Coordinating Committee to End Homelessness (CCEH)
Meeting Minutes

Date: March 26, 2008	Location: First United Methodist Church	Recorded by: Dove Hotz
Time: 3 pm to 5 pm	Facilitated by: Jean DeMaster & Sally Erickson	Reviewed By: Steering Committee
Present: E.V. Armitage, Caren Baumgart, Matthew Burroughs, Rachel Devlin, Patty Doyle, Ian Finch, Susan Montgomery, Kris Moore, Kreeg Peeples, Kal Romino, Kerri Smith Slingerland, Lynne Walker, Gloria Willis, Cheryl Zechmann		

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Introductions	Introduction of those present.		
Approval of February minutes		Approved	
Shelter+Care expansion	Rachel Devlin, HAP, reported on two S+C grants that had been able to double or triple their capacity. Agencies were working hard to get people into housing in a tight housing market. They may have up to 100 extra beds.		
NAEH *Tools to ending family homelessness*	The group watched a DVD prepared by the National Alliance to End Homelessness. Portland is already doing most of the "best practices" shown on the video. The elements in these programs could help secure HUD funding. Portland's tight housing market and higher rents will make it harder to find housing for low income people, including those who are homeless, particularly if they have other barriers such as evictions, low income, or past convictions. Landlords are selecting tenants that they perceive as lower risk. Portland's vacancy and rental rates are much different from when the 10-year plan started. Providing economic opportunity is very important. Wages are far from keeping up with rents. Portland's plan focuses on Housing First, but if there is no housing then we are butting up against a brick wall. Could we consider other options? Meeting attendees shared that things are worse than the general public realizes. For example: Section 8 recipients are increasingly unable to find landlords who will rent to them. There are more families with children on the street. We need a community response.		Sally will work with the Steering Committee to draft some statements and strategies to educate and raise awareness.
FASD/TBI training in April/May	These trainings will be oriented towards service providers, especially those with adult clients. Questions we'd like to ask the presenter: What about teachers? What can we advocate for in the schools? Can we hear about non-FASD related TBI? Can we hear about symptoms vs. diagnosis?		
1st annual CCEH awards are coming!	Nomination forms will go out next week. Please submit ideas for categories and nominations to Sally.		

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CCEH 2008 goals – a quick review and upcoming milestones	Sally provided copies of the 2008 annual 10-year plan tasks/outcomes. Future issues to consider as strategies: • Providing more drug- and alcohol-free housing (like Oxford). • More systems alignment around employment, including data tracking • Landlord outreach so they will accept more low-income tenants. • Year-round access to emergency shelter (not just in winter), especially for children. • Looking at a regional view, outside Portland and Multnomah County. • Exploring efforts with the faith community.		
Next meeting	**Wednesday, April 16, 2008**		