

**NEWBERG AFFORDABLE HOUSING
ACTION COMMITTEE –EDUCATION/OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 26, 2010
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Newberg City Hall
Permit Center Conference Room
414 E. First Street, Newberg, OR**

I. Open meeting. Mr. Beam opened the meeting.

II. Roll Call. Subcommittee Attendees: Denise Bacon
Stuart Brown
Doug Bartlett

Absent members: Cathy Stuhr (excused)

Guests: Polly Siler, Love Inc.
Lee Means, YCAP
Deborah Cathers-Seymour

City Staff: David Beam, Economic Development Planner

III. Approval of March 10, 2010 meeting summary: Unanimously approved.

Program Development:

The entire meeting was devoted to the discussions with representatives of local group/transitional housing organizations. Four organizations completed and returned survey questionnaires (attached.) Three of the organizations were represented at the meeting. Due to a scheduling conflict, the Thugz Off Drugz representative was unable to attend.

The following is a summary of the guests comments:

Polly Siler of Love Inc,

225 volunteers, 3 paid staff
Women/Children shelter
Most clients live in area; ½ have jobs; most on Section 8
Great need in area for mens' shelter (closest in McMinnville)
Medical/dental clinic coming soon
Average # of persons served per night: 8
Exit interviews done and future plans prepared when clients leave
City can help by continuing supporting the program. Always looking for more partners.
Dream: to have old apartment complex or hotel for clients. Have an on-site case manager and mentors. Deliver "wrap around services".

Lee Means of YCAP

27 family waiting list; average family size: 2.3 persons. Allows men with families.
Youth stays up to 3 weeks

Try to re-unite with family. If not, then put with foster parents.

Newberg facility is Harvest House: has 4 families and shelter manager.

Need to build/secure more shelters

All residents tested for drug/alcohol abuse.

Program also provides \$15-20K/month in rental assistance.

No jobs available to transition to, leading to system clogging up (slower turnover)

Funding for case management is a struggle.

CDBG funds may be able to help with YCAP needs.

Highest need is for chronic, homeless drug/alcohol users

If we treat folks, then less need for other services like police, emergency room treatment, etc.

80% of homeless become self-sufficient; 20% are drug users or have mental health issues.

Another need: emergency shelters for people with animals.

Deborah Cather-Seymour of CYFS

Wishes City could provide subsidy funding.

In the past, provided about \$15K/year. Funds cut around mid-1990s.

Providing these types of services is messy and difficult.

May be worthwhile to have a work session with City Council with all these providers.

IV. Other business: None

**VI. Next Meetings: Affordable Housing Open House: Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at 7:00 pm
in City Hall. (Permit Center Conference Room)**

**Subcommittee: Wednesday, June 23, 2010 at 4:00 pm in City Hall
(Permit Center Conference Room)**

VII. Adjourn: 6:15 pm

**Approved by the Affordable Housing Action Committee – Education/Outreach
Subcommittee this 14th day of July, 2010.**



Education/Outreach Subcommittee Secretary