



It is the mission of One Roof uniting central alabama to end homelessness to equip and empower our community to prevent and end homelessness through advocacy, education and coordination of services.

Minutes Membership Meeting April 5, 2018 Cooper Green Health Services

I. Welcome and Roundtable Introductions

- [Membership Sign-in](#)

II. Special Topics

- Jefferson County DHR – SNAP program
 - Zarinah Moseley introduced the Food Assistance division of Jefferson County DHR, including their mission to end hunger in Jefferson County.
 - Applications for the SNAP program are available in all DHR offices, or online at mydhralabama.gov, or mailed, faxed, or e-mailed.
 - Proof of ID is required to claim benefits, but documents such as Continuum ID, utility bills, leases, VA IDs or pay stubs are acceptable in addition to state-issued ID.
 - Ms. Moseley reminded us that cold food and food seeds are eligible for purchase under the program.
 - Ms. Moseley announced that due to changes in the SNAP program at the Federal level, able-bodied non-working adults are now only eligible for 3 months of assistance per year.
 - Michelle Farley asked for clarification regarding “able-bodied,” and Ms. Moseley informed the Continuum that all homeless clients or clients receiving disability (even if they do not have a diagnosis of physical or developmental disability) are eligible for a full 12-month period of SNAP benefits.
- Jefferson County DHR – RESET program
 - RESET is similar to the DHR JOBS program for TANF recipients, but RESET program eligibility is restricted to SNAP-eligible households. RESET partners with Lawson State to provide GED, High School Diploma and other educational programs to clients.
 - Clients do not have to be currently receiving SNAP benefits to work with RESET, but they must be SNAP-eligible.
 - RESET has access to a list of employers who will hire individuals who have been convicted of a felony. Several members of the Continuum asked for this information. Ms. Moseley said she would share this information with Gordon Sullivan with One Roof, for distribution to the Continuum.

- Michelle Farley asked if there were any veteran-specific programs for food assistance, Ms. Mosely informed the Continuum that they are not.
- Jefferson County DHR – JOBS program
 - Ty Evans from Jefferson county DHR informed the Continuum that JOBS works with TANF clients. The program’s goal is to move the clients from welfare to work. Case managers assess clients, then created tailored programs for them.
 - DHR partners with Lawson State for a jobs readiness skills course. Clients then come to the JOBS program facility to complete a two-week job search program. 50 to 55% of the clients have a job within 2 months.
 - If clients have not found a job within two weeks, they work with Working Matters to volunteer in the community (for up to 6 months). This enables them to gain skills which increase their job readiness.
 - Clients can also have their salary subsidized by Jefferson County DHR for up to a year, meaning that their employer will be reimbursed for the salary paid out to an employee who was a participant in the JOBS program.
 - Participants in the JOBS program also have access to resources to assist them with transportation, childcare and other services they may need in order to remove barriers to employment.
 - Lastly, DHR is hosting a Job Fair the morning of April 26th in their offices at 2001 12th Avenue North in Birmingham. Clients who need assistance writing or printing a resume prior to this event can go to the Alabama Career Center at 3216 4th Avenue South.
 - Mr. Evans also offered his phone number to continuum members if they have any questions regarding the JOBS Program - 423 4356.
- Jefferson County DHR – TANF (Temporary Assistance For Needy Families)
 - Patrice Williams summarized the TANF program (popularly known as “Welfare”) in Jefferson County to the Continuum.
 - TANF is a block-granted program that serves 1700 families in Jefferson County. TANF’s goal is to move clients toward self-sufficiency.
 - TANF clients can include intact families.
 - TANF funding in Alabama is not matched by the state.
 - A household is only eligible TANF is only for 5 years throughout the US, however if a child moves to a new household after the 1st household’s 5 years of eligibility has expired, the new household this child resides in is eligible for 5 years of TANF.
 - In Alabama, TANF sanctions follow children, so if a parent or relative of a child causes a household to become ineligible for TANF, no household containing that child will be eligible for TANF.

- Butler Human Services – Leslee O’Kelly
 - Butler is a furniture company which makes products specifically for institutional settings and has been doing so for 20 years.
 - Their furniture comes with a 10 year warranty and is resistant to bedbugs and urine, as well as heavy wear and tear.
 - Butler is able to serve HUD-funded agencies.
 - Inventory can be viewed on their website, butlerhumanservices.com, or by ordering a catalog.

III. Old Business

- No old business.

IV. Continuum Business

- Michelle Farley informed the Continuum that the annual Continuum grant is scheduled for release in May. HUD wants robust participation in the continuum of care. Ms. Farley mentioned she was encouraged by the diversity of agencies and missions in the Continuum. She mentioned changing structures in HUD grants around supportive services and transitional housing and changing federal rules around equal access may have made applying for these grants more difficult for some members of the Continuum. Ms. Farley encouraged new agencies, especially ones focusing on housing, to apply for HUD funding. She mentioned that One Roof is open to continuum members partnering on projects or applying jointly for new HUD grants.

V. New Business

- ARMS has moved to the 7th Floor of the Cooper Green Mercy Health Services Building! Click for flyer [ARMS flyer.PDF](#).
- Shelby Emergency Assistance invited members of the Continuum to their Crawfish Boil benefit at Main Street Tavern in Montevallo, AL the evening of the meeting April 5th, 2018
- Family Endeavors announced that they are changing their name to Endeavors.
- Next Membership Meeting – May 5, 2018, 2 p.m. in 2nd floor cafeteria of Cooper Green Health Services. Topic: TBD.
- Monthly Legal Help Desk: May 1, 2018 8:30 am - Noon, Located in the One Roof Office, 5th Floor Cooper Green Mercy Health Services.
- If you experience any PromisSE / HMIS related issues, please email the PromisSE team at promisSE@oneroofonline.org for assistance.
- Please let One Roof know what’s going on in your agency! Send info, flyers, announcements to info@oneroofonline.org to be included in One Roof’s weekly newsletter. Remember, One Roof will not send out information for a fundraiser event benefiting a nonmember agency.