



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.

Membership Meeting Minutes August 7, 2014 YWCA Central Alabama

I. Welcome and Roundtable Introductions

A. Welcome to One Roof's new Operations Coordinator, Gordon Sullivan.

II. Special Presentations

A. Laura Wilson, Red Cross - Nurse Assistant Training Program ([program website](#))

a. See presentation handouts [here](#).

b. Additional program details discussed:

i. Participants must be at least 16 years old and eligible for employment

ii. Participants must pass a background check

iii. Participants with below high school level education must pass a placement test. At this time there is no assistance for participants who do not pass. The test is free, and can be taken as many times as needed.

iv. Scholarships are available through sponsoring programs, i.e., Vocational Rehab, local churches, and Dannon Project. Proof of need required - can be letter from agency.

v. Men and women are accepted into the program.

B. Speaker: Red Cross volunteer. Spoke highly of the Nurse Assistant Training Program. The dedication of the program's instructors sets the program apart. Instructors are fully committed to the success of their students. Another key component to the program is the job fair. Previous program participants are welcome to come back to the job fair every year.

III. Continuum Business

A. Nathan Salter, One Roof, 2014 HMIS data standards, PromisSE documentation, Policies and Procedures

a. HUD will continue to release new information over the next several weeks.

b. He will be scheduling a training when HUD is finished releasing information. These trainings will take place the last two weeks of September and first two weeks of October. Trainings will be flexible as they will be scheduled last minute.

B. Nicole Arlain and Connie Hill, [NAEH Conference](#)

a. Speaker: Nicole Arlain. Critical Time Intervention (CTI)

i. This is a three phase system with each step lasting 3 months.

ii. Each phase decreases in service intensity.

iii. It is designed for agencies to be more available to the client and develop a solid foundation.

b. Speaker: Nicole Arlain. Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (SPDAT)

i. Measurement tool to help match the needs of the client to appropriate services. Nicole is trying to get a copy to share with members.

c. Speaker: Nicole Arlain. Vulnerability Index & Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT)

i. Measurement tool to identify those clients with the highest level of need.

d. Speaker: Connie Hill. Coordinated Assessment

i. There are on-going discussions about how to implement this in our area. Other agencies around the country have done it different ways.

e. Rapid Re-housing - Connie went to several of these workshops at the conference. Many organizations have given up their Transitional Housing grants and switched to Rapid Re-housing.

- f. Speaker: Patricia Todd. Who covers the rehab costs of rental properties?
 - i. It is a landlord relationship issue. Client's names are sometimes on the lease, but often there is a need for a master lease for properties.
 - ii. Speaker: Michelle Farley. Many agencies have partnered with TANF - we need our state representatives to work on this. We will be working with VI-SPDAT moving forward to identify those community members that are the most needy, but this will cost money (training, licenses, etc).
- g. Speaker: Patricia Todd. Evidence that the Rapid Re-housing strategy does not work - Institute for Child Poverty and Homelessness.
 - i. It is difficult to find landlords who will agree to do a master lease for clients and not all clients can be put directly into a house/apartment.
 - ii. Speaker: Connie Hill. It is clear this isn't a one-size-fits-all model. It works best in communities with a strong Coordinated Assessment.
 - iii. Speaker: Nicole Arlain. Every client will have different needs, so there is still room for Rapid Re-housing to be used with some clients. It is an individual process and model.
- h. Speaker: Michelle Farley. By January we will have a strong Coordinated Assessment.
 - i. If we all use HMIS the way we are trained to use it, we can say that we already have a Coordinated Assessment.
 - ii. We're closely watching what Housing First is doing down in Mobile. They have one phone number for client intake and a strong/organized street team to reach clients unable to call or reach their center. We're waiting for them to work out any problems/issues before trying something similar in Birmingham.

IV. Old Business (none)

V. New Business

- A. Homelessness 101 Workshop: October 10, 2014, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; contact Stacy Oliver (stacy@oneroofonline.org) for details or to register
- B. Housing Works! Conference: 2014 Alabama Statewide Housing & Homelessness Conference will be held November 5-7 at the Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa in Point Clear, AL (contact Matt Knierim at matt@collaborative-solutions.net for more info). Vender space is going for \$200. Contact Ashley at 205-939-0411 for any sponsorship and vender information.
- C. Pathways is going through a strategic realignment process. They are asking others to participate in a survey for demographic information. Survey is not out yet, but will be soon. This 20-30 question survey can be completed online. Someone from Pathways will be following up with member agencies about this soon.
- D. Speaker: Shane of UWCA. 2-1-1 information update. Please contact Shane if your agency has not received the reminder email to update your information.
- E. ALHousingSearch.org - now has over 50,000 unites listed state-wide. There is training available for social workers and case managers. To sign up for training, call Dan Kessler 815-6152. Other trainings on the new automated voting machines will take place on Tuesday August 12th at 11am (1418 6th Ave N). This is open to the public.
- F. Next Membership Meeting – **September 11, 2014**, 2 p.m. at YWCA