

One Roof Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 7, 2013

2:00 PM YWCA of Central Alabama

I. Welcome/Roundtable Introductions & Attendance

AIDS Alabama: Ianthia Crawford, Charity Laister, Sonja Anthony, Claire Brabner	Aletheia House: Melinda Sledge
Baldwin Properties: Gennia Baldwin	Birmingham Health Care: Alisha Copeland
City of Birmingham: Cynthia Parham	Changed Lives Christian Center: Cindy Underwood
Disability Rights and Resources: Mike Norris	Family Connect/Project Hope: Marilyn Jones
Fellowship House: Freda Jones	Firehouse Shelter: Anne Wright, Delshawn Fisher, Rob Davis
First Light: Roxanna Harris, Chaquita Pendleton	The Foundry: Dana Chavers
JBS Mental Health: Drew Hill	Jefferson County Housing Authority: Solonia M. Mack
One Roof: Nathan Salter, Stacy Oliver, Jason Leger, Valerie Bouriche	Pathways: Maria Dickens, Deisha Rosser, Anita Burt
Safehouse of Shelby Co.: Kathy Wells	Salvation Army: Larry Dancy, Cheryl Shorter, Bianca Vineyard, Ebony Splunge
Shelby Emergency Assistance: Hettie Wagner	UAB Community Psychiatry: Harry Findley
UAB TASC: Sharon Rowser	United Way: Courtney Newton
VA Medical Center: Rene Elliott, Michael Mallory.	YWCA: Monica Shields, Parrish Knorr, Angela Eddings, Gentale Hankins, Marie King

II. Special Presentations – Local Banking Options for Clients

A. America's First Credit Union account options for clients

Presentation by Kendall Williams

[\[Click here to download .pdf document of different account types\]](#)

- a. Free checking account with a free debit card that earns reward points
 - i. Credit check required
- b. Secondary program for clients with bad/no credit
- c. Savings account – open by \$5
 - i. Clients with direct deposit can make 2 free withdrawals from savings a month
- d. Accept non-driver's ID, driver's ID, or Social Security card

B. BB&T (Branch Banking & Trust) account options for clients – [\[Click here for .pdf of material\]](#)

Presentation by Patti Makofski and Nicole Brogden

- a. Free checking and savings accounts
 - i. As long as there is one direct deposit of \$100 + per month, there is no charge
 - ii. Account comes with free debit card
- b. Second chance account
 - i. For clients who don't qualify for a traditional account
 - ii. Has only check card access
- c. BB&T at Work program
 - i. Additional benefit beyond traditional checking/saving
 - ii. Includes vision/RX discounts, identity theft protection, travel & entertainment rewards, and more(gas, groceries, clothes)

C. BBVA Compass account options for clients

[\[Click here for BBVA Compass material\]](#)

Presentation by Atiya Robertson and Eileen Rattiner Carter

- a. Offer a basic account
 - i. Free check card, online bill pay
 - ii. Must have \$300 minimum of 1 deposit per month
 - iii. Current promotion: account open prior to March 31, can receive free Kindle Fire
- b. Preferred client status account (to open business account)
 - i. Receive \$250
 - ii. Free Kindle Fire

D. Regions account options for clients

Presentation by Cynthia Comford & Joy Martucci

[[Click here to download .pdf of Regions promotional documents](#), including list of acceptable IDs, locations, account types, and other material distributed at meeting]

- a. Now Banking card program
 - i. Ideal for individuals who might be shy of having a checking account
 - ii. Free card is not attached to checking account; no way to overdraw, no insufficient funds fees
 - iii. Direct deposit of accumulates a total amount of at least \$500 during the entire month
 - iv. If a client deposits less than \$500 each month, \$5 monthly fee required to maintain account
- b. Regions Life Green Checking
 - i. No specific direct deposit, no min. balance req.
 - ii. Must use free debit card 10 times during entire month
 - iii. Comes with free savings account and free online banking
- c. Financial Literacy program
 - i. Regions can offer financial education sessions for agency clients
 - ii. Teach how to repair credit, budgeting, and savings strategies

E. Wells Fargo account options for clients – [Click here for website information](#)

Presentation by Tempestt Henderson

- a. Wells Fargo at Work
 - i. Free official checks, money orders, discounts on checks, mortgages, loans
 - ii. No credit check required; only bad check history considered
- b. Opportunity Account
 - i. Free account with monthly direct deposit OR 10 debit card swipes
 - ii. Card is declined if there are insufficient funds for a purchase (no ability to charge into a negative balance)
- c. Wells Fargo offers an instant debit card
 - i. If clients lose debit card, they are not charged to issue another one and the new one is received instantly
- d. Free savings account
- e. Way2Save Checking
 - i. Remains free with direct deposit or 10 debit card/check card swipes
 - ii. Includes checking, savings, debit card, direct deposit, online banking
- f. Affordable life insurance, car insurance, rental insurance
- g. Computer available for clients to use in WF locations to check accounts

III. Continuum Business

A. CoC Grant Update – Speaker: Valerie Bouriche

- a. Grant has been submitted
- b. Included 27 renewal projects, 2 new programs with JBS and AIDS AL, and One Roof CoC planning grant

B. Point in Time – Speaker: Stacy Oliver

- a. Had lots of assistance from employees of service providers; able to expand survey coverage; more than 120 volunteers
 - b. Expect to see Point-in-Time results by late April
- C. Cardboard Connect – Speaker: Stacy Oliver [\[Click here for .pdf of CBC flyer\]](#)
- a. Opportunity for youth (13-18) to get involved and learn more about homelessness
 - b. Saturday, February 23, 2013 – 4:00 PM at Southside Baptist
 - c. Awareness game, vigil for homeless who have passed away, panel, and more
- D. Project Homeless Connect – Speaker: Valerie Bouriche
- a. March 9 from 8am – 4pm at Boutwell Auditorium
 - b. Clients can receive free vision, dental, legal services, HIV testing, taxes, medical
 - c. Volunteers must be over age 18 and must go through Hands On Birmingham
 - d. Donation needs:
 - i. Bus tickets, new socks, financial donations for IDs, prescriptions, shoes
 - e. If you have not talked to Valerie about participating in PHC, please call/e-mail Valerie Bouriche (Valerie@oneroofonline.org/205.254.8833)
- E. Project Homeless Connect Golden Tickets – Speaker: Nathan Salter
- a. Pre-registration process will begin on Feb. 18
 - b. Golden tickets mean less waiting for services and shorter intake process
 - c. Some pre-registration events that will be scheduled in the next couple of days –
 - i. Usually scheduled at Church of the Reconciler, Firehouse, VA
 - d. Everyone who has pre-registered must have golden ticket AND CoC ID to enter
 - i. Dental and vision are limited; go to hardest to serve clients
 - ii. PHC this year starts 8am for golden ticket clients, 9am for public
 - e. There will be 2 different shifts for PromisAL volunteers
 - f. Doors will close at 1:00 PM to new intake

IV. New Business

- A. Third Statewide Housing Works Conference — Speaker: Jennifer Clarke
- a. ALAEH, Collaborative Solutions, LIHCA – 3rd statewide conference
 - b. February 13-15 in Point Clear, AL
 - c. Thursday is fullest day of sessions, ends early Friday afternoon
 - d. [Conference agenda available online](#)
- B. March 7 Membership Meeting
- a. Held at Boutwell Auditorium
- C. ALHousingSearch.org has gone live
- a. Trainings will be offered on how to use ALHousingSearch (10:00 AM Tuesday)
 - b. Call Disability Rights and Resources to set up a training
- D. Birmingham VA will be hosting a Homeless Summit on Thursday, Feb. 14 (8am – 12pm)
- E. YWCA has re-opened its waiting list for housing in Woodlawn
- a. Opened waiting list on Feb. 1; Anticipate it only being open for a few weeks
 - b. Only open for ~50 people
 - c. Anyone interested in PH in Woodlawn; also accepting applications for family TH
 - d. Applications are available on the first floor, or you can contact Jennifer Clarke (jclarke@ywcabham.org)
- F. Pathways is celebrating 10th birthday
- a. Friday, Feb. 8 from 11 – 1 at Pathways day shelter on Richard Arrington Blvd.