



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 February 6, 2014 The YWCA of Central Alabama

I. Welcome & Roundtable Introductions

AIDS Alabama: Elaine M. Cottle, Constance Gray	Kings Home: Rhonda Marshall
Aletheia House: Melinda Sledge, Sebrena Davis	One Roof: Michelle Farley, Nathan Salter, John McGregor, Josh Helms, Stacy Oliver, Valerie Bouriche
Bay Area Food Bank: Deb Wakefield	One Roof Board: Kathy Wells
Birmingham Health Care: Amy Sparks	Pathways: Deisha Rosser, Maria Dickens, Jennifer McKoewn
Changed Lives Christian Center: Brandon Lackey, Samuel Holmes	Salvation Army: Larry Dancy
City of Birmingham: Veronica Hall	Shelby Emergency Assistance: Hettie Wagner
Dannon Project: Curlie Thomas	Southside Clique: Denise Dawson
Disability Rights & Resources: Dana Ullrich	The Foundry: Dana Chavers, Vickie Wall
Family Endeavors: Wendy Hicks	UAB Community Psychiatry: Harry Findley
Family Guidance Center of Alabama: Aisha Henley	United Way: Courtney Newton
Firehouse Shelter: Anne Wright, Val Green, Debora A. Williams, Ben Coleman, Nicole Arlain	VA Hospital: Rene Elliott
JBS Mental Health: Jenny Allen, Cedrick Palmier, Drew Hill	Youth Towers: Alice Westery
Jefferson County DHR: Ty Evans	YWCA of Central AL: Parrish Knorr
Jefferson County Housing Authority: Solonia M. Mack, Rosalyn Williams, Karen Hall, Alexis Parker	

II. Special Presentations

- A. SNAP Outreach & Benefits, [Deb Wakefield](#), Bay Area Food Bank
Handouts: [SNAP Program Facts](#) & [What is Snap?](#)
 - 1. For seniors (60+) or folks on disability: medical expenses can be taken into account when determining SNAP eligibility
- B. Best Practices for CoC Success, John Andrew Young
[Presentation](#)
 - 1. Specific notes & comments:
 - a) Vulnerability Measurements: a success nationwide; not how our CoC has always made housing decisions, but something to consider
 - b) Centralized Intake is coming, HUD is requiring our CoC to do this
 - c) Everyone already does Systems Evaluations
 - i. Measurements to determine rates of success:
 - 1. What's best for individual clients? What's best for the community? How can we save money, maximize resources, & prevent & end homelessness?
 - d) Harm Reduction: acknowledging that a client may never stop abusing substances, but they can be safely, stably housed
 - e) Housing First: there are agencies in our CoC who are successfully using Housing First
 - f) Wet Houses:
 - i. Housing allows stability & access to services, stability allows clients to work toward addressing underlying health & psychological issues

- ii. Even if we don't change policy, we can change attitude; this is a continuum of care, of services, of options: one size does not fit all

III. Old Business (none)

IV. Continuum Business

- A. CoC Grant Update
 1. Grant submitted!
- B. Project Homeless Connect
 1. Full PHC Meetings: February 12, 2014, 10 a.m. & March 5, 2014, 10 a.m. at Boutwell Auditorium Exhibition Hall (upstairs)
 - a) **All service providers need to be at these meetings**

V. New Business

- A. Next Membership Meeting – March 6, 2014, 2 p.m.
- B. Cardboard Connect
 1. Overnight awareness-raising event for youth ages 13-18
 2. March 8-9, 2014
 3. Send ideas for speakers (clients, formerly homeless) to Stacy
 4. Stacy will be contacting agencies about clients who passed away in the last year to be honored during the CBC vigil
- C. Project Homeless Connect
 1. April 5, 2014 at Boutwell Auditorium
 2. We need volunteers! (18 & older)
- D. Arrests at PHC
 1. There were arrests at Mobile's PHC & this caused issues
 - a) One Roof will help Mobile's CoC fix this issue
 2. At our PHC, police are not looking for clients
 - a) There have been a few arrests at past PHCs, but typically because clients turned themselves in or committed a crime on-site—police are not looking for them
 3. The legal team will help clients at PHC
- E. PHC clients
 1. PHC is only for homeless clients, primarily for chronically homeless
- F. Background checks for HMIS users
 1. Update forthcoming from One Roof HMIS team