Set-up for Homeless Advocacy Centre

Rationale:

In working with the homeless the authors have found very few services which are dedicated to addressing the holistic needs of the homeless. The provision of service for the homeless as it currently exists is woefully inadequate. Services exist which target needs specific issues, only if the homeless consumer presents the need. In essence, the homeless citizen can receive shelter if she stands in line at 11:00 pm each night or can receive food if she stands in food line-ups in the rain and cold. This activity could be counter indicated for anyone who is HIV positive, has T.B., pneumonia, or a plethora of other ailments, handicaps or diseases. Waiting for two+ hours to see a doctor at a 'drop-in' clinic or even doing the paperwork may not be amenable for people with mental health issues or addiction induced hyperactivity. In all of the above examples, there exists an incapacity to deal with the person as a whole person.

The model proposed would combine in-house and outreach components through the use of a multi-disciplinary outreach team.

The use of a case planning and follow-up approach assures a needs specific continuum of care for individuals

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OUTREACH SERVICES

During outreach shifts the team would carry shoes, blankets sweaters, coat
and plastic tarp type material with them.
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This service works as a trust builder as well as an early intervention tool for
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stopping the on-set of weather related illnesses such as pneumonia, colds
and compromised immunity.

plate and Fruit: weather they could carry hot chocolate or hot cider and fruit.
tionship builder, which assures some intake of healthy food. a chance to engage the person during the sharing of food (or

each shift v	would log locations and condition of people who are high risk
(e.g. HIV p	ositive, Hep, T.B., Mental Health, Physical Disability, Age, and
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Referral Services:	
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Housing; Establish and maintain an on-going relationship with Housing and shelter providers. Document and refer to needs-specific services. E.g mental health housing, doctor-on-call, nurse-on-staff.				
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Mental Health:
Establish and maintain an on-going relationship with Mental Health teams, and service providers.
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Clinics:			1 1.1 1' '	1
Establish and maintain an on-go special needs clinics and special	oing rela list.	tionship with	i health clinic	es, doctors
				
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Escort and Transportation:
Vehicle and driver required to transport clients to health and advocacy
appointments as well as to shelters.
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Rationale:

IN-HOUSE SERVICES
Community Kitchen: Run out of the Stanley, this service would feed the Stanley patrons and would additionally find spots where there are community feeding shortages during the week and would offer community kitchens for a set number of people.
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Food Club: Would engage in cooperative purchasing of food and supplies.					
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	ith established advocacy services such as First	
response time, in-house a	es not exist or could not have a fast enough advocates would begin the role. Effectiveness, city of advocates should be tracked and documents	ed.
Rationale:		
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Health Clinics: Health, wellness and traditional healing clinics would be run out of the large common area. Rationale:

Rights and Services Workshops: Community workshops on everything from welfare rights to community networks to accessing local services would be run out of the large common area.					
Rationale:					

Community Access: The hall would be set up for community use. Bookings would be made through the office. This could include things such as weekly craft workshops, cooking classes, yoga, talking circles, healing circles, traditional medicine teachings, hep workshops, harm reduction training etc.					
Rationale:					

Job Club:						
An area could be set up in the office for a self- driven job-club.						
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