



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 September 5, 2019 Cooper Green Health Services

I. Welcome and Roundtable Introductions

- [One Roof Membership Sign-In-09.05.2019.pdf](#)
- Hands On Birmingham – Benga Harrison
 - They are now United Way Hands On. Hands On is an organization that provides volunteers to help make projects happen. They can help your nonprofit with big projects, and they can involve your clients as well. Hands On understands that when volunteers get involved with nonprofit organizations, they tend to “fall in love” with the mission. Having your clients, particularly those who are stable in your long-term housing programs, can help further those relationships. Some of the projects that Hands On is involved with include:
 1. MLK Day of Service-30-40 projects on that day. Around 2,000 volunteers for that day. There are probably many opportunities for your clients to participate, just have them go to our website to sign up. Additionally, if you have projects that need volunteers, please contact us.
 2. Project Homeless Connect- This has become one of our signature events, and it is interesting how many former clients of PHC now volunteer as Smiling Faces. I would encourage you to remind any of your long-term clients who are able to sign up to be Smiling Faces, or Location Guides for PHC. Certainly their experience would be wonderfully helpful for the clients who need assistance the day of PHC.
 3. Bunny Day-Corporations/Agencies put together Easter baskets for organizations that serve children. Please let us know if your agencies need Easter baskets and if you have clients who would like to help put baskets together.
 4. United Way Day of Action- is a national day where people around the world come together to harness the spirit of volunteerism to improve their communities. Hands On Birmingham choose primarily projects that deal with the Aging Population. This is another opportunity for your agency to encourage participants to volunteer or have volunteers serve at your agency.

5. Back to School Beautification/Back Pack Drive-In partnership with the Birmingham City Schools and the Birmingham Education Foundation volunteers help with landscaping for all the BCS so that the children feel safe and welcomed on the first day of school.
 6. September 11-This is a day dedicated to honoring the victims of 9/11 by volunteering throughout the community. This would be a good opportunity especially for agencies who work with veterans to offer volunteer service at your site.
 7. Family Day of Service-this annual day of service, held the Saturday before Thanksgiving, is designed to encourage and promote family volunteerism. If your agency has opportunities for families to volunteer, contact Hands On Birmingham.
 - Go to www.unitedwayhandson.org to sign up to volunteer on their new platform GivePulse. GivePulse is a good site to use to track volunteers and their impact on your agency. One Roof has worked with UAB to develop this site for their students and the community in general to use as a volunteer tracking tool.
 - They can also provide volunteers/Corporations for any special projects your agency may need.
 - [Tawanna Willoughby](#) is the contact person if you would like to solicit volunteers for your agency, or if you have participants in your program who would like to volunteer.
 - They cannot provide money for materials, but they may have corporations who will provide volunteers and materials.
 - Remember HUD has now emphasized getting clients who are able to volunteer involved in their communities. If you have clients who volunteer, please report back to One Roof, so we can track participation.
- Jefferson County Department of Health – Stephanie Milslep
 - JCDH has been active in bringing awareness to Hepatitis A epidemic and the ways to prevent it. This particularly affects the people our organization serves. [Click here for more information.](#)
 - Since the last time JCDH was at our meeting, over 130 of Hep A cases have been confirmed in our state.
 - Jefferson County is now an outbreak county. We have 3 confirmed cases.
 - JCDH participated in a health event at Firehouse and was able to provide vaccines.

- JCDH are able to provide free vaccines to all Jefferson county residents but especially those specialized populations that are most vulnerable to Hep A during the month of September.
- Continuum Ids are accepted as a form of id to receive vaccinations.
- Because One Roof had not encountered a situation like this previously, we placed a call to HUD and found that Technical Assistance is available. It has been relayed to the lead people on the Hepatitis A team that HUD can assist with anything from information to boots on the ground to stop the spread of Hep A within the homeless community in Jefferson County.

II. Old Business

III. Continuum Business

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 - Information regarding Membership dues
 1. The One Roof Executive Committee will recommend to the One Roof board of Directors that a decrease in Membership Dues for CoC funded agencies of .25% be made starting with the 2020 calendar year and that it stay in effect as long as the Planning Grant is renewed at its current percentage and if the proposed HMIS Expansion grant is approved.
 2. One Roof has done the accounting work and is comfortable that decreasing the membership dues by .25% and then by requesting a \$50,000 HMIS expansion grant, the members will “win” and On Roof will “win” because CoC-funded agencies can charge HMIS costs to HUD if they work them into budgets, but membership fees are not allowable HUD line items.
 - Review of projects performance and outcomes-[Handout](#)
 - Do we want to reallocate? (If we don't reallocate, HUD will possibly do it for us.)
 1. Discussion-Lisa Maher suggested since \$281,091.02 leftover from the Jefferson Housing Authority is more than we need to reallocate for this year, can we decide not to reallocate any extra money.
 1. Answer: Yes that can be an option.
 2. Question-Can we as a continuum take the left over \$141,000 to put it toward agencies with Rapid Rehousing funds.
 1. Answer: It would be really hard to justify this to HUD because there are two separate funding sources.
 3. Question-Will any of the reallocation funds come from the agencies who have left-over money?

1. Answer: We are reviewing now: 1) Should we reallocate and 2) if we reallocate how we will reallocate funding to other projects.
4. Lisa Maher (Children's Aid Society) made a motion to take \$150,000 from the remaining \$281,091.02 from the Jefferson County Housing Authority funding for First Light, One Roof, and Jefferson County Housing Authority projects.
Vote: 1 abstained-Mitch Tarver (Aids Alabama)
 - Discuss proposed new project
 1. No new projects.
 - Project Score and Ranking vote
 1. Please rank projects based upon the scores on the scoring ranking page. Take into account why agencies received that particular score. Do not choose an agency based upon personal preference. Be as objective as possible. If the ranking continues to be bias, the board will vote to remove agencies from voting.

IV. New Business

- Southside Faith Community Homeless series-[Southside Faith Community Homeless Series flyer](#)
- Next Membership Meeting – October 3, 2019, 2 p.m. in 2nd floor cafeteria of Cooper Green Health Services. Topic: CoC and ESG Priorities. **Have a topic idea for a membership meeting in 2019?** Please email Hope May at hope@oneroofonline.org with your suggestions or comments.
- Monthly Legal Help Desk: October 1, 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.**