City of Lawrence Social Service Agency Semi-annual Report 2012

Reports on activity should be submitted electronically to Casey Toomay, Budget Manger at ctoomay@lawrenceks.org. Reports on activities from January to June are due on July 15th. Reports on activities from July through December are due on February 15th.

Special Alcohol Funds

Agency Name: Lawrence Community Shelter, Inc. (LCS)

Reporting period: × January - June ☐ July - December (deadline July 15) ☐ (deadline February 15)

1. Give a <u>brief</u> narrative of the activities that were funded with City funds over the reporting period checked above.

The Lawrence Community Shelter conducted its program of Substance Abuse Intervention and Collaboration during this period by providing immediate shelter without requiring any type of treatment or that guests be sober at the time of arrival. The program involves collaborative treatment and supportive services through a team of social workers, supported employment staff, case managers, and peer counselors.

2. Provide specific detail (and supportive documents, if needed) to demonstrate progress made toward your goals/objectives.

The Substance Abuse Intervention and Collaboration Program is outcomes based. It works toward goals where the emphasis is on the individual's progress toward recovery and, in keeping with the harm reduction philosophy, not focused solely on abstinence.

| Process Outcomes | Annual Objective | <u>1st 6 Months</u> |
|--|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 5 individuals @ mo assessment of SA | 60 | 8 |
| 4 individuals @ mo accessing MH or SA services | 60 | 37 |
| Access provided to AA at least weekly | 52 | 26 |
| Behavioral Outcomes | | |
| 25% into permanent housing | 15 | 4 |
| 25% into permanent jobs | 15 | 8 |
| Impact Outcome | | |
| Less than 10% in pgm who leave LCS will return | 6 | 3 |

3. How have you impacted the citizens of Lawrence?

In working with the complexity of homelessness, it is necessary to deal with the untidy parts of alcoholism and mental illness, otherwise the issue is not being approached wisely and thoroughly for the benefit of the community. In the first six months of 2012, the Lawrence Community Shelter impacted the issue of homelessness for the benefit of the citizens of Lawrence by helping eight people get to a detox facility and 37 people access mental health services. The subtitle of the LCS is "...a path to a positive future."

4. What barriers, if any, have you encountered?

The challenges to the program and to the individuals in the program are multiple. Substance abuse impacts a homeless individual's lifespan, their physical health, their ability to obtain and maintain a job and housing, and to seek needed mental health services. Key barriers are:

- Lack of access to funding for programs and trained staff
- Lack of access to transportation for clients to get to and from resources and jobs
- Lack of motivation of social support from family and friends

5. Review the line-item budget you provided in your application. How much of your allocation has been spent?

The first half of the 2012 allocation of the Special Alcohol Funds was \$18,000. The line-item budget in our application totaled \$152,640 for the full year. Since the first half allocation of \$18,000 equals less than 1.5 month's budget amount, the allocation has been fully spent.