

**Affordable Housing Action Network AHAN
Notes from Meeting of September 13, 2005**

Reports from Sub Committees:

Information Sharing Sub Committee:

Rahno Godfrey reported on behalf of this committee and circulated notes to committee members present. (Will be provided under a separate email)

Advocacy Sub Committee:

Jennifer Davis reported for this committee. Affordable housing was the theme of the annual meeting of the Quinte Labour Council. Jennifer Davis spoke at the meeting and received a good response. A presentation was made to the Social Service Committee of County Council by the Committee and was also well received. The committee plans to meet with local MPPS. These meetings will outline to MPPs who AHAN is and what the issues are. The meeting will be based on our report "Boxed In" and the presentation to the Social Services Committee. Jennifer is keeping clippings on affordable housing and AHAN activities.

Bricks and Mortar

Vacant land mapping has been done and this information has been passed on to the subcommittee. John DiAngelo, a private developer from Peel continues to be interested in developing home ownership options with the committee.

Homelessness data for Hastings

Reta Sheppard of the Hastings Housing Registry reported that in the 10 weeks preceding the meeting she has worked with 202 households that are homeless.

Nancy Smith from Ontario Works reported that in the same period she worked with 130 homeless individuals. This does not include those at risk of homelessness. These are new clients who are not currently on ODSP or OW. If these clients were also included the number would increase to 390 – 400.

Current waiting lists for social housing is 1002 households.

Rural Homelessness Fund

Carmella reported that Hastings County had made application to the federal government Rural Homelessness Fund . This initiative will develop a community plan for Centre Hastings, Quinte West, Deseronto and North Hastings. The project will be able to hire a coordinator, researcher and clerical support. The project should get underway the end of October.

AHAN

The proposal submitted by AHAN to the Supportive Community Partnership Initiative of the federal government is still awaiting approval. This project will support the development of AHAN.

Canadian Mental Health Association

CMHA announced the approval of a second residence of 6 units.

Federal Provincial Announcement on Affordable Housing

County has received notice of an additional 100 units allocated to Hastings County although there are no details yet. Scott Robertson, the Manager of the Housing Branch will be attending a meeting on September 21 when more information should be available.

The program will have two components. A capital allocation to support new housing units (40 units) and a rent subsidy portion to make 60 units available. More information to follow.

Agency Reports

Individual agencies reported on recent activities.

Next Meeting

November 22, 2005. Location to be announced.