



*uniting central alabama to end homelessness*

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

**AGENDA Membership Meeting December 5, 2013 The YWCA of Central Alabama**

**I. Welcome and Roundtable Introductions**

<b>AIDS Alabama:</b> Patricia Todd	<b>Jefferson County:</b> Felicia Smith
<b>Aletheia House:</b> Melinda Sledge, Sebrina Davis	<b>Jefferson County Housing Authority:</b> Solonia M. Mack, Karen Hall, Alexis Parker, Rosalyn Williams
<b>Baldwin Properties:</b> Gennia Baldwin	<b>Neighborhood Housing Services of Birmingham:</b> Jennifer Kelley
<b>Birmingham Health Care:</b> Alisha Copeland	<b>One Roof:</b> Michelle Farley, Nathan Salter, John McGregor, Josh Helms, Stacy Oliver, Andy Childers
<b>B’ham Homeless Youth Shelter Project:</b> Stanley Rich	<b>Pathways:</b> Deisha Rosser, Maria Dickens
<b>Changed Lives Christian Center:</b> Brandon Lackey	<b>Premier Business / Serenity Place:</b> Susan Standberry
<b>Children’s Aid Society:</b> Mary Windham	<b>Salvation Army:</b> Marcella Montgomery-Dale, Randy Dinkins, Cheryl Shorter
<b>City of Birmingham:</b> Shirley Chaney, Veronica Hill	<b>Shelby Emergency Assistance:</b> Hettie Wagner
<b>Disability Rights &amp; Resources:</b> Judy R. Roy, Dan Kessler	<b>UAB Community Psychiatry:</b> Sally Stinson
<b>Fellowship House:</b> Michael King	<b>UAB TASC:</b> Sharron Rowser
<b>Firehouse Shelter:</b> Anne Wright, Val Green, Debora A. Williams, Leon Weems	<b>VA Hospital:</b> Michael Mallory
<b>First Light:</b> Sherry Webb, Sheri Sanders	<b>YWCA of Central AL:</b> Jennifer Clarke
<b>JBS Mental Health:</b> Drew Hill, Robin McCurty, Allen Dunsmore, Jenny Allen, Cedrick Palmier	

**II. Special Presentations:**

- A. Inclusive and Non-discriminatory Policies, Magic City Acceptance Project, Genie Taylor and Amanda Wilson: [PowerPoint presentation](#)
  - 1. All People Matter: LGBTQ youth & adults struggle with acceptance & support
  - 2. Challenges for staff who identify as LGBTQ+
    - a. Policies must be in place to ensure that staff feel safe, so clients will feel safe
  - 3. Policies (sample policies [handout](#))
    - a. Policy should spell out who is covered
    - b. Should be in writing & visible & known
    - c. All individuals must be treated with dignity & respect
    - d. Policies must be enforced
    - e. Not rocket science: treat ALL people fairly; respond to ALL harassment & issues
  - 4. Additional trainings available for counselors, therapists, social workers
  - 5. Opportunities to join MCAP & become trainers: contact [sarah@magiccityacceptance.org](mailto:sarah@magiccityacceptance.org)
  - 6. Michelle: for the last 18 months-2 yrs, HUD is focusing on fair housing & LGBT safety; this is why this policy training is important, this is why trans workshop was important
- B. Psychiatric Clinic, JBS Mental Health Authority, Lisa Turley
  - 1. (presentation skipped; Lisa not in attendance)

**III. Old Business (none)**

**IV. Continuum Business**

- A. CoC Grant Update

1. NOFA finally dropped
  2. Cannot give calendar yet for prelim due dates; final is due on Feb 3; individual applications will be needed by Jan 3, probably finished in ESNAPS by Dec 27
  3. Will be asking for audits, APRs, budgets, everything
    - a. Nothing your agency hasn't done before
    - b. Don't stress: One Roof will help new folks
  4. ESNAPS is very slow; get started early so that it doesn't take longer than it should
  5. For technical assistance with ESNAPS, contact help desk, not One Roof
- B. PromisAL Updates: AHAR; SSVF
1. AHAR
    - a. Residential programs: best year yet so far as getting info in
    - b. Final stages, last set of questions, small details
    - c. 8 days ahead of schedule right now
    - d. Getting points for CoC
    - e. Findings
      - i. Almost no female veterans
      - ii. Latinos experiencing homelessness account for less than 2%
      - iii. Subgroups consistent except for families
    - f. Will have interesting research from PIT in the spring
  2. SSVF: finished first month of services & completed first upload to VA

## V. New Business

- A. Email holiday donation suggestions to [josh@oneroofonline.org](mailto:josh@oneroofonline.org)
- B. Next Membership Meeting – January 9, 2014, 2 p.m.
- C. Point-in-Time Count – January 22-23, 2014
  1. 14 Street Team leads needed; sign-up sheet passed around
  2. Hugely important & necessary to our CoC's success
- D. Turning Point (Homeless Court) – January 28, 2014 [Handout from Lisa Borden](#)
  1. Sherry Webb:
    - a. First month at First Light; second court will be at FL
    - b. See handout & send all referrals to Lisa Borden
  2. Sally Stinson:
    - a. Success story: judge dismissed \$800 worth of fines for client
  3. This is a real court date
  4. Service providers must prove to judge that they've been working with client; service provider's role is as important as the client's
  5. Must turn in all paperwork beforehand, show up on time with everything you need: both agency and client
- E. Project Homeless Connect – April 5, 2014
  1. One Roof will be looking for volunteers soon
- F. Susan Stanberry w/ Serenity Place: 22 available beds for transitional housing (families, men, women)
- G. Val Green
  1. Firehouse—3 affordable housing vacancies (CDM); sober living community
    - a. \$300/mo rent & split utilities w/ roommate
- H. Gennia Baldwin
  1. 2 houses available, Baldwin Properties, 914-0764
    - a. 2 bedroom & 3 bedroom; listed on AL Housing Search
- I. Karen Hall w/ Jeff County Housing Authority, [Khall@jcha.com](mailto:Khall@jcha.com)
  1. Quarterly Newsletter: if any agencies have interest or would like to submit:
    - a. Dec 17<sup>th</sup> deadline for Jan newsletter
  2. Information about free community resources so that people can self-sustain
  3. Delivered door to door to Public Housing, also online