

# One Roof Membership Meeting Agenda

Thursday, December 6, 2012

YWCA of Central Alabama, 2:00 PM

## I. Welcome/Roundtable Introductions & Attendance

<b>AIDS Alabama:</b> Ianthia Crawford, Charity Laister, Elaine Cottle, Sonja Anthony	<b>Aletheia House:</b> Melinda Sledge, Christ Retan
<b>Baldwin Properties:</b> Gennia Baldwin	<b>Beginning Bridge:</b> Vanessa Hunter-Beavers
<b>Birmingham Health Care:</b> Amy Sparks	<b>City of Birmingham:</b> Bill Conway, Cynthia Parham, Shirley Chaney
<b>Committee to Protect the Homeless:</b> Rodney Cole, Gary Thurman	<b>Dannon Project:</b> Torie Hill
<b>Disability Rights and Resources:</b> Mike Norris, Carolyn W. Agee	<b>Fellowship House:</b> Freda Jones
<b>First Light:</b> Ruth Crosby, Sherry Webb	<b>HOATD Foundation:</b> Yvette Carter
<b>JBS Mental Health:</b> Drew Hill, Norma Abrams, Robin McCarty, Jim Crego	<b>The Foundry:</b> Dana Chavers, Annie Ridgeway
<b>Jefferson County:</b> Felicia Smith	<b>Jefferson County Housing Authority:</b> Solonia M. Mack
<b>One Roof:</b> Michelle Farley, Nathan Salter, Susan Schell, Valerie Bouriche, KeKe Lewis, Stacy Oliver	<b>Pathways:</b> Maria Dickens, Deisha Rosser
<b>Phoenix Clinic VAMC:</b> Alfreida Hogan	<b>Priority Soldier, Inc.:</b> Ken Phillips
<b>Safehouse of Shelby Co.:</b> Rebecca Bryant	<b>Salvation Army:</b> Larry Dancy, Cheryl Shorter, Nanette Allen
<b>UAB Community Psychiatry:</b> Harry Findley	<b>Urban Ministry:</b> Jeff Bowman
<b>YWCA:</b> Jennifer Clarke, Angela Eddings, Suzanne Durham, Sabrina Jones, Caron Griffin	

## II. Special Presentations

- a. ALHousingSearch.org -- Speaker Dan Kessler
  - i. Initially developed with Socialserve.org out of North Carolina, which operates housing directories in 30-33 states around the country (please visit to learn more about how directory works in other states)
  - ii. ALHousingSearch.org is collaborative effort – working with One Roof, Collaborative Solutions, LIHCA, Montgomery Center for Independent Living, and other non-profit orgs
  - iii. Database that can be updated on a regular basis; populating with property owners/managers (both for- and non-profit) who can add listings and remove listings
  - iv. In use for clients in January
    - Search features: can search by city, by county, accessibility needs, rent calculation, search by proximity to landmarks like public transit stops and medical facilities, and special features for clients in need of housing who have been a victim of domestic violence or who are ex-offenders
    - Low-income housing search engine for ANYONE in need of decent, quality, affordable housing
    - Live phone line until 7:00 PM
- b. Disability Rights and Resources Employment Program – Speaker Carolyn Agee
  - i. Job training and application assistance; help people find work, housing, and other resources, including power bill assistance
  - ii. Have accessible computer labs
  - iii. Implement SOAR Program; help clients receive earned income even on disability

### III. Continuum Business

- a. Update on Prison Re-Entry Council -- Speaker Jennifer Clarke
  - i. Re-entry council and efforts of US Attorney's office to reduce recidivism and increase stability
  - ii. Subcommittee, Dannon project – involved with developing database of housing resources to connect those in re-entry process
  - iii. Coordinating and enhancing relationships with Public Housing Authorities
    - 75 housing authorities; 30 have responded to US Attorney's Office
  - iv. Many organizations work on the coupling of home funds from tax credit; efforts to use funds separately and de-coupled so that there is more flexibility and funding is available to develop smaller, specific housing projects that can help with prison re-entry clients
- b. CoC Grant Update, Presentations, and Voting – Speakers Michelle Farley & Nathan Salter
  - i. HUD Grant: New project voting and selection (only one vote per One Roof membership agency; project descriptions are circulated and explained)
  - ii. Must be a vote by membership on whether or not One Roof is to be the continuum's Collaborative Applicant
    - Motion is made and One Roof is approved as Collaborative Applicant
  - iii. Review of renewal projects and new projects
  - iv. Explanation of project ranking process; Tier 1 and Tier 2 (ranking should be based on performance)
  - v. Membership would like to recommend that excess S+C funds be re-allocated to fund all new projects rather than taking a chance on some of the new projects not being ranked high enough to be funded or to be ranked over renewal projects
    - Motion unanimous; Salvation Army and Jefferson County abstain

### IV. New Business

- a. Call for new partners & old partners who are less engaged (specifically, looking for an agency willing to do a presentation for Shelter + Care); Contact Valerie Bouriche
- b. City of Birmingham is interested in funding a homeless respite care program in Birmingham; please take a survey on the One Roof website to gauge the need and interest for a homeless respite care program
- c. Upcoming One Roof Events:
  - *Point in Time* (Jan. 22 and 23); street team leaders are needed ASAP (contact Stacy Oliver, [stacy@oneroofonline.org](mailto:stacy@oneroofonline.org))
  - *Cardboard Connect* (Feb. 23); One Roof and YouthServe partner to give youth ages 13-18 an opportunity to learn more about homelessness and help to raise awareness and supplies for PHC
  - *Project Homeless Connect* (March 9) – One day, one place, one goal: Contact Valerie Bouriche ([Valerie@oneroofonline.org](mailto:Valerie@oneroofonline.org)) by Dec. 15 if your agency would like to offer services at PHC. You can also fill out a form on the One Roof website to be a provider