

Public Comments/Questions to Consolidation Plan & Annual Action Plan

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My comments/questions are in regard to the (Check appropriate box):

PY 2008-2012 Consolidated Plan

PY 2008 Annual Action Plan

(If you are commenting on the Annual Action Plan, state the project or section)

Healthcare for the Homeless - Houston (Dental Care for the Homeless)

Please print your comments in the space provided.

Healthcare for the Homeless - Houston is pleased to be included in the PY 2008 Annual Action Plan & appreciates the concern for the needs of the homeless addressed in the Consolidated Plan. The Coalition for the Homeless Survey from 2005 (the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Commission report) identified the need for healthcare (70%); <sup>among those surveyed</sup> the need for dental care exceeded that (79%). In a needs assessment conducted in Aug 2007 by Baylor College of Medicine for Healthcare for the Homeless - Houston, 85.1% of homeless men & women surveyed listed dental care as the highest priority. ~~85~~ More than 76% indicated they had needed dental care in the previous year but only about 25% had received it.

We applaud HCCEDD's attention to the needs of the homeless & respectfully request that, if additional funds become available, consideration be given to an increase in funding <sup>for</sup> dental care.

Thank you for attending the Public Hearing.