I. Call to Order
   The meeting was called to order at 7:43 am

II. Approve Minutes
   A motion to approve the May 6, 2011 minutes passed unanimously.

III. Welcome & Introductions
   A. Co-Chairs, Sue Calder and Karen Singer welcomed the Task Force.
   B. Introductions were made by all present

IV. Unfinished Business
   N/A

V. New Business-Who is doing what in Evanston?
   • Mary Ellen Poole, Housing Planner for the City of Evanston reviewed the Families In Transition program.
     i. Janet Winslow asked about the requirements of a sponsoring agency
        1. Mary Ellen responded that any organization can be a sponsor but they must have the financial capacity to provide a portion of the rent. Many agencies do not have that financial capacity.
     ii. Kav Hagopian stated that he thought this was an incredibly inexpensive way to help a lot of people and make a big impact.
     iii. Kate Mahoney asked if this was only for families.
         1. Mary Ellen responded that the current version of this program does target families.
• Denise Brown, Program Manager for Connections for the Homeless
  i. Reviewed a handout outlining the resources for the homeless in or around Evanston.
    1. Karen Singer asked that Denise provide a more detailed breakdown of # of beds for emergency, transitional and permanent.
    2. Denise and Paul Selden reviewed Prevention services available to their community.

• Break Out Groups
• Results from Break Out Groups:
  o Major issues/Common themes
    ▪ Problems with collaboration and communication
    ▪ Knowledge of resources
    ▪ Lack of affordable housing
    ▪ Lack of a centralized way to communicate
    ▪ Problem protecting confidentiality
    ▪ Lack of funding
    ▪ Lack of youth services
    ▪ Too stringent guidelines
    ▪ Need the ability to intervene early
    ▪ Need for updated databases
    ▪ There are special populations each with their own needs
    ▪ Chicago/Outsiders coming in and using Evanston resources
    ▪ Need to educate the community
    ▪ Stigma around homeless
    ▪ Less federal money, need more local money
    ▪ Housing first

  o Strategies
    ▪ Unused properties
    ▪ Expand/Remodel the City’s FIT program
    ▪ Partner with landlords
    ▪ Educating tenants
    ▪ Prevention Strategies
    ▪ Data sharing for maximum efficiency
    ▪ Task Force Public Relations Campaign
    ▪ Use Evanston 150
    ▪ Minimize the period of homelessness
    ▪ Raise more private money
    ▪ Creative investment strategies to raise money for a trust fund
    ▪ Job skills that can contribute back to the community
    ▪ Habitat type of model to renovate
    ▪ Expand employer assisted housing

  o What do we need to know?
    ▪ Size of the problem
    ▪ Sources and Uses of funds
    ▪ Services and capacity of organizations
    ▪ Successful models
VI. Communications

- Each group will be assigned a model or models to read about and report back to the group.

The next meeting will be Friday July 15th, 2011 at 7:30 am. Location: Parasol Room at the Civic Center.

The group should come prepared with suggestions for Evanston 150

VII. Adjournment-The Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Poole, Housing Planner