

One Roof Membership Meeting, November 13, 2014, 2 PM, YWCA Central Alabama

- I. **Welcome and Roundtable Introductions ([Sign in Sheet](#))**
- II. **Special Presentations**—Veteran service providers gave presentations on their different services
 1. Wendy Hicks, Family Endeavors
 - One of three SSVF programs in CoC
 - Nationally based organization
 - Recently received Carr certifications
 - Support services for veterans and families
 - Housing first model
 - Street outreach looking for vets
 - Find services they need if they are not eligible
 - Case management for 90 days or longer if needed
 - Connect them to the VA for benefits
 - Assist with any other domains, financial resources, childcare, clothing
 - Preventive measures (temporary financial assistance)
 - Follow up to make sure they remain stably housed
 - Reopen the case and start over with a new plan if they are not stably housed upon follow up
 - Legal assistance, job readiness, consumer credit counseling
 - Dishonorably discharged vets can receive some services, but not case managements
 2. DaMarcus Rodgers, Aletheia House SSVF
 - Housing first model
 - Assist with veterans issues, why they are homeless
 - Employment assistance
 - Increase benefits
 - Tuskegee, Tuscaloosa, Huntsville, programs are statewide
 - Grants for dishonorably discharged vets, funding pool is limited
 - Jobs for Vets employment program (Not a VA program) –provide work clothing, tools, obtain birth certificate
 4. United Way of Central Alabama Priority Veteran
 - United Way provide direct services to Veterans ([see handouts here](#))
 3. Randy Dinkins, Salvation Army
 - VA program collaboration for about 10 years
 - Case management services
 - Client must qualify for services at the VA (cannot serve dishonorably discharged or less than honorably discharged vets—those vets can still use Salvation Army non-veteran services)
 - Don't have beds for female vets, but the demand for female beds has never been high

- o Female vets are connected to the same services aside from beds
- 20 pro bono beds for VA
- Take a look at issues
- Provide housing and transportation for the VA to the client
- Vet can stay for up to 2 years
- Mental health,
- VA job programs
- 96% success rate

4. Rene Elliot, Veterans Affairs

- Outreach-find veterans and link to resources
- Housing-have to have medical clearance, contracted halfway houses: Steps and Traditions and Three Hots and a Cot
- Fellowship House-30 contracts, short term placement
- Grant and Per Diem—long term transitional housing (Aletheia house)
 - i. Clients can stay up to two years, but are encouraged to leave when they finish treatment plan,
 - ii. Clients can have other than honorable discharge, must have had two consecutive years of service, must have substance abuse diagnosis, 60 days of documented clean time
 - iii. Clients' goals are to get into supportive or permanent housing
 - iv. HUD VASH (VA Supportive Housing) targets chronically homeless, programs located in Bessemer, Birmingham, and Huntsville
 - v. Call 821-4596 for screening for programs
- Employment Programs
 - A. Compensated Work Therapy Program- clients coming from OSAC or mental health
 - i. Client must have 30 days of mental/substance abuse stability,
 - ii. 6 month program goals are to assist vet gaining employment inside VA hospital, stabilize substance abuse,
 - iii. 98% success rate/graduation into stable employment
 - iv. Vets are not cut taxes in this program (action from Congress)
 - B. Transitional Work Experience
 - i. Vets work in security, escort, environmental, and management departments
 - ii. Vets attend weekly therapy group, resume building classes, 12 step program, classes on maintaining sobriety
 - C. Supportive Employment Program—Mental Health Intensive Care Program
 - i. Clients have mental illness
 - ii. Program get vets integrated into workforce, gets them back into community
 - iii. Clients meet twice per month to make treatment plan and make monthly report on veteran, follow up and support, no discharge plan

D. Homeless Vet Supportive Employment Program

- i. Only do competitive employment in community
- ii. Zero exclusion, but clients must be hospital eligible
- iii. Senior (55 and over) employment program through Jefferson county
 - Legal
- i. legal programs for veterans offered in 8-10 counties
 - F. Medical
- i. 2 Programs: Phoenix Clinic and HPACT (Homeless Patient Align Care Team)
- ii. Healthcare is important to client stabilization
- iii. over 300 people currently in the clinic, make sure vets get wraparound services,
- iv. Program can take veterans to Montgomery to get benefits expedited
- v. Judication process for veterans who would like to enroll in VA healthcare but are not hospital eligible; call 933-8101 ext3940 on Wednesdays

III. Old Business—none

IV. Continuum Business

1. NOFA grant was completed and submitted
2. Pathways has reallocated two programs for rapid rehousing
3. AIDS Alabama has requested permanent housing funds for chronically homeless youth age 19-24

V. New Business

1. Agency updates- November is National Runaway Prevention Month
2. Youth Towers is teaming up with Elite Project for food drive to benefit Youth Towers November 11-25 (1-8 pm) contact Malik Powell 552-4722
3. Project based housing in Woodlawn: 2-3 bedroom apartments available in YWoodlawn housing, send client to habd.org, preference for DV, elderly, & homeless
4. AIDS AL Open House December 2 at 4:30 at their new office
5. Nov 19 Thanksgiving luncheon thank you to vendors at Aletheia House at 11 a.m.
6. 211 ready to put out resource directory, cost is \$30, will be printed mid January, order online, link will be in OR newsletter
7. Hands on Birmingham looking for additional volunteer projects for MLK Day of Service
8. Honored Nicole Arlain for having received White Wolf Award at 2014 Housing Works! Conference
9. Next Membership Meeting—December 4, 2014, 2 p.m. at YWCA
10. January Membership Meeting moved to January 8
11. Homeless Awareness Week
 - **Homelessness Simulation**—November 20 at 6 p.m. at Railroad Park
 - **Documentary Screening**—November 21 at 6 p.m. at YWCA
 - We **highly encourage** you to volunteer or participate by registering at oneroofonline.org

