



*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.*

**MNUTES Membership Meeting October 4, 2018 Cooper Green Health Services**

**I. Welcome and Roundtable Introductions**

- [Membership Sign-in-10-4-18](#)

**II. Old Business**

- **Laura Tyrone**-Volunteer Legal Help Desk, Turning Point (the last Tuesday of each month)
  - [Homeless Help Desk handout](#)

**III. Continuum Business**

- Coordinated Assessment-Mary Beth Gore
  - [Coordinated Assessment Tip Sheet](#)
  - Documenting Disability-is determined by HUD regulations to have a physical, mental or emotional impairment that:
    1. Is expected to be of long, continued, and indefinite duration;
    2. Substantially impedes his or her ability could be improved by more suitable housing conditions.
    3. Is of such a nature that such ability could be improved by more suitable housing conditions.
  - Mary Beth stated One Roof is working on created a uniform document to use to verify disability with doctors.
  - Val Green had a question about how to refer clients for ShelterCare+.
  - Prioritization—**vote required to modify Continuum policy**
    1. Does availability or lack thereof, of Chronic Homelessness documentation prioritize a client?
    2. The discussion of which client to prioritize someone who does have documentation vs. someone who does not.
    3. Val Green and Ianithia Crawford agree that the client with documentation should be prioritized over someone who does not.
    4. Mary Beth clarified the client without documentation can still be engaged with services until they are ready to be housed with documentation.
    5. Mark Rick stated we should not prioritize a client based on lack of documentation because we risk not be housing first.

6. Lisa Kay asked would it be possible for outreach to ask for documentation during the initial intake.
7. Michelle Farley stated because of equal access the question of documentation cannot be asked during initial intake.
8. Faith Willis clarified the process of coordinated assessment for street clients and when and how documentation is gathered.
9. Continuum consider the notion we prioritize clients with documentation over clients without documentation. (Ruth makes a move, Jessie second) (Ty and Mark dissented, one abstained)
10. Motion passed with 4 no votes.

○ Households—**vote required to modify Continuum policy on prioritization of “family” vs “household”**

1. Michele Farley stated we are seeing more “partners” who are not households.
2. We have to be careful if we change the language to make sure we are not violating equal access.
3. Michelle Farley posed the question should a household with children be prioritized before households without children.
4. Lisa Kay asked if the question can be asked of households when they started to live together.
5. Michele Farley stated the question cannot be asked due to equal access.
6. Alice Westery stated she would like for households with children to be prioritized over clients without children.
7. Alice Westery stated she does feel comfortable defining custody with households.
8. Michelle Farley stated she does not want to define “children”. If we need to address “children” are at a later date.
9. Jessie Humphries made a motion the continuum preauthorize household with children over households without children. (Vote carried unanimously)
10. Mary Beth Gore reiterated there is no “wait list”. One Roof encourages clients to self-resolve as much as possible with resources.
11. Michelle Farley mentioned HUD is moving towards shelter diversion.

- Coordinated Assessments are done between 9AM-4PM Monday through Friday.

#### IV. New Business

- Next Membership Meeting – November 1, 2018, 2 p.m. in 2nd floor cafeteria of Cooper Green Health Services. Topic: TBD
- Alice Westery stated Youth Towers has now opened housing for youth. Also Junior League is providing a Second Serving providing leftover food.
- Urban Ministry Table of Hope event is tonight.

- Urban Ministry is still doing Project Share (providing past due and reconnect fees for seniors who have SSD/SSDI)
- Monthly Legal Help Desk: November 6, 2018 8:30 am - Noon, Located in the One Roof Office, 5th Floor Cooper Green Mercy Health Services.
- Project Homeless Connect: Saturday, February 23, 2019
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