

Southern Illinois Continuum of Care Network  
Membership Meeting- January 8, 2015  
Illinois Centre Community Room, Marion IL

#### I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Sharon Atchison introduced herself, welcomed everyone, and called the meeting to order. She asked everyone to introduce themselves. Those in attendance included: Sharon Atchison- Lighthouse Shelter, Renee Kindle- Shawnee Development Council, Inc., Angel Wilson- Good Samaritan, Dorian Hambach- SICH, Mathew Heimbach- SICH, Matt Robbins- SWAN-APS, Michael Hauks- Friendship House Project, Lavonda Henry- Friendship House Project, Becky Ackerman- WADI, Judy Kinnear- WADI, Salvador Tomas- Illinois Migrant Council, Wally King- Bethany Village, Rob Schroeder- Western Egyptian, Tracey Williams- DHS/DMH, Paula Proffrit- Human Services Center (North town apts), Ms. Etheridge- Housing Authority of Marion, Mickey Sullivan- ROE #21, Brandy Seckert- ROE #12, Mr. Bleman- VA Medical Center, Rocky Peppers- VA Medical Center, Bethany Davidson- Crosswalk CAA, Peggy Russell- Family Crisis Center, Jamie- Delta Center, Anna Margrum- The Women's Center, Abby Odior- The Women's Center, Maria Bowles- Anna Bixby Women's Center, Carletta Hanks- Rides Mass Transit, Cathy Baugh- PAVE, Phyllis Thistlewood- Light the Way, Inc., Jenny O'Daniel- Lifeboat Alliance, Sharon Hess- SICH, Jeannine Woods- Cairo Women's Shelter, Jula Yana- DHS/DMH.

#### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November minutes were available for review. Wally King made the motion to approve the minutes. Kim 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### III. TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer report was passed out. The current balance is \$1,100.34. It was stated that membership dues should be coming in soon. Peggy Russell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Kim 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

#### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. HMIS- Linda was absent. A brief discussion about ROSIE and the trainings that have taken Place/are available/are required occurred. Rob said he found out from a phone call to St. Louis That "It's a slow process". Several people stated they are not able to get on at all.

B. Child/Youth- Mickey informed us that 2610 students were identified as homeless as of December 15, 2014. Also, there will be four trainings offered in March.

C. Public Education- Matt informed us that the SICOCN Facebook page is available now. To find It enter SICOCN into the search bar. He is still building on it, but we can access it now.

D. Membership- No report.

E. Gaps Analysis- No report.

F. Program Evaluation- No report.

V. OLD BUSINESS

a) ESG – Peggy spoke to Tammy and Stacey in regard to questions about the report. It appears Continuum will be in charge of disbursing the money. That it is up to us (not Springfield) to let new agencies in or not. Peggy said the system works pretty well, but there are still a few glitches. She puts in a request for funding every two weeks. Sharon said she plans to do the same. The report is due the 20<sup>th</sup>. Sharon said it has changed some and is lengthy. Wally stated they said they were going to put the shelter part on-line but then didn't. Peggy informed that the new forms just came out, a brief discussion of the forms followed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a) Membership invoices are available.

b) PIT homeless count will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> of the month. Anna asked if region reps should contact the schools? Sharon stated she would check with LeAnn.

VII. UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Anna provided information regarding the Women's Center's upcoming fundraiser (Chocolate Festival).

b) Jenny announced the Lifeboat Alliances upcoming fundraiser (Reverse Raffle) the date of the event is March 6<sup>th</sup> @ the Holiday Inn. Tickets are \$75 which include a meal. There is a \$5000 walk away prize.

c) Sharon informed LeAnn said there is no word on NOFA. Letters of intent in March and Grant Writer option also in March. Also, two trainings have to be completed to change from ROSIE to Compass ROSIE – call Linda w/ issues. Sharon informed us that she will be retiring June 30<sup>th</sup>.

d) Tracey Williams briefly discussed the Division of Mental Health Tax Credit Program. She said if we would like to get on the mailing list to be made aware of available units to email her at [Tracey.Williams@Illinois.gov](mailto:Tracey.Williams@Illinois.gov). There are no units open in this region right now. Tracey asked if converting transitional housing to perm supportive housing would help on our NOFA? She informed us that it wouldn't be hard to do... just something to think about... A brief discussion about the process of changing units over.

e) The coalition has some openings – Marion: two transitional housing opportunities: one house, one apartment. Murphysboro: two openings. Herrin: one opening (phoenix program).

f) It was brought to our attention that an individual who is both deaf and mute is currently staying at the Good Samaritan house. We were asked if anyone is aware of local housing that might help suit his needs? Sharon Hess suggested calling Sam at SICH. She is an interpreter and may have some referrals.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on March 5, 2015. BCMW is hosting.

Jenny made a motion to adjourn. Abby 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously