

Partnership with Homeless Concerns Group expands to DVD Project

They meet monthly. Staff members from a wide range of local community organizations, social service agencies, government entities, and educational institutions that address issues affecting people who experience homelessness. They are the St Cloud Area Homeless Concerns Group.

They share information about the work each is doing, and discuss responses to gaps in programs and services.



Brenda Engleking (Central MN Housing Partnership) makes a point as (l-r) Rick Podvin (DOMUS Transitional Housing), Les Henson (St Cloud HRA), and Paul Knutson (Project HEAL) listen

The Center is one of the participants, enabling us to link youth to the organizations and agencies. We also take part in the group's "community education" committee.

That committee, working with Jim McAlister of Tell-A-Vision Productions (St Joseph), and funded by two grants, is now working to create a DVD for use by HC Group members, as well as schools and faith-communities. It will be used to educate students, volunteers, and the wider community about the local issues of homelessness and affordable housing.



Joe Gibbons (St Cloud Area Re-entry Project), Pam Illg (Stearns County Social Services), Marilyn Patterson (Sauk Rapids City Council), and Dondra Roland (Housing Coalition of the St Cloud Area) listen, too

Footage is now being edited. Plans are for a short (15-minute) version for presentations, and a longer version for classroom use. Viewers can select specific interviews for more in-depth information. Additional learning activities in print will also be available.

Educators or others interested in viewing or utilizing this DVD should e-mail us (see web site for contact info).