will be allowed to remain in their homes and Fannie Mae has committed to helping them sign new leases or relocate.

[REBUILDING LIVES]

Statewide Alliance Applies for PSH Funding

The Ohio Supportive Housing for the Homeless Alliance (OSHHA), for the development of permanent supportive housing units across Ohio, is calling for the Ohio Housing Finance Agency's Housing Investment Fund to supply \$1 million to launch the PSH Gap Program. Stretching across Ohio, the PSH Gap Program would initially be employed in Columbus, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Dayton, and with these preliminary funds, 285 supportive housing units would be covered. This effort responds to the Rebuilding Lives strategy around developing an additional 1,400 units of permanent supportive housing. If \$1 million is provided by OHFA, the PSH Gap Program will leverage \$2.7-\$3 million more in funding for new and existing PSH across Ohio.

OSHHA is a newly formed statewide alliance to create and implement a public policy advocacy agenda that supports the development of permanent supportive housing units across Ohio as a solution for long-term homelessness.

County Neighborhood Stabilization Program Fully Funded

HUD approves \$29.7 million in neighborhood stabilization plans for six Ohio Communities hard-hit by foreclosure.

Franklin County applied for and received \$5.4 million in Neighborhood Stabilization funds. \$250,000 will benefit the new Inglewood Court supportive housing development by Community Housing Network and Maryhaven. \$1,250,000 will benefit the new Edgehill Place supportive housing development by Volunteer of America of Greater Ohio and Goodwill. These grants will partially fulfill the County's \$6 million commitment to new supportive housing under the Rebuilding Lives plan.

HUD's Neighborhood Stabilization Program was created under the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 and provides nearly \$4 billion to every State and certain local communities experiencing particularly high foreclosure problems and risk of property abandonment.

USHS and Southpoint Place Pilot

Southpoint Place has reached full lease up on all family units (Rebuilding Lives and Non-Rebuilding Lives units). The ADAMH affiliated units are also fully leased up. The Unified Supportive Housing System (USHS) thanks all those who were involved in the lease up process for their hard work. Two vacancies still remain in the single adult HUD Chronically Homeless units, but should be filled by January 31.

The Strategy Team continues to work on the evaluation of the Southpoint Place Pilot. It is currently collecting and analyzing data for Southpoint.

USHS and Move Up Pilot

USHS is currently planning the Move Up Pilot, the 2nd pilot for the system. Two workgroups will meet to plan the design and implementation of the pilot over the next six months. The first workgroup, the Design Workgroup, will begin meeting at the end of January and will conclude in April. This workgroup is composed of representatives from supportive housing projects, behavioral and mental health organizations and ADAMH, CMHA and CSB. The Center for Urban and Community Services will support this project by providing national best practices research and recommendations.

The Strategy team is working with the Policy Council and Design Workgroup to create a logic model and evaluation plan for the Move Up Pilot.

[CSB NEWS]

CSB Gateway – a new, simpler process to establish a partnership agreement

The updated Rebuilding Lives plan, released in June 2008, recommended that the community funding processes for homeless programs be streamlined to be more efficient and effective. CSB has been working to identify redundant and burdensome processes that can be eliminated. This new effort will leverage available technology through CSB's updated website as well as be derived from intentional efforts to implement a single, streamlined process for

Partner Agency Agreements. The updated application and contracting process will be comprehensive of all programs that receive CSB funding, must adhere to Rebuilding Lives Funder Collaborative requirements, and participate in the local Continuum of Care funding process. As most funding (HUD and CSB) is generally based on historic funding levels, submission of applications sufficient for competitive review creates significant burden to agencies to prepare and to CSB to analyze.

CSB has coined this new process to be: CSB Gateway - a new, simpler process to establish a partnership agreement. Please see the attached document for a full explanation of this new process.

The key elements of the CSB Gateway are:

- < Simplified documents and forms
- < Single submission for all programs
- < Updated standards
- < Earlier issuance of contracts
- < Increased Partner Agency input
- < Non-competitive funding for renewal programs
- < Transparency of proposed funding levels
- < Consolidation of programs where possible
- < Compatibility with the Rebuilding Lives plan new strategy implementation

Application materials will be released to agencies on February 6, and completed applications will be due to CSB on March 13.

Tours

In December, CSB provided a tour of the YWCA Family Center for Mark Corna, Sophia Corna, and Jim Negron from Corna Kokosing. Thank you to Jeff Lyttle and Melissa Ingwersen from JPMorgan Chase for assisting with this tour. Also in December, Janelle Simmons and Todd Tuney from Limited Brands toured Rebecca's Place, an emergency shelter for women. We were also pleased to provide a tour to Colleen Buzza, who has recently joined the CSB board; Colleen visited the Volunteer's of American men's shelter and Community Housing Network's Briggsdale Apartments. Angela Cornelius Dawson, the Director of the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, toured Commons at Grant in reference to the PSH Gap Program.

We invite you to refer groups that might have an interest in homelessness. If you would like to schedule a tour with an individual or company, please contact Chris Kloss at 221-9195 ext. 113 or cfkloss@csb.org.



L to R: Melissa Ingwersen, Sophia Corna, Mark Corna, Cynthia Lazarus, Barbara Poppe and Jim Negron.

CSB Gives Back

In lieu of an annual staff holiday party, CSB staff members cooked and served dinner at the YWCA Family Center on January 16. The staff also prepared 50 extra meals and delivered them to Friends of the Homeless – Rebecca's Place.



L to R back row: Mike Madry, Lianna Barbu, Anita Avant, Dave Davis, Denise Ansbach, Angela Stoller Zervas and Barbara Maravich. L to R front row: Tina Rowe, Barbara Poppe, Keiko Takusagawa, Janet Bridges, Sara Loken and Melissa Kempf.



Mike Madry – project team leader & Live United coordinator.



Anita Avant



Melissa Kempf

Headlines from the Frontlines: The Economy's Impact on Social Services

The Columbus Metropolitan Club's upcoming forum, "Headlines from the Frontlines: The Economy's Impact on Social Services", will feature a panel of experienced guests to address current economic challenges. Barbara Poppe is among these featured panel members. The January 28 forum is now open for registration on the CMC website at www.columbusmetroclub.org.

Governance Policies

CSB's board of trustees has completed two years of planning to modify its Governance Policies based on new strategic look into the future. The updated Governance Policies are available at www.csb.org.

JPMorgan Chase Community Advisory Board

We are pleased to announce that Barbara Poppe has been invited to join the JPMorgan Chase Community Advisory Board for the 2009-2010 term. The purpose of the board is to ensure open communication between Chase and its community-based partners. Members serve as a resource regarding community development needs and issues, they connect Chase to community opportunities and share ideas regarding public policy issues.

Personnel Update

Denise Ansback has joined the CSB team as the new **Program Manager for Direct Client Assistance**. Denise has been with the Ohio State University since 2002, where she developed procedures and policies for their information system, as well as provided training. She earned her bachelors degree from Rutgers University. Denise is energetic and a welcomed addition to our staff.

Angela Stoller-Zervas has tendered her resignation to accept the position of Supportive Services Manager with Community Properties of Ohio. We commend Angela for the significant contributions she has made to our prevention, family and direct client assistance programs. We wish her well in her new position, which begins February 1.

In light of budget constraints, we are eliminating the position of Assistant Director of Programs & Planning and instead recruiting for qualified candidates for **Program Manager of Family Services**. If you know of qualified candidates, please refer them to us and pass along the enclosed position description. Also feel free to contact us to discuss any potential candidates that come to mind. We can be reached at PMFS@csb.org or (614) 221-9195.

CSB recently welcomed two **interns** from The Ohio State University, Rachel O'Connor and Kaitlyn Berle, into the office. Rachel is working on Program Review and Certification, while Kaitlyn will be helping out with the Communiqué and additional writing.

Enclosures

- < CSB Gateway – a new, simpler process to establish a partnership agreement
- < Like Many States, Ohio Reaches for a Lifeline
- < February calendar