

**Utah Balance of State  
Homeless Coordinating Council, Inc.  
May 12, 2008  
Minutes**

**Attending In Person:**

Christine Nguyen, Chair  
Eileen Dwyer, Director  
Kristina Keene, Assistant

**Excused:**

Stefanie Jones, BRAG AOG  
Bill Woods, ICCS

**On Conference Call:**

Karen Quackenbush, LaPorte Management  
Karla Bumbleby, FCC  
Joni Pace, Green River  
Sharon Anderson, FCC  
Lisa Hunt, Davis Behavioral Health  
ReAnne Hart, St. Anne's Center

Annette Pullin, Uintah AOG  
Kenneth Stremme, YCC  
Kim Michaud, Safe Harbor  
Maureen Allred, Six County AOG  
Stephanie Volker, Southwest Mental Health  
Center  
Heidi Miller, Cedar City Housing Authority

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Christine Nguyen welcomed the participants and introductions were made.
2. **March Minutes for Approval.** Joni Pace made a motion for approval of the Minutes from the April meeting; Kenneth Stremme seconded the motion. The Members approved the Minutes as written.
3. **Area Updates and Pilot Projects.**
  - **Bear River AOG:** Stefanie Jones was excused from the meeting. There was no Bear River update.
  - **Uintah AOG:** Annette Pullin reported that the Transitional Housing is almost complete; the 1<sup>st</sup> family has moved in. A Pilot Project has been submitted.
  - **Southeastern AOG:** There was no Southeastern update.
  - **Six County AOG:** Maureen Allred reported that the county Pilot Project was cancelled and that they are in the process of starting over. They are focusing efforts on Sevier County and identifying families.
  - **Davis County:** Sharon Anderson reported on the Pilot Project Report regarding school age Children with parents in the program. They have identified that the children have had major outcomes such as going to school. The report has been sent to Lloyd Pendleton, and will be sent to Eileen Dwyer to be forwarded to Council Members.
  - **Five County AOG:** Heidi Miller reported that 2 people are in the St. George program, and 2 are in the Iron County program. Both individuals in St. George are is on housing waiting lists and will be helped soon. One individual in Iron county on waiting lists and will be helped soon. They are focusing on moving people into housing quickly.

- **Weber County:** The Pilot Project is moving 2 individuals into Section 8 Housing. Weber/Ogden has more opportunity to grow, and Jan Zogmaister is discussing with Weber Housing Authority to oversee the Housing First to expand the program.

4. **Strategic Planning Updates.** ReAnne Hart presented a Goals Chart for questions to answer for projects. She would like to see key state players, such as Lloyd Pendleton and Kristen Cox, get involved to help achieve these goals and create a strategic plan report. The goal is to have agencies and LHCC's report these goals on a quarterly basis to be more efficient.

5. **Membership Update.**

6. **HMIS Update.** Eileen Dwyer reported that HMIS is searching for a new Executive Director. They are accepting resumes, hope to be interviewing in the next few weeks and have someone hired by June.

7. **Continuum of Care Grant/Funding.** Eileen Dwyer reported on the 2008 Continuum of Care Grant. The grant will be released in July. Agencies need to register for CCR at [www.ccr.gov](http://www.ccr.gov), and will need an official organization title, tax ID number, an average annual on receipts (or income), number of employees, and an official contact person.

The funding projection for 2008 with the 2 new projects requesting funding— LaPorte Properties is requesting \$300,000 for Avalon House, and Friends of Green River is requesting \$250,000 for the Improving Lives/Uniting People project. The total amount requested is \$1,273,993. While the Pro Rata amount has increased to \$1,001,569, there is a difference of \$124,109. Eileen requested that the 2 new grants and renewals be submitted to her by the end of June using 2007's Exhibit 2. This will give us head start so the grants can be reviewed and corrected before everything is due. It was agreed by all agencies to have their grants in early.

Eileen also reported on the McKinney – Vento Reauthorization. The reauthorization will help rural areas by creating a separate rural competition to provide more flexibility with regard to the eligible population and use of funds. The reauthorization also expands the definition of chronically homeless to families— making families eligible for the same permanent supportive housing programs that chronically homeless individuals have access to— and expands the definition of homeless to include individuals that are couch surfing. Rural areas are being asked especially to contact their Representatives by letter, email or call, to push for this legislation.

8. **Announcements/Other Business.** There were no other announcements. The Council decided to move the meeting time to 11:00am - 12:00pm.

9. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm.