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To: TJPD Commissioners
From: Billie Campbell
Date: August 28, 2008
Re: Lead Organization on Homelessness

Purpose: To provide information for the appointment of the initial Board of Directors for the Thomas Jefferson Area Coalition for the Homeless (TJACH) as they assume the role of the Lead Organization on Homelessness.

Background: After the July 17, 2008 TJPD Commission meeting, the TJACH Structure Task Force sent out letters to potential board members and followed up by phone. As of today, six people have agreed to serve on the board. The Structure Task Force is continuing to follow-up and expects to have additional board members identified in the next week. An orientation session for the new board will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the TJPDC office. This allows TJACH to take advantage of a technical assistance consultant, who has been funded through AIDS/HIV Services Group (ASG) to assist TJACH in the Continuum of Care (CoC) process.

Issues: The potential board members identified by the Structure Task Force are largely from Charlottesville and the urban ring. Efforts are underway to identify board members from the outlying counties. The Community Plan to End Homelessness, adopted by the TJPDC as a draft in January 2007, identifies the TJPD Commission as the appointing body for the initial board.

Recommendations: TJACH requests formal appointment of the slate for the initial board. The six people who have agreed to serve so far are: Mark Lorenzoni, Trish Cluff, Ed Bain, Karen Shepard, Robert Johnson and Evan Scully. A full slate will be presented at the meeting.

Action Needed: Appointment of the proposed slate as the initial TJACH Board, as the Lead Organization on Homelessness.

Effective Date: Terms for the appointed members will begin immediately upon appointment. The orientation session will be held September 9, 2008.