

**Will County Center for
Community Concerns**

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Committee Meeting Dates

Leadership

Mon. - August 21 - 1:00 p.m.

Education

Mon. - August 14 - 2:00 p.m.

HMIS-Needs Assessment

Thurs. - August 24 - 10:00 a.m.

Housing-Discharge Planning

Wed. - August 2 - 10:00 a.m.

Plan to End Homelessness

Tues. - August 15 - 9:30 a.m.

Support Services

Tues. - August 8 - 9:30 a.m.

Events

Open Door Day

October 16, 2006
MorningStar Mission

Education Symposium

October 2, 2006
PDA, Joliet

Mainstream Benefits Forum

October 24, 2006
Romeoville Recreation Center

Affordable Housing Bus Tour



Networking opportunity ahead of time



Alex Ledesma, Frank Stewart, Margie Woods, Ron Pullman

The Housing Committee hosted its *Affordable Housing Bus Tour* on June 7, 2006. Guests included Will County Board Members Kathleen Konicki, Margie Woods and Frank Stewart, Joliet City Councilman Alex Ledesma, Crest Hill Mayor Nick Churnovic; Representatives from NuMark Credit Union and First Midwest Bank; City and County staff members. Barbara Birchler, Habitat for Humanity, narrated the 15-site tour that included a myriad of affordable housing options in the community, i.e. City of Joliet's Louis Joliet Apartments, Victory Centre, Richard's Grove; Cornerstone Services permanent supportive housing sites; Catholic

Charities New Beginnings; Habitat for Humanity home sites in Lockport Township, Housing Authority of Joliet Poole Gardens redevelopment site; and homes that have been rehabbed with three programs administered by the Will County Center for Community Concerns on Sterling Avenue. All of these sites have one thing in common: combination funding from Federal, State, local and private sources. The Continuum would like to extend special thanks to Cornerstone Services for use of its van, to the Housing Committee members, and all the other agencies that provided staff and box lunches to make the event a great success.

Barbara Birchler, Habitat for Humanity



206 Fairmont, Lockport



2006 SuperNOFA Update

The Grants-Funding Committee successfully completed the 2006 SuperNOFA application process for homeless assistance through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in mid-May. Since 1997 the Will County Continuum of Care has received just under \$14 million to provide housing and support services to persons who are experiencing homelessness. We have applied for \$2.7 million to continue funding its existing projects, and included one new project:

- Cornerstone Services, Inc. ~ New Project \$49,897
- CFM Lamb’s Fold Women’s Center/Trinity ~ Renewal \$250,000
- Cornerstone Services, Inc. ~ Renewal \$1,412,607
- Cornerstone Services, Inc. ~ Renewal \$261,836
- Catholic Charities Diocese of Joliet ~ Renewal \$754,500

The funding announcements are not expected until December. A very special thank you to the Ranking Committee for its assistance throughout the application process and its ongoing support throughout the year.

Open Door Day Highlights

Stats from Event: 37 duffel bags were distributed to street homeless; the Secretary of State provided 31 State ID’s & 3 DL’s; Over 75 intake forms were completed by attendees; Several persons are eligible to be placed in PSH programs.

Thank you to all participants—see you October 16—same time, same place!!



Above: Sgt. John Albrecht, Joliet PD; Senator A. J. Wilhelm; Daryl Hernandez, U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness; and Larry Walsh, Will County Executive



Above: Senator Wilhelm visits with Karen Birsa, IL Dept of Human Services



Right: Joliet Police Officers Biehl and Fox



Left: Volunteer Hairstylist Marilyn Benton

Below: IL Secretary of State Staff in New Day Drop In Center



Below: Will County Workforce Services Division Mobile Unit