Mayor's HLT Meeting Notes

Date of meeting: January 5, 2010 Time: 1:30-3:30pm Place: CITC Rasmuson Conference Room

X= Present /=Excused G=Guest *Alternate Rep. (Name of Rep.)

X	Diane Ingle - Dept of Health & Human Services	X	Jewel Jones – Anchorage Community Land Trust	X	Minta Montalbo – Cook Inlet Tribal Council		Sammy Pokryfki – Rasmuson Foundation
X	Trevor Storrs - Alaska AIDS Assistance Association & Anchorage Coalition on Homelessness	X	Jerry Jenkins – Anchorage Community Mental Health Services	X	Deirdre Cronin – Covenant House		Major Douglas Tollerud – Salvation Army
	Kris Duncan – AK Housing Finance Corporation	*	(Dean Gates) Fred Valdez – Dept. of Law	/	Bill Hogan – DHSS Commissioner	X	Nancy Haag – Standing Together Against Rape
X	Jeff Jessee – Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority		David Williams – Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission	/	Melissa Stone – Division of Behavioral Health – SOA	X	Sharon Chamard – UAA Justice Center
*	(Tim Schuerch) Angel Dotomain – Alaska Native Health Board	X	Ed O'Neill – ARBRA	X	Tara Horton – Faith Based & Community Initiatives	X	Michele Brown – United Way
	Denise Morris – Alaska Native Justice Center	X	Susan Bomalaski – Catholic Social Services	X	Melinda Freemon – Homeward Bound – RurAL CAP	X	Ric Davidge – Veteran Affairs
	Don Kashevaroff – Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium	/	Joseph Schmidt – Department of Corrections	*	(Carma Reed) Colleen Bickford – Housing and Urban Development		Captain Bill Miller – Anchorage Police Department
X	Patrick Flynn – Anchorage Assembly	X	Carmen Gutierrez – Department of Corrections	X	Corrine O'Neill – Dept. of Neighborhoods	X	Chief Mark Hall – Anchorage Fire Department
X	Dan Coffey – Anchorage Assembly	X	(Maria Tagliavento) Carol Gore – Cook Inlet Housing Authority	X	Joan Fisher – Neighborhood Health Center	X	
X	Richard Irwin – Anchorage City Church (Beacon Hill)	X	Kristen English – Cook Inlet Tribal Council	*	Diane Kaplan – Rasmuson Foundation		
*	(Angela Chambers) Jerry Weaver – Department of Planning	*	(Chanda Aloysius) Katherine Gottlieb – Southcentral Foundation				

Mayor's Homelessness Leadership Team

- *Initiative Goal:*
  - Unify efforts to address the issues of chronic public inebriates and related issues of homelessness
- *Outcomes:*
  - Reduce deaths amongst chronically homeless alcoholics
  - Reduce violence to and among the chronically homeless alcoholics
  - Reduce neighborhood impact from chronically homeless alcoholics
- *Role of the Community Stakeholder Group:*
  - Recommend strategies to the Mayor to include identifying and leveraging resources for implementation.
- *Directives:*
  - Addressing this first as an issue of public safety
  - Chronic public inebriates are citizens, too and deserve safety

Meeting Purpose:

Process 1) Mayor's feedback, 2) insights from the Seattle site visit and 3) work groups' recommendations to develop next steps for the small work groups and the whole group.

Desired Outcomes:

1. Integrate Mayor's feedback into next steps
2. Integrate other new data into the work of the small groups

3. Respond to Group 4 and "Positive Name" group's recommendations 4. Ensure small groups have what they need to do their work – is anything missing? 5. Clear next steps	
	~Time
Welcome • Welcome/Introductions/Purpose and Desired Outcomes • Check-ins/Clarifications	15
• Work Group Recommendations: o Group 4 o "Positive Name" Group	15
• Lesson Learned from Seattle site Visit	25
• Mayor's Feedback	20
• Small Groups' Mini-work Session	30
• Small Group Report Outs on Next Steps	10
➢ Closing Comments ➢ Next meeting: February 2, 2010 1:30pm – 3:30pm Rasmuson Conference Center, CITC	5
Adjournment Time: 3:30pm	

Meeting Notes:

Group 4: Recommendations and Requests

- Increase detox and treatment beds for the specific priority population.

- Increase funding for services for the priority population.
  - Reinvest any cost savings realized from a single point of entry treatment model in programs

- Treatment on Demand will be necessary for the priority population. Pull treatment providers together to discuss:
  - capacity analysis
  - strategy for immediate access to services

❖ Request: Need additional service providers contributing to the work of this group. CITC is becoming more involved with this group. Additional participation is requested from Salvation Army and the VA. Diane Ingle has invited these organizations to participate with the HLT, and will follow-up to encourage their participation.

The large group voted to support these recommendations. Group 4 is working to on more specific recommendations with the engagement of additional service providers.

Ad hoc Group: Positive Name

The small group recommended *Off the Streets* as a name for use in education and public communications. The name will be a "brand" or "tag" to help put a positive spin on the efforts to address the needs of chronic public inebriates and related issues of homelessness. The large group agreed to the name and the intended use.

Lessons Learned from Seattle Site Visit: 1811 Eastlake Project

- Nancy Burke, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
- Melinda Freemon, RurAL CAP
- Greg Jones, MOA Office of Economic and Community Development

Reported out on their site visit. Diane Ingle, Jeff Jesse and Trevor Storrs, who participated in the visit, added comments.

Highlights from their report out:

- Facilities were built from the ground up (Project built) and customized to meet the needs for the population.
- Seattle is 10 + years ahead of Anchorage and a leader nation-wide. Anchorage needs to start somewhere with a best effort.
- Community support was vital to the success of Seattle project. Reluctant business leaders are now strong advocates of the project.
- Seattle has a lot more financial resources to put into the project. Anchorage needs to work with the resources it has.
- A harm reduction approach can help both reduce service costs and provide opportunities for rehabilitation and recovery.

Mayor's Feedback on Recommendations:

Diane Ingle, Jeff Jesse and Trevor Storrs met with the Mayor on Monday, January 4th to receive feedback on the recommendations from the small work groups, which were supported by the larger group. Diane had presented the recommendations to the Mayor prior to the meeting to provide him an opportunity to review them before discussing them with the group. Trevor Storrs and Jeff Jesse reported out the feedback and questions they received during the Monday meeting.

Highlights from their report out:

- The Mayor supports the Housing First model. However, he is not ready to support a site specific recommendation.
- The Mayor wants to see more information regarding the Red Roof Inn Project, including a business plan, financial plan, etc.
- Public safety with reductions in costs and public services are still priorities.
- The Mayor wants to know what the recommendations are for an emergency response strategy targeted at possible future illegal camp closures. He would like to see a plan for a coordinated team, which will move people from the camps into a safer environment with supportive services (treatment, housing, etc.).
- The Mayor still has questions regarding the numbers and what percentage of the 'Frequent Flyers" could potentially need to be in a Housing First facility.
- The Mayor supports the concept of a "Cold Weather Policy" and would like the planning of such policy to move forward.

Work Group Report Outs:

Work Group 1: Causes for Chronic Public Inebriation

Data

What Other Communities are doing

Illegal Camps

- How many camps?
- How many people/campers?
- What are their needs?

1) January 27th: One-night camp count
   Ben from Homeward Bound
2) US Census: March 31st – head count (Ben from Homeward Bound)
3) Mechanism for triage
   - Multiple morbidity - - calls for multi-agency approaches for outreach

   ? How many are inebriates?

   ? How many would want to go to a Housing First Facility?

Data Needs:

1) Vulnerability of population
2) Cost of services – continuum of care

Group Needs:

- Feedback from other groups about data needs
- What we have now/ what we can access and how

Work Group 2: Beds for the Winter (1-3 months)

Shelter Bed Capacity/Current Services

- Darrel Hess will draft a Cold Weather Policy and have legal review it.
- The Mayor Supports the Housing First model.
- The Mayor wants to see more information regarding the Red Roof Inn Project, including a business plan, financing plan, etc. This information will be generated by RurAL CAP.
- Development of the list of current services/providers. Trevor will draft a list and distribute for review and additions.
- Group 2 will not be meeting in January, but communicating by email.

Work Group 3: Wider Housing Continuum (1-3 years)

- Flush out funding matrix
- Provide job description for pre-development team

Work Group 4: Rapid Access to Treatment

1) Services (Gaps)

   Meeting 30%

   a. De-tox (medical + social)
   b. Treatment
   c. Housing

   Vouchers

   Increase in total capacity

2) Funding
   - Alcohol – more $
   - Grants - SAMSHA
   - Medicaid

3) Friday Agenda
   - More beds needed – de-tox, treatment and transitional
   - How much money? Grants and Medicaid - $300 medical de-tox
   - SAMSHA

Work Group 5: Regulation & Education

- Discussed draft ordinance and assembly memo
    - Content
    - Tentative Schedule: 1/12 Intro
      2/16 Public Hearing
- Meeting RurALCAP 1/6
- Outreach/Education
    - Talking Points
        - Sub group for talking points
        - Presenters: need names
    - Identifying problem – makes solution more acceptable
    - Community Councils
        - Mountain View: 1/11/2010
        - Fairview: 1/14/2010
        - Downtown

Action Items

Topic	Tasks	Lead	Timeline
Small group meetings	Continue work of the groups and meet as needed. Send meeting schedule and notes to Britteny for posting to the web.	Group leaders Britteny Ketterman	ASAP
Muni HLT website	Post Alaska Mental Health Trust's Affordable Housing Focus Area and Housing First information on Seattle's Eastlake project with meeting notes.	Darrel Hess	ASAP
Rapid Access to Treatment	Large group to support Group 4's effort to address rapid access to treatment. Friday meeting at CITC Rasmuson Conference room @ 2:30pm. Group 1 will join to collect info on data needs and availability.	Groups 4 and 1	January 8th
Ordinance	Present Ordinance to receive feedback: • info session • public comment session	Group 5: Dan Coffey	tentative schedule: 1/12-Introduction 2/16-Hearing
Red Roof Inn	• Alaska Mental Health Trust board will vote on action to support RurAL CAP's effort to purchase Red Roof Inn; proposed action will allow a 90 day evaluation period of the property. • RurAL CAP will submit SNUG grant application to develop Red Roof Inn as housing for chronic, homeless inebriates. • Melinda Freemon is responding to public questions on KBYR 700 AM during an interview with Eddie Burke at 5pm. Call in number 274-5297. • Group will support RurAL CAP's efforts for a Housing First project	Jeff Jesse Melinda Freemon Whole group	1/5/2010 1/6/2010 1/5/2010
Faith Based Strategy	• The faith-based community will meet to discuss an emergency response strategy for cold weather	Richard Irwin	Jan 2010

	periods		
Community Councils	• Housing First approach will be communicated at Community Council meetings: ▪ Mountain View: 1/11/2010 ▪ Fairview: 1/14/2010 ▪ Downtown	Group 5	
Cold Weather Policy	Darrel Hess will draft a Cold Weather Policy and have legal review it.	Darrel Hess	January 2010