



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 July 1, 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.
 - Virtual membership meetings will continue through the next few months.
 - Possible in-person networking opportunities each Quarter

II. Continuum Business

- Eviction Moratorium Ends July 31, 2021
 - The CDC moratorium will not be extended again
- How can we prepare in our community for upcoming evictions?
 - Lisa Singer, Birmingham Volunteer Lawyers Program
 1. How will eviction courts proceed in our community?
 2. An unlawful detainer in Alabama has the shortest timeline for the defendant/tenant to answer. Tenants need to file an answer to the unlawful detainer as soon as possible – 7 days within being served the unlawful detainer. If there is no answer, a default judgement can be made and the judgement will be sent to sheriff's office for the eviction to take place. If the tenant answers the unlawful detainer, this buys the tenant time.
 - Judge Martha Cook, District Court Birmingham
 1. Report on the state of Eviction filings – roughly 3000 on her docket alone, and there are two other judges who hear eviction cases / unlawful detainer cases
 2. The court expects to have a big influx of new cases being filed beginning August 1st.
 3. There are still rights to tenants to appeal a case (7 days) after a ruling is made in favor of the landlord.
 4. Judges are likely to continue a stay on an eviction case if the tenant is working towards receiving rental assistance through the County/City/CoC.
 - Gordon Sullivan, One Roof
 1. CE continues to prioritize folks who are in the most need.
 2. The typical rent assistance programs available through the CoC and ESG programs take time to administer and the requirements can be burdensome.
 3. CE encourages clients to apply for ERAP because it is well-funded and the application process is much quicker than other assistance programs available through CE and the Continuum.
 - Jeff Co and City of Birmingham ERAP **Updates**
 1. [Here's a link to how clients can apply to these programs](#)
 2. City of Birmingham had their first round of checks written to landlords. Soon the City plans to have an on-site location for people to apply instead of having to

apply online or over the phone. Clients should come prepared with the documents necessary to apply for the program.

3. Jefferson County's ERAP has a turnaround time of 1-2 weeks for a check to be sent to a landlord. Additional funds will be added to the initial award to the ERAP.
4. Both ERAP programs will consider paying legal and late fees for households.
5. ERAP can cover utilities (including internet) and could potentially assist with moving a household to a new unit (moving costs, application fees, etc.).

- 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.
- Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)
 - Offered through Jefferson County Housing Authority and the Housing Authority of the Birmingham District
 - Voucher referral must be made by Coordinated Entry, but vouchers will be prioritized for folks experiencing homelessness or have recently experience homelessness.
- COVID-related funding – Michelle Farley
 - Report/discussion on currently available COVID funding

III. New Business

- General UPDATES from Agencies
- Next Membership Meeting – August 5, 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?](#)