



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 October 3, 2013 The YWCA of Central Alabama

I. Welcome/Roundtable Introductions & Attendance

- I. One Roof AmeriCorps Members: John McGregor & Josh Helms
 - A. Reminders about dental day; like us on Facebook/follow on Twitter

AIDS Alabama: Patricia Todd, Je’Nay Williams, Dionna Lambert, Sonja Smith	One Roof: Michelle Farley, Nathan Salter, Valerie Bouriche, Sabrina Bouriche, John McGregor, Josh Helms
Aletheia House: Melinda Sledge	Pathways: Deisha Rosser, Jennifer McKoewn
Baldwin Properties: Gennia Baldwin	Safehouse of Shelby Co.: Kourtney Young
Beginning Bridge: Diane Hardy	Salvation Army: Marcella Montgomery-Dale, Randy Dinkins
Changed Lives Christian Center: Brandon Lackey	Shelby Emergency Assistance: Hettie Wagner
Church of the Reconciler: Diane Hardy	The Foundry: Vickie Wall, Dana Chavers
Committee to Protect the Homeless: Tina Thornton, Gary Thurman	United Way: Courtney Newton
Dannon Project: Torrie Hill	Urban Ministry: Jeff Bowman, Camilla T. Gaines
Disability Rights & Resources: Judy R. Roy	VA Hospital: Caron Griffin, Alfreida Hogan, Rene Elliott
Family Connection/Project HOPE: Marilyn Jones	Youth Towers: Alice Westery
Firehouse Shelter: Anne Wright, Debora A. Williams, Leon Weems	YWCA of Central AL: Angela Eddings, Jennifer Clarke
First Light: Sherry Webb, Altheia Gross	UAB REACT: Sally Stinson
JBS Mental Health: Robin McCurty	Family Guidance Center: Frederick E. Hilliard
Jefferson County: Felicia Smith	Neighborhood Housing Services of Birmingham: Jennifer Kelley
Jefferson County Housing Authority: Alexis Parker, Rosalyn Williams	

II. Special Presentation:

- I. Sonja Smith, AIDS Alabama, Enroll Alabama
 - Presentation handouts: [Enroll Alabama](#)
 - A. Navigators set up throughout state
 - 1. Affordable care is an option for clients
 - a) If not on Medicaid or insured, need to do Enroll Alabama (enrollala.com) or call 205-918-8192
 - b) If considering SSDI 2-yr waiting period, put info into system & see what happens
 - 2. Can help clients & small businesses figure out insurance options
 - B. For everyone who has HUD grant, insurance can be recorded in HMIS as a service
 - C. Health providers currently in Birmingham: Humana, Blue Cross Blue Shield, United Healthcare
- II. Jennifer Arsenian, ACADV Legal director for ACADV
 - Presentation handouts: [Alabama Council on Violence Against Women](#), [Domestic Violence Resource Guide for Public Housing Programs](#)
 - A. Alabama Council on Violence Against Women

1. ACADV wants our organizations to be represented on the council
 - a) Housing issues: VAWA: State plan revised every year
 - b) State plan provides guidance as best practice tool; planning grants
 - c) If anyone wants a representative on the council, contact Jennifer;
2. VAWA
 - a) Client cannot be denied services, discriminated against, treated any differently because of their victim status
 - b) Educating landlords/supervisors
 - 1) If police or justice system are involved, the victim cannot be negatively impacted; abuser can be evicted but victim cannot
 - 2) Lease can be bifurcated if both victim & batterer are on lease
 - 3) If lease is in batterer's name, lease can be transferred to victim's name if they meet eligibility
 - c) If a person is in housing & scared because of what's happened/threats, VAWA allows for an emergency transfer (VAWA overrides current limitations on transfers)
 - 1) If victim has emergency transfer, victim still must pay moving costs or receive other assistance (VAWA just ensures no discrimination)
 - d) The reason to terminate or evict cannot be based on victim status
 - 1) Can terminate or evict based on other issues
 - e) The following are acceptable to verify victimization: a written statement, HUD form, police report
 - 1) There is no particular document necessary to ensure VAWA provisions
 - 2) Documentation must be kept confidential: cannot be public, cannot be put into HMIS
 - i. If we put someone in HMIS by mistake & find out later they are at risk/in imminent danger, let Nathan know & he can have software manufacturer erase entry
 - ii. Clients can file grievances with HUD if they feel VAWA provisions &/or confidentiality are violated
 - f) Some situations are messy, just work through VAWA provisions
 - 1) Protection orders can protect victim & agency
 - i. Give clear notice of No Trespass to batterers
 - g) These regulations are tools; contact Jennifer with questions
 - 1) Jennifer@ACADV.org (anything legal/policy related)
 - h) Need to have safety plan for workplace & clients in case of instances on properties & agencies (esp. for agencies who house victims & abusers)
 - 1) Website has safety plans for victims & workplace violence plans
 - 2) Call Jennifer/ACADV for assistance
 - i) Recognizing batterers:
 - 1) Statistically men
 - 2) One person dominant over the other, controlling interactions
 - 3) Charming & manipulative
 - 4) Make a lot of rules

III. Old Business

I. Homeless Court

- A. Will be held in First Light chapel, a facility comfortable & known to many clients
- B. Clients may be uncomfortable talking to case worker about legal stuff, worried that case worker will call police, so case workers should talk with clients about this option.
- C. HC is currently city only, but county may be an option in the future if this works well
- D. How this works:
 1. Agency and Homeless Court work in partnership to develop profile of acceptable clients, a template for case plans and outcomes expectations

2. Client in an agency has misdemeanor and is identified as appropriate for Homeless Court.
 - a) Case manager works with client to develop progress steps
 - b) Case manager submits client's case to HC coordinator and Legal Aid runs a thorough background check to identify unknown or undisclosed issues.
 - c) If there are no felonies or unaddressed misdemeanors, the client and the case worker appear in homeless court and the judge determines if the client has made enough progress on goals to warrant dismissing the charges or assigning additional community service.
3. Not talking about abstinence only, talking about how much progress an individual client has made & whether or not this progress satisfies warrant
4. Project Help is different from Homeless Court
 - a) Any legal questions can go to Project Help (Firehouse & First Light); don't have to vouch for client
 - b) Homeless Court: agency vouches for client
- E. Opportunity for client to have positive interaction with court system

IV. Continuum Business

- I. CoC Grant Update & Effect of Gov't Shutdown on CoC
 - A. Homeless services are considered vital so we continue to operate
 1. However, there is no one to review or assist with problems with LOCCS request
 - B. CoC grant update & PromisAL Updates
 1. Expecting NOFA to drop in November, but not sure what's happening with that
 2. AHAR is still happening
 - a) Initial submission is November 15; December 13 is final due date for report
 - b) Upcoming PromisAL tip: How to run your own AHAR
 3. Thanks to ADECA-funded agencies for getting CAPERs in
 4. HUD has made change in questions related to income on APR
- II. CoC Quarterly Grantees Meeting for Continuum of Care Grant funded agency executives/administrators (not required, but funding decisions will be made) – **October 15, 2013**, 9 a.m. (time change)
 - A. Michelle verifying meeting place (Bradley Arant)
 - B. Not required, but attendance strongly suggested
 - C. New projects are not happening this year; no new money

V. New Business

- I. Announcements
 - A. Medicaid new limits: 5 prescriptions/month, unless anti-psychotic or anti-convulsives (10 per month)
 1. If people are on multiple medications, need to coordinate with doctors
 - B. Patricia Todd is now ED of AIDS Alabama; Elaine Coddle is Director of Clinical Programs
 - C. Birmingham Feed the Living zombie pub crawl: October 13 (all proceeds to Firehouse)
 - D. Firehouse Annual Gala: November 7
 - E. Alabama Housing Search updates
 - F. Committee to Protect the Homeless website has been approved by public library system
 1. Any agencies on site that want changes made or anyone who wants to be added site should contact now (cph.inexistence.org)
 - G. October 1, YWCA opened waiting list for housing at the YW, single women, \$5000 minimum yearly income, contact 322-9922, for limited time only
 - H. The Foundry is having annual Bluegrass Festival (Brookwood Village): October 6
 - I. Changed Lives Free Medical Clinic reminder (4th Tuesday of every month)
 - J. Next month is National Runaway Prevention Month
 - K. Transgender workshop tomorrow 8:30-2:30, starting at 8:30
- Next Membership Meeting – November 7, 2013, 2 p.m. (Veteran-specific)