

# One Roof Membership Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 1, 2012

YWCA of Central Alabama, 2:00 PM

## I. Welcome/Roundtable Introductions & Attendance

AIDS Alabama: Charity Laister, Kathryn Abrams	Aletheia House: Melinda Sledge
Baldwin Properties: Gennia Baldwin	Beginning Bridge: Vanessa Hunter-Beavers
Birmingham Health Care: Alisha Copeland	Church of the Reconciler: R. Dorman Higgins
City of Birmingham: Bill Conway, Cynthia Parham	Dannon Project: Torie Hill, Vanessa Brown
Jefferson County DHR JOBS Program: Ty Evans	Disability Rights & Resources: Mike Norris, Judy Roy
Family Connect/Project Hope: Marilyn Jones	First Light: Kelsey Wenger, Chaquita Pendleton
Homeless but Not Powerless: Devon Williams	The Foundry: Annie Ridgeway
JBS Mental Health: Drew Hill	Jefferson County: Cassandra Jones, Felicia Smith
Jefferson County Housing Authority: Solonia M. Mack, Karen Hall, Rosalyn Williams	One Roof: Michelle Farley, Nathan Salter, Susan Schell, Valerie Bouriche, KeKe Lewis, Andy Childers
Pathways: Maria Dickens, Deisha Rosser,	Safehouse of Shelby Co.: Rebecca Bryant
Salvation Army: Larry Dancy	Shelby Emergency Assistance: Hettie Wagner
Shepherd's Fold, Inc.: Bill Hoss	United Way: Courtney Newton
UAB Community Psychiatry: Linsey K. Martin	VA Hospital: George Lee, Monica Williams, Michael Mallory, Nicole Valentine, Jessica Little, Jesse Newsome, Caron Griffin, Alfreida Hogan
Urban Ministry: Jeff Bowman	YWCA: Jennifer Clarke, Angela Eddings

## II. Continuum Business

- a. New One Roof employee Andy Childers
  - new PromisAL assistant (doing AHAR cleanup)
- b. Separate part-time job of doing the online resource guide still available
- c. CoC Grant Update
  - Still has not started
  - Rumored there will be 30 days to complete, that there will be no new money
  - Only permanent housing projects, must fill gaps in continuum
- d. AHAR Cleanup
  - Already started in some agencies; need numbers confirmation from everyone
  - First submission is in 2 weeks, finals are due in January
- e. Regional Oversight Committee
  - Committee of people with the influence and desire to effect change in the Birmingham homeless community.
  - Committee to re establish ROC has begun meeting
- f. Point in Time
  - Remember Point in Time will be on Jan. 22-23, 2013. The street count will take place on 1/22 and the daytime count will take place on 1/23.
  - We NEED street team volunteers by Nov. 15.

## III. Special Presentations

- a. VA homeless programs (with Rene Elliot)
  - Suicide Prevention Program – monitor suicidal individuals after hospital visits
  - i. Medical –
    - Phoenix Clinic – serve homeless/former homeless (primary care, social work, mental services)
    - Call Caron (205-504-0163) with any questions

- ii. Outreach – community outreach, homeless hotline, long term treatment referrals,
    - Call Michael (205-789-9415); referrals for homeless vets
  - iii. Housing
    - HUD-VASH vouchers
    - substance abuse program (harm prevention & housing first)
    - CRC homes for people that are not 100% self-sufficient
    - shelter + care program
  - iv. Legal
    - veteran’s court – give legal system alternate options through the VA in lieu of incarceration, also help with re entry and avoid discharging to streets
  - v. Employment
    - Programs to update skills update and given employment through VA (6 month program)
    - SSVF: grant application for veteran families – like a rapid re-housing fund
- b. Jefferson County Department of Human Resources (DHR)
- i. TANF – Speaker Patrice Williams
    - public assistance
    - 4 programs under this heading: family assistance, repatriation, 2.2% tax exempt, & jobs programs
  - ii. Child support – Speaker Tracy
    - try to get child support payments established and paid to help people gain self sufficiency
    - 7 units; call office (423-4460)
  - iii. JOBS
    - 5 year life time limit on welfare, help with child care, transportation (up to \$150 a month), participation expenses (clothing, etc... \$75/month)
    - CEMP – community employment (volunteering), job readiness program: resume, skills, how to retain a job, 2 week program
      - always looking for programs for CEMP willing to let someone come volunteer and gain job knowledge
  - iv. Food Assistance – Speaker Cassandra Jones
    - SNAP
      - if homeless, benefits received in 7 days, just need an ID of any kind
      - referral list for food options – may need updating?

**IV. New Business**

- a. Homeless but Not Powerless -- Devon Williams
  - i. Offering transportation for clients interested in voting on election day
  - ii. Ballot literacy, transportation, opinion polling (what’s the most important issue for clients in this election)
  - iii. [www.homelessvoters.org](http://www.homelessvoters.org), [homelessvoters@gmail.com](mailto:homelessvoters@gmail.com)
- b. ALHousingSearch.org
  - i. Should be up and going by January
  - ii. Housing tool online for anyone in need of housing; special search features, including displaced housing (Hurricane Sandy), tools for case managers, etc.
- c. One Roof Agency Tour: focus on day shelters is NEXT Thursday
- d. November is National Runaway and Prevention month