



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.

AGENDA Membership Meeting November 4, 2021
Zoom / Virtual Meeting – Recording will be published instead of minutes
[Meeting Link](#)

I. Welcome and Roundtable Introductions

- List of attendees will be generated from Zoom in lieu of a sign-in sheet.

II. Special Topics

- **One Roof**, Veteran By-Name Working Group updates
 - Monthly meetings are still taking place with Veteran service providers and One Roof to review the by-name list. This meeting is open to the public, just email hmis@oneroofonline.org to be added to the email list.
 - The meeting involves reviewing a list of every identified Veteran who is currently experiencing homelessness. Service providers case conference each case to create a case plan for housing.
- **Caron Griffin**, Birmingham VA, Community Outreach Specialist
 - Covid protocols: Veterans must have a COVID test before moving into communal living. Persons experiencing homelessness can access communal living and receive a COVID test at the annex building on 7th Avenue South. Veterans are then connected with Caron's caseload.
 - HUD-VASH housing: eligible veterans may enter this program and can remain in the program as long as they maintain program requirements. Household income must be below \$26k annually.
 - Contact phone number for Caron Griffin: 205-504-0163
 - Clothing closet for homeless veterans open Monday and Thursday 8am – 12pm.
 - 250 cell phones were distributed to homeless veterans using CARES Act funding (initiative just ended).
- **David Gafford**, Priority Veteran, Lead Case Manager
 - Serves about 550 Veterans across Alabama each year. Serving Veterans who are literally homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

- Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) can cover rental arrears, utilities, and ongoing rental assistance for eligible families (those who meet definitions of homelessness and have at least one Veteran in the household). Additional case management and essential services are also available.
- Priority Veteran utilized a lot of hotels during the pandemic to quickly house Veterans experiencing homelessness while they worked to connect them to permanent housing programs like HUD-VASH.
- Priority Veteran is a Housing First program – provides housing first and then provides wrap around services.
- Contact number for Veterans: 866-460-3827
- David's contact number: 205-458-8925 or david.gafford@priorityveteran.org
- **Roderick Royal**, Alabama Career Center
 - **Stand Down for Veterans**, Thursday, November 18, 2021
 - **Stand Down for Veterans flyer** [StandDown for Veterans.pdf](#)
 - The event will provide lunch that day and gift certificates for clothing and shoes for Veterans experiencing homelessness.
 - The event is specifically for homeless Veterans, but no Veteran will be turned away from the event.
 - Some participating service providers and vendors: Lawson State, drug and treatment, Alabama Career Center, and other supportive service providers.
- **Cherie White**, Jobs for Vets
 - Main focus of the program is on employment but other supportive services are available through Aletheia House.
 - Cherie's contact information: 205-588-0698 or cwhite@specialkindofcaring.org

III. Continuum Business

- Reminder: [Jefferson County Open Season](#) for ESG and CDBG applications. Agencies who wish to apply for funding MUST attend one of their virtual meetings. Last meeting is scheduled for 11/12/2021.
- Local Continuum of Care funding competition updates
- Updates on Jefferson County ESG-CV funding & City of Birmingham ESG-CV
 - **Policy Change**: Ability for rents to be above Fair Market Rent (FMR) so long as rent meets HUD's Rent Reasonableness
 - RRH sub-recipients are **highly encouraged** to use ESG-CV funds to provide landlord incentives. Please review your contract to learn about limits.
 - New housing navigator has been hired for the Continuum of Care and will start soon. This new position will work directly with clients to help with the housing search process.

IV. New Business

- General UPDATES from Agencies
 - Firehouse Shelter is closed to new clients until 11/15/2021 because of a COVID-19 outbreak.
 1. Current shelter guests may stay in the shelter and will be tested.
 2. Guests who have tested positive will be isolated in hotel rooms.
 - Birmingham Volunteer Lawyers Program
 1. The Birmingham division of Jefferson County eviction docket is providing information to BVLP and BVLP is reaching out to those households
 2. However, households are still being evicted.
 3. Efforts are being made to make sure households have applied for rental assistance.
 4. Households can contact BVLP at 205-250-5198
- Next Membership Meeting –December 2, 2021, Location Virtual
- For up-to-date information from partner agencies, please visit the One Roof website at oneroofonline.org
- Coordinated Entry screenings/assessments are completed between 9AM-4PM Monday through Friday.
- If you experience any PromisSE / HMIS related issues, please email the PromisSE team at HMIS@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.**

V. Links to Resources

- [Addressing Your Concerns About the Vaccine](#) (HUD document)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Conversation Tips](#) (HUD)
- [How to Build Staff's Confidence in COVID-19 Vaccine](#) (HUD)
- [Talking with People Experiencing Homelessness about the COVID-19 Vaccine](#) (HUD)
- HUD Flyers for posting at agencies
 - [Addressing Your Concerns About the Vaccine](#)
 - [Common Side Effects of the COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
 - [Why are Front Line Workers Prioritized?](#)
 - [Why are Persons Experiencing Homelessness Prioritized?](#)
 - [Vaccines are just One Piece of Controlling the Virus](#)
 - [Why Get Vaccinated?](#)