

Southern Illinois Continuum of Care Network
Membership Meeting, hosted by The Lighthouse Shelter
Marion, IL- November 3, 2011

Meeting Minutes

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Co-Chair Bowles called the meeting to order and asked everyone to introduce themselves. There were many new faces at the meeting.

Those in attendance included: LeAnn Speiser-BCMW, Sarah Ford- BCMW, Sue Castleman-BCMw, Cecelia Ruiz- SIRSS, Melissa Johnson- SIRSS, Tiffany Todd- Good Samaritan Ministries, Staci Matlock- Delta Center, Evelyn Fuqua- Village of Crainville Trustees, Sharon Atchison- The Lighthouse Shelter, Anna Margrum- The Women's Center, Alyssa Jaffer- The Women's Center, Abby Odior- The Women's Center, Peggy Russell- Williamson County Family Crisis Center, D James Donaldson- Lutheran Social Services, Jenny O'Daniel- Lifeboat Alliance, Wally King- Bethany Village, Maria Bowles- Anna Bixby Women's Center, Cathy Baugh- PAVE, Mickey Sullivan- ROE #21Lead Homeless Liaison, Linda Bookwalter- SWAN, Sharon Hess- SICH, Deb Newman- H Group, Tracey Boyd- DHS/Division of Mental Health, Phyllis Thistlewood- Light The Way, Inc., Ramona Douglas- Fifth St. Renaissance/Sara Center, Kristy Wilm- Fifth St. Renaissance/Sara Center, Adam Coleman- VAMC, Carletta Hanks- Rides Mass Transit, Renee Kindle- Shawnee Development Council, Shirley Meyer- Shawnee Development Council, Robert Schroeder- Western Egyptian, Kelly Smith- Anna Bixby Women's Center, E. Jeannine Woods- Cairo Women's Shelter, Inc., Tia White- Supportive Housing Providers Association, Diana Etheridge- Housing Authority of the City of Marion, Richard Switzer- Marion Ministerial Alliance, President

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members reviewed the September 2011 meeting minutes. Wally King made a motion to approve the minutes. Sharon Hess 2nd the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

Tiffany Todd distributed the treasurer's report. The current balance is \$3,791.73. LeAnn Speiser made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Wally King 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Membership- Sue Castleman brought updated membership binders for new members. The binders contain the continuum directory, bi-laws, and other useful information. The resource form will be on the website soon. Organizations will be able to complete or update their form as needed.
- b. Public Education- There was a discussion about the resource form and the possibility of a SICOCN Facebook account. Sharon Hess will talk to newsletter editor, Mat Heimbach about this. Sharon also distributed a form with suggested items for the newsletter. The next newsletter will be going out in December and Mat will need information by December 10th.
- c. Gaps Analysis- LeAnn Speiser stated that the next point-in-time homeless count will be Tuesday, January 24, 2012. She will be contacting region reps by the end of the month to discuss initial planning for the 2012 count.
- d. Technical Assistance/Monitoring- LeAnn Speiser stated that the committee is working to update forms and TA/Monitoring Process. The committee hopes to conduct site visits by the end of the year.

- e. HMIS- Linda Bookwalter will be sending updated agency participation agreements soon. She and Trevor went to a ROSIE training in St. Louis. Discussion followed.
- f. Alternative Housing- No report, however Melissa Johnson will be attending the Housing Action IL conference this month and will bring back information.
- g. Retreat Committee- Melissa Johnson reported that the committee has looked at evaluations from the last retreat but there was insufficient information. Many people did state that they did not like Carbondale as the location for the retreat. There will most likely be a new location for the 2012 retreat. The committee will be sending a new evaluation to get input from members.
- h. Ranking & Review- No report but there was a discussion of the committee's role.
- i. Child/Youth Committee- No Report

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Housing Update- Sharon Hess discussed the SHPA Monday memo that is sent out. She encouraged participation in SHPA because they can train providers and provide updates on housing issues in the state and assist with contacting legislators. She also discussed IL Partners for Human Services which provided e-mails and housing updates as well. The website is info@illinoispartners.org

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Region 5 Representative- Sue Castleman made a motion to accept Mary McMahan's resignation as Region 5 Representative and accept Renee Kindle as her replacement. Jeannine Woods 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Child/Youth Committee- Linda Bookwalter made a motion to appoint Mickey Sullivan and Kim Gehrke as co-chairs of this committee. Jeannine Woods 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Tia White with SHPA discussed the "Coming Home Campaign". They are asking our help in increasing PSH. SHPA will be e-mailing a draft for a MOU soon. SHPA's website is www.shpa-il.org.

VII. UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon Hess plans to host a poverty conference in April. The goal is to educate local businesses on homelessness because many don't realize it is a problem. She will e-mail more information at a later date.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be hosted by PAVE on January 5, 2012 in Mt. Vernon, IL, exact location TBA.