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PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2010

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes dated September 16, 2010 (previously distributed)
5. Public Participation (five minutes maximum per speaker, or longer at the discretion of the Chairperson related only to issues contained on the agenda)
6. Status Report by Veterans Services Department Director (mailed)
7. Status Report by Macomb County Department of Human Services (mailed)
8. Requests by Community Services Agency for Acceptance of Funds:
 - a) Community Development Block Grant Funds from City of Roseville (mailed)
 - b) Community Development Block Grant Funds from City of Warren (mailed)
 - c) Department of Human Services Funds to Provide Weatherization Measures and Client Education Activities (mailed)
 - d) Department of Education ARRA Funds for Commodity Food Program (mailed)
 - e) AARA Funds from Federal Emergency Food and Shelter Program through United Way for Southeastern Michigan (mailed)
9. Community Services Agency Director's Report (mailed)
10. New Business
11. Public Participation (five minutes maximum per speaker or longer at the discretion of the Chairperson)
12. Adjournment

MEMBERS: Torrice-Chair, Tocco-Vice-Chair, Mijac, Brdak, Bruley, Accavitti, Boyle, Kepler, Lampar and Gielegem (ex-officio)

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

FULL

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MEETING

DATE: _____

AGENDA

ITEM: _____

MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO Receive and file Monthly Status Report for September 2010,
as submitted by Kermit Harris, Director of Veterans Services.

INTRODUCED BY: Carey Torrice, Chair, Public Services Committee

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Public Services / 10-15-2010

**PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Status Report for September 2010**

Veterans Services Commission Members:

Michael G. Kinney, Chairman
Pat M. Daniels, Vice Chairman
Therese Wrobel, Secretary
Natalie V. McPherson, Member at Large
Fred Warner, Member at Large

After review by the Veterans Services Commission 30 county burial applications and 3 marker reimbursement applications were approved for September.

STATUS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2010			<u>2010</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>2009</u>
			(SEP)	(2010)	(SEP)*
1.	Personal Contacts with Veterans		526	5029	303
		<u>WWII</u>			
		107			
		<u>Korea</u>			
		72			
		<u>Vietnam</u>			
		230			
		<u>Persian</u>			
		45			
		<u>Iraq</u>			
		36			
		<u>Peacetime</u>			
		36			
2.	Claims (New/On-Going): Compensation, Pension DIC, Widows Death Pension		252	2201	136
3.	Federal Burial Allowance		13	99	7
4.	County Burial Allowance		30	278	18
5.	County Burial – Excess Net Worth		16	121	6
6.	Government Markers		3	33	3
7.	Flag Display Cases		44	368	24
8.	Financial Assistance (MVTF)		15	167	13
9.	Veterans Relief Fund (VRF)		16	65	3

*thru 9/22/09

**AMOUNT OF DOLLARS BROUGHT IN
MACOMB COUNTY FROM VA FOR THE
MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2010**

Total Amount of One Time
Payment of Retro
\$746,936

Total Amount of
Recurring Monthly
76,251

Kermit E. Harris, Lt Col USAF (ret)
 Director, Veterans Services

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Unofficial Casualty List of US Military Personnel (Operation Enduring Freedom)

Name	Age	Service	Rank	Unit	Home	Cause of Death	Date of Death
James A Hansen	25	USAF	Senior Airman	46 th Operations Support Squadron, Elgin Air Force Base, Florida	Athens	Died of wounds suffered during a controlled detonation at Joint Base Balad, Iraq, while supporting Operation New Dawn	September 15, 2010
Andrew C Nicol	23	USA	Sgt	3 rd Battalion, 75 th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Georgia	Ealon	Died of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked their unit using an improvised explosive devise at Zhari Kandahar, Afghanistan, while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom	August 8, 2010
Deangelo B Snow	22	USA	SPC	526 th Brigade Support Battalion, 2 nd Brigade Combat Team, 101 st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky	Saginaw	Died of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his vehicle with a rocket propelled grenade in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom	September 17, 2010

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FULL BOARD MEETING DATE: _____

AGENDA ITEM: _____

MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO receive and file the Caseload Trend Report submitted by the Department of Human Services for August, 2010

INTRODUCED BY: Carey Torrice, Chair, Public Services Committee

COMMITTEE/MEETING DATE
Public Services 10/15/10

**MACOMB COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS CASES AND APPLICATIONS**

August 2010

	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
	2008	***2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2009	2010	2009	2010
FIP	2856	3572	2940	3808	3040	3762	3087	3961	3172	3970	3208	4000
DAY CARE	3213	2476	3241	2423	3247	2417	3230	2399	3258	2372	3187	2255
SDA, AMP	4002	5764	3914	5656	3792	5471	3435	5344	3125	5121	2875	4816
SSI/MA	11194	12275	11192	12774	11194	12958	11355	13096	11384	13247	11431	13358
MA (M,O,P)	12615	18633	12762	18874	12908	18903	12349	19096	12287	18974	12406	19039
MA (L,N,Q)	33832	42220	34168	43694	34607	44505	33889	45945	33866	46141	34620	47272
FAP-Cash	2541	3558	2646	3800	2725	3936	2767	4127	2822	4123	2891	4117
FAP-Non-Cash	30539	41383	31362	42491	32056	43806	33061	45350	34200	46143	35120	46910
SER	99	701	134	1147	127	858	151	820	162	795	132	767
TOTAL ACTIVE CASES	100891	130582	102359	134667	103696	136616	103324	140138	104276	140886	105870	142534
TOTAL AP APPLICATIONS	11746	8664	12861	12454	9754	11935	11751	11391	13660	10345	12460	10094

	MARCH		APRIL		MAY		JUNE		JULY		AUGUST	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	*2009	2010	*2009	2010	**2009	2010	**2009	2010
FIP	3188	3976	3179	3914	3164	3954	3038	4012	3336	4095	3241	4236
DAY CARE	3061	2216	2913	2165	2792	2340	2611	2416	2704	2250	***2557	2273
SDA, AMP	3257	4624	4093	4094	5002	3663	5270	3459	5765	3304	5833	3267
SSI/MA	11424	13452	11258	13544	11119	13702	10611	13946	12202	14112	11896	14429
MA (M,O,P)	12484	19327	12595	19481	12624	19667	12522	19853	13600	19962	18345	20226
MA (L,N,Q)	35518	48276	35741	48217	35681	48611	34713	49099	38457	49002	41150	49419
FAP-Cash	2919	4148	2922	4058	2910	4111	2794	4212	3066	4273	3329	4392
FAP-Non-Cash	36019	48194	36983	49142	37824	50040	37388	51197	40248	52403	40249	53887
SER	124	783	109	822	92	2194	110	2349	172	2396	448	2546
TOTAL ACTIVE CASES	107994	144996	109793	145437	111208	148282	109057	150543	119550	151797	127048	154675
TOTAL AP APPLICATIONS	15005	11760	15205	11608	15356	10240	14150	11735	12048	13322	9544	14027

*Case totals may not include all active cases due to cases converted to Bridges

**Includes case data from Bridges and Legacy

***Bridges only (no legacy report, from September 2009 on)

RD-030 RD-095 MH-332

**MACOMB COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
SUMMARY OF SOCIAL SERVICES CASES**

	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2009	2010	2009	2010
COMM PLC ADULT	38	47	38	45	40	51	40	49	40	49	43	48
*CHILD FOSTER CARE	1246	1183	1233	1191	1245	1186	1274	1152	1254	1155	1264	1173
*ADOPTION		65		47		62		41	43	69	40	39
DELINQUENCY	64	55	62	57	64	58	63	54	75	60	70	59
PS-ADULT	101	213	83	141	91	132	67	147	81	117	103	92
PS-CHILDREN	205	184	218	190	226	213	239	233	166	255	204	239
ADULT SERVICES	3863	4121	3916	4039	3927	4082	3963	4079	3969	4097	3975	4111

August 2010

	MARCH		APRIL		MAY		JUNE		JULY		AUGUST	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
COMM PLC ADULT	43	50	46	49	50	53	46	50	38	47	47	50
*CHILD FOSTER CARE	1241	1153	1230	1135	1222	1184	1208	1194	1213	1165	1181	1172
*ADOPTION	55	32	55	51	64	55	39	61	47	89	51	82
*DELINQUENCY	55	58	55	58	43	56	54	63	58	67	55	63
PS-ADULT	108	92	143	96	168	71	164	80	197	58	213	63
*PS-CHILDREN	183	246	215	230	205	212	214	212	225	214	184	200
ADULT SERVICES	4013	4123	3977	4134	3948	4142	3842	4181	3143	4226	4123	4259

(REV. 09/09)

*Previously used data sources for Child Welfare are no longer available. Effective January 2009 new data sources for these programs are as follows: Foster Care and Delinquency - SWS005, Adoption - WebIntelligence, PS-Children - CPS Active Caseload Report
Also: Data for Child Foster Care and Adoption that had previously been combined as Comm PLC Child is now separated by program type with data entries beginning January 2009.

Adult Source: ASCAP run date 09/01/10

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FULL BOARD MEETING DATE: 10/21/2010

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MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO Recommend that the Macomb County Board of Commissioners

authorize the Macomb County Community Services Agency to receive Community Development

Block Grant Funds from the City of Roseville in the amount of \$30,000.

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Carey Torrice, Chair Public Services Committee

Background: The Senior Chore Program assists low to moderate income level seniors with home maintenance and minor repairs.

Funding Amount: \$30,000
(No County match required)

Period of Performance: July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

Funding Utilization: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are used to supplement the cost of providing seasonal services (i.e., grass cutting and snow removal) to low income senior citizens residing in the City of Roseville.

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Public Services Committee 10/15/2010

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MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO Recommend that the Macomb County Board of Commissioners
authorize the Macomb County Community Services Agency to receive Community Development
Block Grant Funds from the City of Warren in the amount of \$35,000.

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Carey Torrice, Chair Community Services Committee

Background: The Senior Chore Program assists low to moderate income level seniors with home maintenance and minor repairs. Funding is made available through the Area Agency on Aging 1-B, Community Development Block Grant funds from local communities and the County.

Funding Amount: \$35,000
(No County match required)

Period of Performance: October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011

Funding Utilization: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are used to supplement the cost of providing seasonal services (i.e., grass cutting and snow removal) to low income senior citizens residing in the City of Warren.

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Public Services Committee 10/15/2010

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AGENDA ITEM: _____

MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO: Recommend that the Macomb County Board of Commissioners authorize the Macomb County Community Services Agency to receive \$410,000 from the Department of Human Services to provide weatherization measures and client education activities for low-income families.

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Carey Torrice, Chair Public Services Committee

Background

On September 20, 2010, we received notice from the Department of Human Services that they will be receiving 10 million dollars from the Michigan Public Service Commission through the Low Income and Energy Efficiency Fund to provide weatherization measures. Through formula allocation using the Department of Energy formula, funds were distributed to Community Action Agencies statewide.

Funding Amount: \$410,000 (No County match required)
Last year we received \$424,822

Period of Performance: October 10, 2010 through September 30, 2011

Funding Utilization

We will utilize these funds for the purpose of enhancing and supplementing current Weatherization measures for 160 units. In addition to measures such as furnace repair and replacement, roof replacement, attic, sidewall, and foundation insulation, caulking and weather stripping, in hopes of achieving energy savings of 30% or better for our customers, we plan to concentrate these funds on electrical based measures such as compact fluorescent light bulbs and refrigerator replacement. By leveraging these funds with existing Department of Energy and Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds, we will offer optimum services and savings to our customers.

We will purchase energy education kits, to be utilized during, and in conjunction with, staff will provide energy education training to our eligible customers. We estimate that client education services will reach approximately 1,200 households during the grant period. We will plan to offer several energy saving seminars in different parts of the County, utilizing these funds for energy vouchers, energy kits, and any supplemental material that may be required to deliver this service.

Customer Eligibility Requirements

An applicant will be considered eligible if the individual is at or below 250% poverty level in accordance with the Community Services Policy. For example, a family of four's (4) income cannot exceed \$55,126. A household is automatically eligible if a household member has received Family Independence Program (FIP) Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or State Disability Assistance (SDA) benefits at any time during the twelve (12) month period previous to the application date.

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Public Services Committee 10/15/2010

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FULL BOARD MEETING DATE: 10/21/10

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MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO Recommend that the Macomb County Board of Commissioners

authorize the Macomb County Community Services Agency to receive \$68,377 in ARRA funds

from the Department of Education for the Commodity Food program.

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Carey Torrice, Chair, Public Services Committee

Background: The Emergency Food and Assistance Program (TEFAP) began in 1981 as a means to reduce the quantity of surplus cheese being stored by the federal government. Since its inception, the number of foods available has varied. All foods are purchased by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) under the support program, surplus removal legislation and the commodity entitlement programs and distributed to the state's needy citizens. The Department of Education is designated by the Governor as the state agency responsible for all programs in the state that use USDA donated foods. The Department designated the community action agencies to have the responsibility of distributing commodities at the local level. The Department of Education has initiated steps to change the current system of receiving commodity food. They have encouraged a regional approach to facilitate direct shipments of commodities. We have assembled a region made of up representatives from the City of Detroit, and the Counties of Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, and Washtenaw.

Grant Period: October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010

Funding Amount: Original award: \$37,042
Additional award: \$68,377 (No County match required)
Funds, made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), are based upon a formula on the basis of the number of people unemployed and those below the poverty level.

Funding Utilization: Funds will be utilized to purchase inventory software and associated hardware. The new technology will ensure proper and timely food recalls, efficiency in food order purchases and reporting.

- Customer Eligibility Requirements:**
- Individuals must be 60 years of age and older and 160% or below the Poverty Income Guidelines; or
 - Under 60 years of age and 130% or below the Poverty Income Guidelines.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ FULL BOARD MEETING DATE 10/21/2010

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MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO: Recommend that the Macomb County Board of Commissioners authorize the Macomb County Community Services Agency to receive ARRA funds in the amount of \$241,779 from the Federal Emergency Food and Shelter Program through United Way for Southeastern Michigan.

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Carey Torrice, Chair, Public Services Committee

Background:

The original allocation available from the FEMA (ARRA) – Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) administered through United Way for Southeastern Michigan to Macomb County this year was \$398,882. Of the total funds available to Macomb County, we received \$166,909.

An additional \$660,779 was reallocated to Macomb County. Of the total reallocated funds available, we received an additional award of \$241,779.

Funding Amount: \$166,909 (Original award)
\$241,779 (Additional award No County match required)
\$408,688

Period of Performance: January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010

Funding Utilization:

Funding will be used for the purpose of distributing emergency food assistance to Macomb County residents experiencing food insecurity.

Customer Eligibility Requirements:

To receive emergency food, an individual or family must reside in Macomb County and have an emergency food need. There are no other eligibility guidelines.

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MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO: Receive and file a report from the Macomb County Community Services Agency Director.

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Carey Torrice, Chair Public Services Committee

- Continuum of Care Progress Report, by Carrie Fortune CoC Coordinator

COMMITTEE/MEETING DATE
Public Services Committee 10/15/2010

The primary decision-making body of
the Continuum of Care is the
**Macomb Homeless Coalition
Board of Directors**

Deborah McPeck, President

Turning Point, Inc.

Carol Shortt, Vice President

Macomb County Health Department

Evette Szajna-Barry, Secretary

Szajna & Associates

James Perlaki, Treasurer

Common Ground

Misty Authier, *The Salvation Army MATES*

Jolyne Baarck, *Family Youth Interventions*

Kara Black, *Amelia Agnes Transitional Home*

Commissioner Joan Flynn,

Macomb County Board of Commissioners

LaWanda Jackson, *Solid Ground*

Connie Lasher,

Macomb County Community Mental Health

Melina Martinez, *Community Housing Network*

Jessica Mumma, *Community Housing Network*

Trish Pearce, *MCREST*

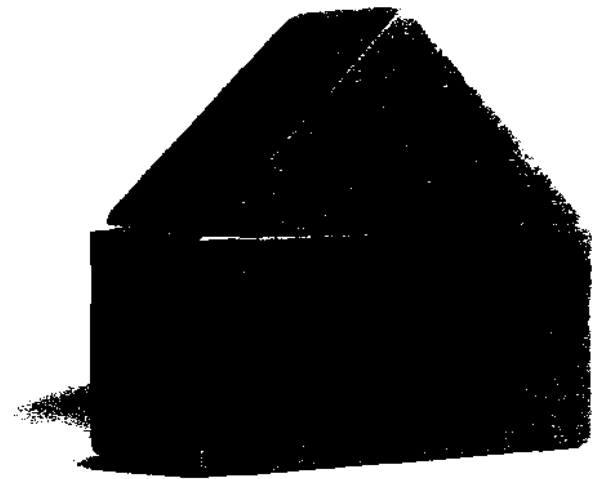
William Sherrill, *Community Representative*

Joseph Silbernagel, *Township of Clinton*

**Macomb County
Community Services Agency**

Continuum of Care

2009 – 2010 Annual Report



Macomb County Community Services Agency

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Programs and services are
sponsored by the Macomb
County Board of Commissioners
and state and federal grants.



MCCSA complies with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Michigan Handicap
pers Civil Rights Act, the Older Americans Act and the Americans with
Disabilities Act of 1990. To inquire about reasonable accommodations for
persons with disabilities, please contact MCCSA. All MCCSA programs,
services, and activities will be provided equally without regard to race, religion,
color, national origin, sex, marital status, age, or physical handicap/disability.



Macomb County Community Services Agency

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Financial Summary July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Continuum of Care Coordinator Funders

Macomb/St. Clair Workforce Development Board	\$ 34,587
Macomb County	\$ 25,000
Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program	\$ 6,469
City of St. Clair Shores	\$ 4,000
City of Warren	\$ 3,500
City of Sterling Heights	\$ 2,850
Charter Township of Clinton	\$ 1,000
TOTAL	\$ 77,406

Funds Brought into Macomb County through the Continuum of Care

Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness	\$ 750
HARP Case Management	\$ 41,256
Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA)	\$ 89,700
Emergency Shelter Grant	
<i>Distributed to:</i>	
MCREST	\$ 30,200
The Salvation Army MATTS	\$ 26,000
Turning Point, Inc.	\$ 21,000
Macomb Homeless Coalition	\$ 7,500
Family Youth Interventions	\$ 5,000

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development \$ 899,694

Distributed to:

Community Housing Network <i>(Leasing Assistance Program [LAP] Renewals)</i>	\$421,889
Community Housing Network <i>(Chronic Homelessness LAP Renewals)</i>	\$216,732
Community Housing Network <i>(Chronic Homelessness LAP New Grant)</i>	\$ 98,801
Macomb Homeless Coalition	\$ 58,809
Amelia Agnes Transitional Home for Women	\$ 50,818
Comprehensive Youth Services/FYI	\$ 29,829
Macomb County Community Mental Health	\$ 22,816

Homelessness Prevention and

Rapid Re-Housing Program (HRRP)

\$ 1,225,416

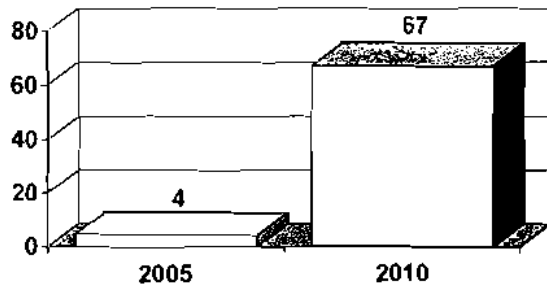
The Continuum of Care allocated \$537,708 through MSHDA to Community Housing Network. The Continuum of Care Coordinator also assisted the Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development in obtaining and administering \$687,708 in HRRP funds.

TOTAL

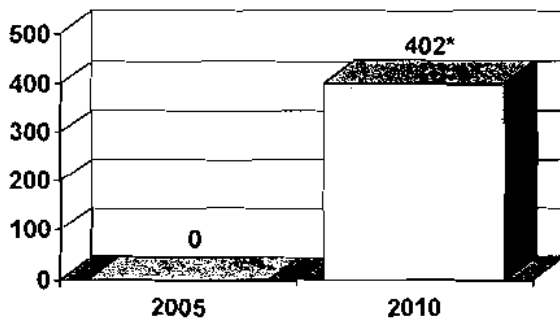
\$ 2,256,816

Five Year Comparison 2005 | 2010

Permanent Supportive Housing Beds



HARP Section 8 Voucher Beds



* An additional 150 vouchers are in development.

Continuum of Care Major Accomplishments

The CoC was awarded 150 HARP vouchers and funds to hire a full time Housing Resource Specialist to provide case management to those receiving the voucher.

The Hope Center, a multi-purpose building that includes the County's first client choice pantry, opened in Fraser. Developing a multi-purpose building was a major goal of the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness in Macomb County.

The Macomb Homeless Coalition, the primary decision-making body of the CoC, celebrated its 25th Anniversary.

A two parent family with a son aged seven and daughter aged 12 was assisted with HPRP rental arrearages and six months of rental assistance. The father's job was outsourced due to the economic crisis and they fell behind in their bills. The father is currently attending college and the mother was able to work extra hours to stay ahead with their bills as HPRP assisted.

"I'd like to thank you so much for all the help you've given my son and I. Calling you was the best thing I could've done. I am truly blessed. Not only has HPRP helped me to find a safe and proper place to live, it made me step up and take responsibility for myself meaning I had to do my part as well. It created a snowball effect and I am now in counseling and learning how to manage the money I do get. I'm looking for work and trying to continue my education which hasn't been easy but I do have faith it'll come together and work out for my benefit. So again thank you." - M.A.

Two single parent families were living in substandard housing in rural Macomb County. Both families lived in a farm building that was turned into apartments that had several code violations making the housing uninhabitable for a human being. Each family, consisting of a mother and children, had one bedroom apartments. The landlord refused to fix the code violations of sewage over flowing into the sinks, bathtubs, and leaking from the ceilings. HPRP moved the families into new apartments and HPRP is continuing to subsidize their rent.

Continuum of Care (CoC)

The Continuum of Care system is the mechanism used to move homeless from the streets to permanent, safe housing. Not all homeless move through the system in the same way, nor does every homeless person need all of the components of the system. The fundamental components of a CoC system are:

- Outreach, intake and assessment
- Emergency shelter
- Transitional housing
- Permanent housing
- Supportive Services
- Prevention

Macomb County Continuum of Care develops a plan that is reviewed and submitted yearly to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

A Continuum of Care and the plan that it develops are important because it:

- Provides for the assessment of capacity;
- Requires the identification of gaps;
- Makes the community become proactive rather than reactive;
- Helps the community develop a common vision and a set of common goals;
- Identifies ways of coordinating and linking resources to avoid duplication;
- Provides a forum to obtain community buy-in and access to mainstream resources; and
- Allows the community to apply for certain federal and state grants.

Continuum of Care Major Accomplishments

Macomb County received over \$2.2 million in funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program. A portion of the funds came through the CoC from MSHDA. The other 56% is being administered by the Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development with assistance from the CoC Coordinator.



Community Connection Days (CCD)

- The September CCD provided 352 attendees (65 families) with information from 47 different agencies, haircuts, food boxes (donated by the Macomb Food Program), clothing, dinner, hygiene kits, transportation, gifts certificates for groceries and children's shoes, etc.
- The January CCD had 299 attendees, including 56 families with 198 family members, with 41 agencies.
- The March CCD has 457 people attend the event, including 77 families with 134 adults and 261 children.

The Macomb Homeless Coalition received a new grant to expand the Homeless Management Information Systems for the CoC. Two data entry clerks now enter client information into for a number of homeless programs.

Additional Major Accomplishments listed inside...

A two parent family with three children, a one month old, two year old, and three year old, was homeless and living in their van. They used what money they had to stay in a hotel. Their money ran out quickly and an agency started paying for the hotel stay. HPRP staff referred the father to the Social Security SOAR program that assists homeless individuals with a disability to quickly receive SSDI. HPRP assisted financially with their housing needs and the family moved into a three bedroom house until his SSDI was approved. The family is now paying for their housing themselves.