



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 May 1, 2014 YWCA Central Alabama

I. Welcome & Roundtable Introductions ([see attendance](#))

II. Special Presentations

i. Neighborhood Housing Services of Birmingham ([website](#))

Speaker: Jack Green Chief Exec. Officer

a. Major focus on foreclosure services; according to NHS, foreclosures are a major problem specifically in Birmingham and Jefferson County

- 235% higher than normal rate; 7,000 foreclosures per year for the past 3 yrs
- Poverty has increased; wages are declining

b. NHS provides foreclosure prevention

c. Part of a collective impact group -- United Way, Gateway, legal services, and other community service programs; also have case managers

d. Anyone having difficulty with mortgage or facing foreclosure, contact NHS: 328-4292

ii. Workshops, Inc.: 592-9683 ([website](#)) ([brochure](#))

Speaker: Susan Crowe, Tree Davidson

a. 2014 was the first year for Workshops, Inc. to serve at PHC

b. Workshops, Inc. was established in 1900 -- provided workshops for the blind; 1 of 5 rehab communities in Birmingham (Good Will, UCP, Triumph, ARCH Shelby County, ARCH JeffCo)

c. Serve consumers with documented disabilities; provide job training, coaching, and resume assistance

d. Workshops, Inc., works with the Alabama Dept. of Rehabilitation Services

e. Provides several different services to consumers:

1. Employee Development (6-8 week training for individuals with no employment history or a length of time without employment)
2. Community Employment Services (job readiness classes, resume preparation, assistance with applications and interviews, job coaching, job development)
3. Work Experience (for consumers who are Birmingham City School high school students, there are on-site classrooms; other individuals may receive work experience once in the Workshops program; certificate program)

4. Basic Skills classes (calendars, money, bank accounts)

5. Organizational Employment -- sheltered employment (offer longer-term employment possibilities for people who need a more sheltered work experience). One consumer has been working at Workshops for 46 years!

f. Workshops has 6 training departments: industrial assembly, light assembly, housekeeping, packaging & assembly, print & media assembly, and food service training (have a catering service called New Leaf Kitchen)

g. Willing to collaborate with other agencies on new ideas or work with clients who are not typical program participants (ex: client with HIV/AIDS)

h. Movement underway on federal level to end special minimum wage positions such as sheltered employment programs

- Workshops uses a prevailing wage survey for paying their consumers

- Reality – until there's a lot of systemic change, there would be many people with disabilities who would be adversely affected without access to places like Workshops

III. Old business

- a. Project Homeless Connect
 - i. 921 people registered; more than 90 agencies, programs, and groups
 - ii. Examining how to serve fewer or no housed clients

IV. Continuum Business

- a. Transitional Housing Sub-Committee

Speaker: Patricia Todd

- i. Work in progress
- ii. Next meeting will be in June; setting up best practices in Birmingham (intake, program design, length of stay, community rules, etc)
- iii. So far, found that most TH providers lack staff and resources to provide assistance to clients who need necessary basic living skills
- iv. Lack of resources for anger management, repairing mistakes of past, transportation services, easy-to-access job training, and substance abuse services
- v. Next steps involve an inter-agency training on different services that can be offered continuum-wide (data bank of who is good at what)
- vi. Looking to develop a harm-reduction system for TH
- vii. Will develop cross-community agency rules -- policies & procedures, share resources and hard lessons

- b. SOAR for Prison Reentry

Speaker: Michelle Farley

- i. New program being offered by One Roof; SOAR program being integrated to reentry planning with correctional facilities
- ii. Response to seeing increased requests for help from former inmates
- iii. While some agencies have relied on assistance from our SOAR worker for their clients, she will be unable to assist as much; agencies need to have someone trained in SOAR

- c. Alabama State-wide Housing Works conference

Speaker: Jennifer Clarke

- i. Nov. 5-7, 2014 at Point Clear, AL (Grand Hotel Marriott)
- ii. Submit suggestions for what should be presented; so far, considering failure panel (what's NOT working)

- d. ALAEH board meeting

Speaker: Jennifer Clarke

- i. writing a letter to governor about expanding Medicaid
- ii. ALAEH Board would like for CoC's to consider voicing interest in the Governor reconsidering

his decision to NOT expand Medicaid. CoC's can send individual letters, phone calls, etc and can let ALAEH know that a petition from ALAEH is desirable

- e. VA Hospital -- VA2K Walk and Roll ([see flyer](#)) on May 21 -- Speaker: Rene Elliott

- f. Section 8 Shelby County opening on May 20 -- Speaker: Hettie Wagner

- g. JBS is looking for female peer support for street outreach team; must have a car

Speaker: Robin McCarty

h. Firehouse street outreach team now being supplied with dog food; See anyone interested in getting dog food, let STOP know: 252-9576, 252-9571 -- Speaker: Anne Wright

- i. Some openings for SRO or S+C through Birmingham Healthcare

Contact Amy Sparks (speaker) with Birmingham Healthcare

- j. Changed Lives + The Foundry leadership luncheon will be held on 5/7 at the Sheraton

Speaker: Brandon Lackey

k. YWCA looking for someone who can offer training on communication between different genders, conflict resolution, and skill building to speak to women in TH program

Speaker: Jennifer Clarke