



uniting central alabama to end homelessness

"It is the mission of One Roof to equip and empower our community to end homelessness through advocacy, education and coordination of services."

AGENDA Membership Meeting November 7, 2013 The YWCA of Central Alabama

I. Welcome and Roundtable Introductions

- A. One Roof Community Outreach Coordinator: Stacy Oliver
- B. Announcement: Mike Norris retiring from Disability Rights & Resources; Dana Ulrich taking his place

AIDS Alabama: Patricia Todd	Jefferson County: Felicia Smith
Aletheia House: Melinda Sledge, Sebrina Davis, Pearl Williams	Jefferson County DHR: Ty Evans
Birmingham Health Care: Aisha Copeland	Jefferson County Housing Authority: Alexis Parker, Rosalyn Williams, Solonia Mack, Karen Hall, Ken Vaughan
Birmingham Home Host Program: Stanley Rich	Kings Home: Barbara Lockett
Bridge Ministries: Lisa Isay	Neighborhood Housing Service of Birmingham: Jack Green, Jennifer Kelley
Changed Lives Christian Center: Brandon Lackey, Cindy Underwood	One Roof: Michelle Farley, Stacy Oliver, Valerie Bouriche, John McGregor, Josh Helms
Children's Aid Society: Diane W. Daffron, Erika Williams, Patricia Johnson, Gayle Watts	Pathways: Deisha Rosser, Jennifer McKeown, Anita Burt, Maria Dickens
City of Birmingham: Cynthia Parham	Safehouse of Shelby Co.: Kourtney Young
City of Hoover: Tim Westhoven	The Foundry: Dana Chavers
Dannon Project: Torrie Hill	UAB: Tammara Cheeks
Disability Rights & Resources: Mike Norris, Dana Ulrich	UAB Community Psychiatry: Sally Stinson
Family Connection/Project HOPE: Marilyn Jones, Susan Johnston	UAB TASC: Sharron Rowser
Family Endeavors: Wendy Hicks, Rachel Braswell, Vitrica Hill	Urban Ministry: Jeff Bowman
First Light: Ruth G. Crosby	VA Hospital: Rene Elliott
JBS Mental Health: Drew Hill, Robin McCurty, Allen Dunsmore, Cedrick Palmier	YWCA of Central AL: Parrish Knorr, Jennifer Clarke

II. Special Presentation:

- A. Runaway & Homeless Youth Presentation: Birmingham Work Group of the Alabama Network for Youth
Speakers/Representatives: Susan Johnston, Gayle Watts, Ted Debro, Marilyn Jones, Diane Daffron, Erika Williams, Patricia Johnson
 - 1. November is National Runaway Prevention Month
 - a) Between 1.6 and 2.8 million youth runaway each year; 1 in 5 youth run away before age 18, & half run away two more times; 5000 runaway & homeless youth die on the streets each year
 - 2. In 2012, Safeline received 994 calls from youth in Alabama seeking assistance
- B. Veteran Services Panel
Speakers: Rene Elliot, Melinda Sledge, Wendy Hicks, Rachel Braswell, Vitrica Hill
 - 1. Wendy Hicks, Family Endeavors: SSVF (Support Systems for Veterans and Families)
Handout: <http://oneroofonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Family-Endeavors-Supportive-Services-for-Veteran-Families-flier-11.7.13.pdf>
 - a) They use HMIS & will facilitate transportation
 - 2. Melinda Sledge, SSVF program director at Aletheia House, (205) 788-5046
 - a) Requirements: must be active, all discharges except for dishonorable, have finished training, 30% AMI
 - b) Differences between SSVF & VA:
 - 1. Housing First: if client doesn't want services/programs, they don't have to receive them (through SSVF only)
 - 1. This includes clients w/ substance abuse issues

2. Can provide IDs
 - c) Assessment can be done in 1-2 business days (new program)
 - d) They use HMIS
 - e) Veterans on staff
 - f) Sending brochures to One Roof (One Roof will post/forward)
3. Rene Elliot, VA
Handout detailing services provided <http://oneroofonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Homeless-Veterans-Services-Birmingham-VA-Medical-Center-11.7.13.pdf>
 - a) Limited funding & roadblocks
 1. They rely on other agencies to help people stay in housing; help people over income level who still need assistance; takes time to prove eligibility & get paperwork (DD214)
 - b) Cannot do HMIS, have their own system called HOMES that doesn't communicate w/ HMIS
4. Issues
 - a) Turning away people who need prevention services but have to quit job to receive services; 30% AMI knocking out a lot of people, dis-incentivizing (One Roof will keep this in mind)

III. Old Business

- A. Homeless Court Update: Rescheduled for November 19, 2013
 1. Potentially more info to come about homeless veterans

IV. Continuum Business

- A. CoC Grant Update
 1. No update; gov't shutdown affected timeline, CoC grant has not dropped yet
- B. CoC Quarterly Grantees Meeting for Continuum of Care Grant funded agencies – next meeting to be scheduled after NOFA is announced
- C. PromisAL Updates: AHAR
Speaker: Stacy Oliver
 1. Emergency Shelter-Family Category & Emergency Shelter-Family Veterans Only Category submitted, reviewed by HUD, & resubmitted w/ revisions & explanations. Ready for finalization/confirmation.
 2. Emergency Shelter-Individual All Category & Emergency Shelter-Individual Veterans Only Category submitted for initial review by HUD on Nov 14th. Delay due to number of individuals staying in these programs during the year.
 3. Transitional Family, Transitional Family Veterans Only, Transitional Individual, Transitional Individual Veterans Only, Permanent Supportive Housing Family, Permanent Supportive Housing Family Veterans Only, Permanent Supportive Housing Individual, & Permanent Supportive Housing Individual Veterans Only submitted & reviewed by HUD. Explanations submitted; completing revisions.
 4. Timelines significantly shorter. All due by Dec 15th. If Nathan or Andy call/email, please respond/make changes quickly because AHAR affects our CoC's score.

V. New Business & Announcements

- A. Domestic Violence referrals, Jennifer Clarke, ACADV
 1. Birmingham office temporarily closed, call Montgomery (334) 832-4842
- B. Next Membership Meeting – December 5, 2013, 2 p.m.
 1. Magic City Acceptance Project presenting on inclusive, non-discriminatory policies
 - a) Policymakers and administrators please come to mtg
- C. January Membership Meeting MOVED – January 9, 2014, 2 p.m.
- D. Point-in-Time Count – January 22-23, 2014 (Stacy)
 1. Trainings for staff; be thinking of who you'd like to volunteer from your agency, be prepared for emails
- E. Friday November 22, 2-4 pm, Retirement party for Mike Norris
- F. JBS: Robyn introduced Alan Dunsmore & Cedrick Palmier, certified peer specialists doing street outreach
 1. New program, building trust through peer specialists: going to camps, streets, parks, trying to help persons experiencing homelessness; also in-reach: soup kitchens
 2. Call (205) 279-1979
- G. Southside congregations doing services for Thanksgiving date moved
 1. Temple Emanuel on Highland Ave, Tuesday Nov 26, service at noon, lunch at 1
- H. Tax Exempt status, Rep Todd
 1. Rep Todd proposing bill to exempt all agencies who are part of One Roof, maybe expand to all agencies in all continuums in the state
- I. The NEST open during holidays (Cindy Underwood)