

[CRISIS RESPONSE]

YMCA Winter Overflow Site Closes

The temporary winter overflow shelter closed on March 31, two weeks later than planned because of inclement weather. The YMCA of Central Ohio held a community meeting on April 3 to meet with Franklin Township residents to evaluate the community's satisfaction with the overall operation of the winter overflow shelter. The YMCA is considering issuing a survey to collect feedback from community residents who participated in the good neighbor community meetings.

The YMCA worked with overflow participants to move them into regular shelter beds. Ramping down of the overflow shelter does continue to present a challenge since the capacity in the single adult system is fixed. The success of this process is attributed to the collaborative expertise and efforts of the Coordinated Point of Access operated by HandsOn Central Ohio, the YMCA of Central Ohio, and the single adult shelter providers. Winter overflow continued through April 15 at a decreased level at all single emergency shelters.

CSB thanks YMCA of Central Ohio, HandsOn Central Ohio, Faith Mission/Lutheran Social Services, Friends of the Homeless/Southeast, Maryhaven and Volunteers of America for their diligent and compassionate work to make sure no one requesting shelter had to face a dangerously cold night on the streets.



In 2011, Daniel told us how CSB and our partner agencies saved his life. In 2013, he is back to give an update you won't want to miss.

**Save the Date
– June 5**

**Together
Rebuilding Lives**

Wednesday, June 5,
2013
12:00-1:00 pm
Columbus Convention
Center

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HUD Redefines 'Chronic Homeless'

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development released a new proposed rule for the chronically homeless definition. The new definition of an episode of homelessness is very tight, requiring that a person must have documented homelessness on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years, where the cumulative total of the four occasions is at least one year. This is the new requirement to be considered chronically homeless and therefore eligible for supportive housing. In Columbus and Franklin County, the current definition of an episode is at least 7 days homeless, with a 30-day break between episodes. Under this current definition, a person can be deemed chronically homeless after 28 days of documented homelessness broken up by a cumulative 90-days of non-homelessness.

HUD's more restrictive definition will impede the ability to fill supportive housing units that have chronic homeless designation and will prevent CSB from housing those who do not yet meet the new criteria. This will result in an increase in the number of disabled, long-term homeless individuals in emergency shelters and on the street.

HUD is accepting public comments on the new definition until May 28. CSB submitted comments asking HUD not to implement the proposed definition as written and to continue to explore other definitions that will help communities reduce their homelessness. CSB's provider agencies are strongly encouraged to submit comments as well. More information can be found within the [Federal Register](#), and comments can be submitted via [HUD's special web page for regulations](#). For a copy of CSB's comments or for more information, contact Lianna Barbu at lbarbu@csb.org

Leadership Council Visits DC

The National Alliance to End Homelessness hosted a meeting of its Leadership Council in Washington DC on April 8, 9 and 10. The Leadership Council met with officials from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the Veterans Administration.

Members of the Leadership Council then spent time meeting with their members of congress and senate to discuss various issues, including HUD McKinney-Vento appropriations, HUD low-income housing reform, Runaway and Homeless Youth funding, and veteran homelessness. Michelle Heritage met with staff in the offices of Congressman David Joyce, Senator Sherrod Brown and Senator Rob Portman.

Leadership Council members also participated in a press conference on the release of a report on [The State of Homelessness in America 2013](#). The National Alliance to End Homelessness released its annual report on the economic, housing, and demographic factors that impact homelessness. The report includes national as well as state-by-state data and trends.

Michelle Heritage chairs the Leadership Council of the National Alliance to End Homelessness. Representatives of cities and states that are on the forefront in addressing homelessness participate in the Leadership Council, aimed at building a national network of leaders on the issue. Members of the Leadership Council work together to identify best practices and advance shared federal policy goals.

[GATEWAY]

One-on-One Meetings Underway

The Gateway review process is moving along, with CSB and its partner agencies discussing ways to work together to improve the system. Last month, partner agencies submitted their FY14 Gateway applications, and CSB staff undertook a full review of all submissions. Currently, CSB and the agencies are conducting their annual spring one-on-one meetings, which will continue through the end of April. Final funding recommendations will be made to CSB's Board of Trustees at its May 24 meeting and FY14 Partnership Agreements will be issued beginning May 28. Any questions about the Gateway process should be directed to Noel Welsh, Grants Administrator, at nwelsh@csb.org or 614-221-9195 x112.

[IN THE SPOTLIGHT]

Housing is Out of Reach for Low-Wage Workers

The National Low Income Housing Coalition released its [Out of Reach 2013](#) report which captures the gap between wages and rents across the country. The Fair Market Rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Columbus is \$782. In order to afford that, a worker must earn \$15/hour and work at least 40 hours/week. In Ohio, a minimum wage worker earns an hourly wage of \$7.85, meaning they would have to work 77 hours a week to afford a 2-bedroom apartment.



Leadership Society members and their guests at the YWCA Family Center: Mark Hartford, Tim Stehle, Mary Lou Langenhop, Jane Stehle, Carolyn Prince, Brandon Matney, Maximilian Skarzynski, Leigh Wobst and Franck Wobst.

Leadership Society Meal Serving

In March, members of the Bailey Cavalieri Leadership Society participated in a meal serving at the YWCA Family Center. This is the second of several events for Leadership Society members with the goal of providing them an opportunity to see the impact they are making first hand.

New Program Manager

CSB has hired a new Program Manager for its direct client assistance programs. Denise Ansback tendered her resignation to pursue another opportunity closer to home. Her last day with CSB was April 29. Becky Jacobson joins CSB with a broad range of experience in customer service, communications, database administration and office management. Becky previously held positions in both marketing and benefits coordination for an organization that operates assisted living for seniors.



Tour Update

In March, Leadership Society members Tim and Jane Stehle visited the Commons at Livingston. Bruce Soll, Ted Adams and Doug Williams with Limited Brands toured Rebecca's Place in early April.

Upcoming Meetings

< Check out the interactive calendar at www.csb.org under Resources for our Partners < Meetings