



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 June 3, 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.

Wendy Hicks – City of Birmingham

Nathan Salter – Jefferson County

Hillary – Shelby Emergency Assistance

Bailey Real – Pathways

Karla Thomas – Pathways

LaQuetta Lynch – Dannon Project

Alice Westery – Youth Towers

Deborah Daniels – Offenders Alumni Association

Hunter Davis – Jefferson County Schools

Amy Sparks – ARMS

Deisha Rosser – JBS

Brandi Moore

Lisa Singer – BBVLP

Michelle Pickett – YWCA

Michael King – Fellowship House

Jeri Tindal – One Roof

Michelle Farley – One Roof

Gordon Sullivan – One Roof

Casey Cunningham

Walter Nolan-Schmidt – One Roof

Lisa Maher – Children’s Aid Society

Sherry Bray – First Light

Julie Huldtquist – Children’s

Solonia Mack – JCHA

Andrea Gates – One Roof

Melissa Sledge – JCHA

Ed – Hope House (by phone)

II. Continuum Business

- [Click Here](#) For General Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) Contact information
- City of Birmingham Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)
 - Wendy Hicks, Community Development Department
 - ERAP
 1. To help Birmingham residents who cannot make rent or utility payments because of COVID-19
 2. Only for City of Birmingham residents; City will use GIS to determine if residents live in Birmingham, and those who do not will be referred to Jefferson County
 3. Applications can be completed online OR applicants can call 1-844-287-1250 and be connected with a case manager
 4. FAQ is available on the website
 5. Applicants are encouraged to have all documents ready before beginning the application process. Documents can be uploaded online or dropped off in-person.
 6. Paying back rent/utilities from March 2020
 - Who is eligible?

1. Need for assistance must be COVID related – drop in work hours, layoff, missed work because of hospitalization.
 2. Must be below 80% Area Median Income (AMI)
 3. Must be Birmingham City resident
 4. Landlords can apply on behalf of tenants. Tenants must sign off to participate.
- Funds will be available until funds are fully expended.
 - <https://www.birminghamal.gov/renthelp>
 - **City of Birmingham ERAP Flyers:**
 1. [City of Birmingham ERAP Flyer](#)
 - Questions:
 1. How long is it taking for funds to be disbursed once all documentation is submitted?
 1. City of Birmingham is using a third party to distribute. First payments should be processed next week and then on a weekly basis moving forward.
 2. This is not an emergency-based assistance program. For example, if someone calls and report that their lights are currently off, there are other assistance programs out there to assist. It does take a little time for rent and utilities to be paid.
 2. This assistance cannot assist residents with their mortgage payment, only rent.
- **Jefferson County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)**
 - Nathan Salter
 - **County has released first 11 million of funding; there is another 19 million coming out in the next year to year and a half.**
 - **Distributing funds through partners: Birmingham Urban League, Neighborhood Housing Services, Bridge Ministries**
 - **Jefferson County residents should reach out to these partners to apply or complete the online application.**
 - **Any landlord who would like to apply will need to communicate directly to one of the partner agencies – cannot apply online.**
 - **Providing assistance with rent, utilities, energy expenses (heating oil, propane), trash removal, internet expenses that are tied to housing (no cell phone or hot spot), legal and court fees**
 - **Can use funding to relocate households (similar to ESG program) if the landlord will not cooperate or work with the tenant regarding housing stabilization.**
 - **Questions:**
 - <https://erap.iccal.org/>
 - Jefferson County ERAP Flyers:
 1. [ERAP Press Release](#)
 2. [ERAP Eligibility \(English\)](#)
 3. [ERAP Eligibility \(Spanish\)](#)
 - **Membership Representative on CoC Board of Directors – Michelle Farley**
 - Presentation of nominations: Val Green (Firehouse) & Amy Sparks (ARMS)
 - Only two individuals were nominated.
 - A VOTE will be taken
 1. Anonymous poll via Zoom
 2. OR members can email Michelle@oneroofonline.org
 3. Only ONE vote per member agency.
 - The poll will be sent to all attendees and the entire membership for responses.
 - **Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)**
 - Deadline July 27, 2021

- Youth Action Council (YAC) membership recruitment.
- Contact Natalie Reed at 205-617-6207 if you have any youth 18-24 interested in joining. Youth earn \$15/hour with meetings taking place every two weeks.

III. **New Business**

- General UPDATES from Agencies
- Next Membership Meeting – July 1, 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 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.**

IV. **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?](#)

V. **Chat Box Information:**