



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
HOMELESS ISSUES & AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Homeless Issues & Affordable Housing Subcommittee** was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at Neighbor Works - 437 South Jackson Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Present: Noel Halvorsen- Chairman; Tammy Frea, Rosemary Jonas, Lawrence Loberger, Kathy McMurray, Michael Paprocki,
Excused: Mary Marks, Inky Meng, Cathy Putman
Also Present: Kristin Coleman – UW-Oshkosh Student

1. **Call Meeting to Order:**
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Noel Halvorsen at 3:40 p.m.
2. **Approve/Modify Agenda:**

Motion made by T. Frea and seconded by L. Loberger to approve the agenda. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
3. **Approve/Modify Minutes of September 16, 2008:**

Motion made by L. Loberger and seconded by R. Jonas to approve the minutes. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
4. **Broadsheet Preparation and Approval:**
Noel Halvorsen distributed material he received from Alison Draheim from the At Risk & McKinney-Vento Homeless Program to be considered for a future broadsheet.

Information included numbers on homeless students in the Green Bay School District, how many are from two parent families, single parent families, single female parent families, and how many are “unaccompanied youth”, students with no legal guardian/adult/parent living with them to make sure basic needs such as food, shelter, and clothing are met.

Also addressed was the impact of homelessness on education, with issues such as poor grades, health issues, transportation problems, social-emotional issues, difficulty in forming healthy relationships pointed out, along with a lack of comprehensive school records due to the high number of schools attended, and developmental delays due to disruptions in attendance and frequent moves.

What is needed was discussed with the following highlighted:
 - An increase in County support for families in a pro-active fashion versus waiting for it to reach the severity of abuse and neglect.

- An increase in wrap-around services, in-home services, and all around increase in intensive case management for families who are chronically unstably housed.
- A safe place for students to go when Child Protection is unable to get involved due to statutory restraints.
- A focus on chronically homeless family needs in the community.

Additional discussion by the committee involved a need for more solutions and it was recommended that Ms. Draheim be invited to attend the next meeting to further discuss her draft material.

Mr. Loberger again brought up the issue of transportation, stating that many times jobs are available but the individual has no way to get there. He referred to a study that is presently underway and suggested that after results are in that this be a topic for this committee to pursue.

Kathy McMurray reported that she attended a tour held this date sponsored by the Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition. The group visited the Encompass University Avenue site, Nicolet Elementary School, and the Boys & Girls Club with the purpose being to raise awareness among local elected officials and service providers about issues related to homelessness and poverty.

Other broadsheet topics suggested for the future include Ways to Work, and United Way 211. It was suggested that transportation issues be combined with one of these topics and Kathy McMurray volunteered to put numbers together for a future meeting.

Chair Halvorsen stated he will be the agenda of the next Human Services Committee meeting on 11/25/08.

5. **Such other Matters as Authorized by Law:**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 16, 2008
Neighbor Works – 437 S. Jackson Street

Motion made by K. McMurray and seconded by T. Frea to adjourn at 4:20 p.m. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Rae G. Knippel
Recording Secretary