

# One Roof Membership Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 4, 2012

YWCA of Central Alabama, 2:00 PM

**Attendance information unavailable at this time.**

## **I. Welcome/Roundtable Introductions & Attendance**

- a. Welcome Susan Schell, One Roof's new AmeriCorps member
  - i. Will facilitate Regional Oversight Committee during her service

## **II. Continuum Business**

- a. CoC Grant Updates (Check attached sheet)
  - i. New funding for One Roof CoC to compete for \$460,000 for permanent housing – if there is a project service providers want to suggest, please start drawing up an outline
  - ii. Bonus money is only for permanent housing; 80% for housing-related costs, 20% for case management
- b. Annual Homeless Assessment Report season has started (AHAR) – every bit of data gathered will be turned into HUD so that they can report to congress
  - i. Necessary to keeping HUD funding; proves need in our continuum
  - ii. We are the only federal program that received an increase
  - iii. Next couple of weeks Jason and Nathan will be coming in for data clean up – please look at your reports
- c. Homeless Summit –
  - i. Amanda Moore – concerns about barriers to housing, conflicting information about available services, little publicity to raise awareness about available services
  - ii. “Knowing our rights, claiming our dignity”
    - Discussion of homeless resources and getting connected through agencies
    - Birmingham VOICE
      - o Let us know if you have clients interested in being vendors
    - Medical services, access to medical services
      - o M-Power – chronic conditions primary care clinic
    - Vet resources/VA
    - Human dignity, especially women's rights, safety, and health
    - Break-out groups with professionals

## **III. Special Presentation**

- a. Jennifer Kilburn – Children's Policy Council
  - i. Judge Bryan Huff (Chair)
  - ii. First Friday of each month have open meetings
  - iii. Networking specifically for children's services
  - iv. Needs assessment – information is published and made available based on different criteria; published on website
  - v. Discuss needs of children in workgroups
    - survey instrument developed specifically for children's wellbeing

- Applied for a grant that allows community assistance based participatory research – getting into communities, having focus groups, have survey be available on paper
- Use information to advocate for children, which can help with homeless
- b. Charmelle Garrett – Children’s Aid Society
  - i. Project Independence – 10<sup>th</sup> year of serving, will be renewed for 5 more years  
Serves pregnant/parenting teens (must be under 21)  
Education, GED, help them create resumes, prenatal care, transportation (bus passes), childcare, independent living skills, parenting skills, issues might be dealing with, counseling (through Oasis – must complete 4 sessions)...
  - ii. Moms and Babies – state funding  
For pregnant mothers/young mothers who are in foster care  
Holds mainly single mothers  
Call Charmelle re: mothers in foster system
- c. Alice Westery – Youth Towers
  - i. Works with homeless between 19-26 (specifically homeless youth who age out of foster care)
  - ii. Growing network/recognition of need for specific population
  - iii. Incorporated August 2011 as a 501c3 - located inside Neighborhood Housing building
  - iv. Please utilize Youth Towers – want to increase collaboration  
Opening first of January – will need volunteers  
Where is information about YT being distributed?  
Young people are great at networking  
Why is age group so challenged?  
No residence, no ID  
Lack of ability to care for yourself leaving foster care  
No preparation, no skills in being independent, who missed childhood  
No permanent place, vulnerable and fragile

#### **IV. New Business**

- i. Newsletter -- little to no submissions recently; reminder to send Stacy info on upcoming events, vacancies, needs, positive occurrences, etc. (stacy@oneroofonline.org)
- ii. Phoenix ribbon cutting (Birmingham VA)
- iii. Only 1 spot left for Homelessness 101
- iv. CoC committee – agency tours: focus on day shelters  
Tentative date is Thurs., Nov. 8  
Pathways  
Hope House  
Church of the Reconciler  
E-mail Stacy Oliver (stacy@oneroofonline.org) to register.