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**To:** TJPD Commissioners  
**From:** Billie Campbell  
**Date:** June 30, 2009  
**Re:** Update on Thomas Jefferson Area Coalition for the Homeless (TJACH)

**Purpose:** To update the Commission on the status of TJACH as it develops into a non-profit organization and assumes the lead role on homelessness in the region.

**Background:** The TJPD Commission appointed the Task Force to Develop the Community Plan to End Homelessness in 2005, adopted the plan as a draft in January 2007 and adopted the final plan on May 7, 2009. The Commission also appointed the TJACH Board of Directors at three separate meetings, September 2008, October 2008, and February 2009. TJACH is merging with the First Street Church Project, as announced by benefactor Tom Shadyac at the groundbreaking event on March 26, 2009.

**Update:** Work to establish TJACH as the Lead Organization on Homelessness has been proceeding well. Highlights of this work are:

- Hiring of an Executive Director. Kathleen “Kaki” Dimock has accepted TJACH’s offer with a start date no later than August 31, 2009. Kaki is currently the Vice President of Community Initiatives at People’s Regional Opportunity Program in Portland, Maine and has extensive experience in nonprofits and government, with families and youth, and in community-based programs. Kaki grew up in North Garden and is returning to the area to be near family after being away for almost 20 years.
- The TJACH Board adopted a new name for the First Street Church Project at their June meeting – The Haven at First and Market.
- Submission of an application for funding through the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP). TJACH, with TJPDC as its fiscal agent, was the applicant, with MACAA and other partners included in the proposal to provide case management and financial assistance directly to clients. These funds would also enhance the use of the Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) and help establish the Haven at First and Market as the community place to end homelessness.

- Work on developing a Single Room Occupancy (SRO) facility in Charlottesville is moving forward. Virginia Supportive Housing (VSH) will be the developer and operator of the facility. Allison Bogdanovic of VSH make a presentation to the TJACH Board at their July 15 meeting. Candice Streett of VSH will meet with the Housing Directors Council on July 21. The Housing Directors consider the SRO to be a regional housing project and are exploring ways to support the development with HOME funds.
- Preparation of the 1023 Form to apply for non-profit status. This work had progressed well in May, but was put on the back burner during the hiring process for TJACH Executive Director. The package is nearly complete and may be submitted prior to the Commission meeting.

**Action Needed:** This is an informational item only. The Commission is invited to join the TJACH Board, Service Providers Council, Task Force to Develop the Plan to End Homelessness, First Street Church Project Steering Committee, Day Haven Committee and Kitchen Committee for a meet-and-greet immediately prior to the Commission meeting, July 9, 5:15 to 7:00 p.m. in the TJPDC lobby.