



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 October 10, 2019 Cooper Green Health Services

I. Welcome and Roundtable Introductions

- [Membership Sign-in-10.10.2019.pdf](#)

II. Old Business

- 2019 Completed NOFA is posted on One Roof's website
- 100 Days Youth Challenge-Please read more about the project by clicking [here](#).
- We will participate in this challenge as a continuum and partner with agencies that serve youth, schools, and DHR. We have already had preliminary conversations with DHR and hope with our new relationships with Birmingham City and Shelby County school systems this will be a successful project.
- We are also glad to have Vestavia's School Liaison, Antonio Cooper, at the meeting today.

III. Continuum Business

- DV and Emergency Transfer Plans – Michelle Farley
 - The DV-specific agencies each have formal Emergency Transfer Plans (ETP) for all violence (domestic or dating violence, sexual assault or stalking) victims and a transfer request is not limited by race, gender identity or sexual orientation. Each DV agency will move a victim upon request into another agency unit if one is available. If an agency unit is not available, that agency will work with One Roof/Coordinated Assessment & other partners inside & outside the CoC as much as possible to assist the client in locating housing that s/he believes is safe. While only the DV agencies have written ETP's, all CoC housing providers follow this Plan informally & One Roof now asks all housing providers to discuss this policy and we will take a formal vote in November. All emergency transfer information, whether formal or informal, is kept confidential. DV clients are not entered into HMIS. If a victim calls/presents to Coordinated Assessment or a non-DV provider, s/he is immediately referred to a confidential shelter/agency (and is transported if needed) unless s/he refuses. If local agencies are full, space in another CoC is located or the client is referred to the state DV hotline.
 1. Question-What happens if the only units available are in the same apartment building as the client's current unit?
 1. Safety is the main concern. If the client cannot live in the available unit without the threat of the abuser finding her/him, then the same apartment building is not an option. Also, keep in mind the role of the agency is to assist the client move units **if** there is another unit available and the client requests to be moved in writing.
 2. Question-What happens if the client has to fill out another application and pay an application fee?
 1. Yes, this should be considered.
 3. We will send out an email and vote at the November membership meeting.

- CoC has FVPSP funded confidential shelters in 2 geographies, non-funded TH in 3 different geographies, 1 DOJ funded TH and 2 scatter site ESG RRH programs so that clients have a choice. If clients choose to stay in a confidential shelter until they feel safe/stable again, they can then choose TH or RRH and choose geography if units are available. At every point, from the first contact with clients until they graduate from programs, approaches are all Trauma-informed and are designed to always be Victim-centered.
- Prioritization – Summary of/ Clarification of Priorities
 - The CoC must look at how we are prioritizing families because some families are getting a lower score on the VISPDAT than single households.
 - Currently, there are 86-families on the waitlist, 66- have children under the age of 6.
 - What are the problems?
 1. Consider the number of children increasing vulnerability points.
 1. Should a family with more children be considered more vulnerable?
 2. Head of household is pregnant.
 1. How can individuals confirm their pregnancy? What agencies provide free pregnancy test?
 3. Agencies to send a request for even referrals and One Roof will send an even number of families and/or individuals.
 1. This is an attempt to try to address the influx of family households with children on the Master CA List.
 4. Rick Gish with UAB React offered to accept families with one member with a disability.
 5. Robin McCarthy with JBS also offered to accept families with SMI for Shelter Care Plus.
 6. Other issues to consider for homeless families: Lack of job skills, lack of education, no transportation, no income, families don't want to live in a dangerous neighborhood.
 7. Childcare
 1. Pathways is working on DHR certified homeless childcare.

One Roof will send out an email so this can be voted on at the November membership meeting.

IV. New Business

- **Jimmie Hale Mission 2019 Job Fair:** October 29th from 9 AM to 12 PM at AIDT's Alabama Workforce Training Center (3500 6th Avenue South)
- **Open Season for CDBG and ESG Grants for Jefferson County** due by January 31, 2020
- **Community Cares Day** October 16th at School of Dentistry. Contact Schelli Francis at Cahaba Valley Health Care
- Next Membership Meeting – November 7, 2019, 2 p.m. in 2nd-floor cafeteria of Cooper Green Health Services. Topic: **Trauma-Informed Care.**
- Monthly Legal Help Desk: November 5, 2019 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.**