

One Roof Membership Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 2, 2013 YWCA 2:00 PM

I. Welcome/Roundtable Introductions & Attendance

AIDS Alabama: Charity Laister	Aletheia House: Melinda Sledge
Baldwin Properties: Gennia Baldwin	Birmingham Health Care: Alisha Copeland
Changed Lives: Cindy Underwood, Brandon Lackey	Church of the Reconciler: Matt Lacey
City of Birmingham: Shirley Chaney	Family Connection/Project Hope: Marilyn Jones
Fellowship House: Freda Jones	Firehouse Shelter: Rob Davis, Anne Wright
First Light: Ruth Crosby	God's Loving Hands Ministries: Antaneeca Davis
HOATD Foundation: Yvette Carter	JBS Mental Health: Robin McCarty, Charlie Denton, Drew Hill
Jefferson County: Felicia Smith	Jefferson County Housing Authority: Solonia Mack, Alexis Parker, Karen Hall
One Roof: Michelle Farley, Keyana Lewis, Jason Leger, Susan Schell, Stacy Oliver	Pathways: Jennifer Holmberg, Maria Dickens, Deisha Rosser
Safehouse of Shelby County: Kourtney Young	Salvation Army: Larry Dancy, Cheryl Shorter
Shelby County Emergency Assistance: Hettie Wagner	The Foundry: Dana Chavers, Vickie Walls, Annie Ridgeway
UAB Community Psychiatry: Harry Findley	United Way: Courtney Newton
Whole Again Unity Org.: Pamela Richardson, David Mintz	AARP: Bill Hawkins

II. Special Presentation: AARP Alabama Speaker: Bill Hawkins [Business Card](#)

Presentation Handouts (PDF): [Retirement income](#) , [Population projections for Alabama](#) , [Life expectancy](#) , [Alabama homeless data](#)

- a. Aging population is growing, and this population has more financial barriers
 - i. 1 in 6 seniors live in poverty, with average senior (60+) income at \$18,000
 - ii. This population unable to prepare properly for retirement
- b. Factors that have caused hardship for growing population of seniors:
 - i. Did not prepare properly for retirement
 - ii. High cost of healthcare (average person on social security spends \$3,000 + per year)
 - iii. Population is difficult to employ
 - iv. Population is going into debt
 - v. Current economy
 - vi. Often victimized by scammers
 - vii. Social security was never designed to be retirement planning – supplement only
- c. Retirement planning – 1.5 of 1.8 million have no retirement
 - i. Impacted by changes to Medicare
 - ii. State health insurance exchange
 - iii. Alabama has chosen not to participate and will follow federal decisions on healthcare
- d. AARP services
 - i. SHIP Program – 1-800-AGELINE
 - ii. Fraud prevention classes
 - iii. Cooking & nutrition classes

III. Old business

- a. Project Homeless Connect debriefing Speaker: Michelle Farley
 - i. Met Tuesday, April 16: discussed areas that needed improvement, identified task forces for organizing and making sure things run smoothly next year

- ii. Most needed resource according to clients: employment
- iii. Awards given for service during PHC:
 - Cindy Underwood (The Nest) – Made sure medications were available at PHC
 - Aletheia House (Melinda Sledge) – Have lead, offered and managed transportation since PHC began
 - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (accepted by Gennia Baldwin) – Always organize amazing fundraiser prior to PHC; contributions this year covered entire cost of medications
 - Vickie Burnett – CSO officer for North precinct – offers exceptional service during Point in Time and Project Homeless Connect
- b. Kathy Wells & Membership Representative to Board of Directors
 - i. Kathy has retired from Safehouse and thus will no longer represent membership to the Board of Directors. However, because of her diverse experience she has been asked to continue as a member of the board.
 - ii. The search committee will have a slate of members prepared for a membership vote in June.
- c. JCHA Executive Director (Lewis McDonald) is retiring; position is vacant

IV. Homeless Court

Speaker: Michelle Farley; round table discussion [What is homeless court?](#) .PDF

- i. Not for drug or sex related offenses, felonies, or unpaid restitution to victims
- ii. CAN assist with charges on public intox, traffic, petty theft, public urination
- iii. Provider (SW, CM) would identify appropriate clients
- iv. Homeless court is a partnership between Court, Legal Aid, and service providers
- a. Feedback and discussion
 - i. Time of day for Court? Staff and Clients with jobs to be considered?
 - ii. Homeless courts can take place in an agency – where will this one take place?
 - iii. We need housing AND homelessness court – eviction & housing issues
 - iv. Will accommodations for hearing and visually impaired be offered?
 - v. Will issues around bad checks or immigration & citizenship issues be addressed?
 - vi. Transportation as an issue? A: Clients will not be accepted to homeless court unless they belong to participating service provider
 - vii. Will Homeless Court assist with cleaning up record (what else comes up in a background check?)

V. Continuum business

- a. Next membership meeting will take place on **Thursday, June 6, 2013**
- b. CoC quarterly grantees meetings
 - i. PIT numbers have been submitted
 - ii. Next meeting will take place: **Wednesday, June 12**
- c. PHC Workgroup sign up – meetings begin in June
- d. Rene Elliott -- VA is having a 2k event: “Walk + Roll” [FLYER](#)
- e. Mike Norris – Disability Rights and Resources: Has a position opening: please read this document for more information: [Position opening](#) with Disability Rights and Resources (PDF)
- f. Changed Lives – Cindy Underwood: May 16, holding Leadership Luncheon [PDF FLYER](#)
- g. Robin McCarty – JBS Mental Health: Has several positions open (CM/SW)
- h. YWCA has transitional housing openings for women and women with children; applications for waiting list in Woodlawn is currently open
- i. Pathways Employment Readiness Program begins next week. Call Jennifer Holmburg