



uniting central alabama to end homelessness

It is the mission of One

Roof to equip and

*empower our community to prevent and
end homelessness through advocacy, education and coordination of services.*

Minutes Membership Meeting February 6, 2020, Cooper Green Health Services

I. Welcome and Roundtable Introductions

- **United Way - Census**
 - Lula Skowronek made an announcement about the upcoming 2020 Census.
 - United Way will be working with the continuum and its agencies to assure our clients are counted.
 - Flyers were handed out to be posted at agencies.
 - United Way will come back at a later time with more detailed information.
 - Nathan Slater Salter stressed the importance of getting accurate counts because it will determine funding for Jefferson County.
- Juana Perez-Marathon (Sterlite)
 - Currently Marathon is hiring for entry-level positions at their Sterlite plant.
 - All positions are 12-hour rotating shifts.
 - They will consider felony convictions.
 - Starting pay is between \$13.50-\$14.70/hr.
 - They provide on the job training.
 - You can contact Juana at 205-854-0026.

II. Special Topics

- **Pathways Daycare – Carrie Leland**
 - Pathways is starting a new Childcare Development Center. The Center will not be a daycare, but a child development center with hired professionals.
 - It will initially be open 5 days a week/ 8 hours a day starting in April.
 - They expect to be able to serve 20-25 children a day.
 - Free for any family homeless by HUD definition.
 - Ages 1-5
 - Childcare available on day one of homelessness.
 - Carrie knows there will be questions along the way. All questions or suggestions can be sent to info@pathwayshome.org.
 - What is required by the parent/legal guardian?

1. Unfortunately, children must have a blue card and follow any other Alabama standards for childcare. However, Pathways knows the clientele they serve and will work with families to obtain proper documentation.
 - What happens after the family has secured housing?
 1. Childcare Development Center will be temporary until a more permanent space is secured.
 - What is the referral process?
 1. If you are serving a family who has a child 1-5, send them to Pathways preferably with a verification letter.
- **Project Homeless Connect – Michelle Farley**
 - Housing-Sherry Webb
 1. So far only two people have signed up, we need more agencies.
 - Medical Update-
 1. Sasser Eye Group will be providing eyeglasses.
 - Reminders:
 1. This is not an advertisement for your agency, please do not put your own tablecloth or agency advertisement on the table.
 2. Pizza will be served around 12:30. Please do not complain. Bring a snack.
 3. If you have any questions or concerns, Michelle will be at the information table.
 4. There will be a walk through on Thursday, February 27 from 2:00-3:00.
 - United Way Hands On
 1. Hands On recruits at least 450 Smiling Faces.
 2. The other Smiling Faces volunteers are recruited by Faith Chapel.
 3. Smiling Faces are guides who assist clients navigate through the different stations.

III. Continuum Business

From 'HUD Notice-CPD-17-01: Establishing Additional Requirements for a Continuum of Care Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System':

"CoCs should keep the time spent on their single, prioritized list for housing resources at 60 days or less. If a community cannot offer a housing resource to every prioritized household experiencing homelessness in 60 days or less, then the CoC should tighten its prioritization standards in order to more precisely differentiate and identify for resources those households with the most needs and highest vulnerabilities. This will mean that CoCs will need to update their written standards appropriately and that some households that are eligible for homeless assistance will no longer be placed on a prioritized list for housing." Pg 18

- **Wait List**-One Roof proposes the Continuum take a look at the following categories as it relates to our master list for housing. Currently, the continuum is not in compliance according to the HUD definition above. The following suggestions could greatly improve the time a client spends on the wait list.
 - Disability Documentation
 1. Currently there are individuals on the wait list who do not have disability documentation. Once a client is referred to an agency for housing, they have 45 days to provide this documentation. This has resulted in clients having to leave housing because they were not able to obtain this documentation in the 45-day window.
 2. One important thing to note is documentation must have very specific language as defined by HUD.
 3. Keep in mind we are only referring to Permanent Supportive Housing not Rapid Rehousing.
 - Clients in 90+ day programs
 1. This refers to treatment, re-entry, and most transitional programs.
 2. Currently, there are individuals on the wait list who apply while in a 90-day program. Once they complete the program, they no longer fall under the HUD definition of homeless.
 3. We know the importance of completing the 90-day program and how essential it is to maintaining stability once housed.
 4. One Roof suggests if a person is homeless and they go into a 90-day institution, they then are no longer eligible for Permanent Supportive Housing.
 - Child Custody Question
 1. Currently there are around 50 families on the wait list. Some of these families do not have custody of their children and securing housing is NOT a condition blocking them from obtaining custody.
 2. One Roof suggests we ask families to provide documentation from DHR stating housing is a barrier for reunification.
 1. Sherry Webb stated that of all her cases who stated they needed housing for reunification, none of them were unified with their children once housing was secured.
- The motion is that the current written standards for the permanent supportive housing waitlist will be amended to include new procedures on how the waitlist will be priorities. These amended will include disability documentation, clients in day programs longer than 90 days, and child

custody questions. This amendment will be established to ensure homeless clients seeking Permanent Supportive Housing will receive housing resources closer to the 90 day HUD guideline. (Jeff Bowman)

*Motion passed unanimously, there were no objections.

IV. New Business

- **Dannon Project will be opening their 5th location in Montgomery, AL.**
- Next Membership Meeting – March 5, 2020, 2 p.m. in 2nd-floor cafeteria of Cooper Green Health Services. Topic: JBS – Robin McCarty “Housing First”
- Monthly Legal Help Desk: **SECOND TUESDAY of the MONTH** February 11, 2020, 8:30 am - Noon, Located in the One Roof Office, 5th Floor Cooper Green Mercy Health Services.
- Coordinated Assessments are done between 9AM-4PM Monday through Friday.
- 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.**