

Southern Illinois Continuum of Care Network (SICO CN)  
Membership Meeting  
Thursday, November 12, 2015  
Phoenix Apartments, SICH  
608 E. Foch St., Herrin, IL 62948  
10:30 AM

I. Welcome and Introductions.

Sharon Atchison introduced herself, thanked the Southern Illinois Coalition for the Homeless for hosting the event, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were: Camille Dorris, *SICH*; LeAnn Speiser, *BCMWW*; Jennifer Harnish, *BCMWW*; Julie Mason, *Family Counseling Center*; Nora Markham, *ABWA*; Maria Bowles, *Anna Bixby Center*; Terri Beukham, *SWAN*; Judy Kinnear, *WADI*; Becky Ackerman, *WADI*; Sharon Atchison, *The Lighthouse Shelter*; Wally King, *Bethany Village*; Angel Wilson, *Good Samaritan*; Mickey Sullivan, *ROE #21*; Johna Schullian, *ROE # 21*; Abby Odior, *The Women's Center*; Renee Kindle, *Shawnee Development Council*; Robert Schroeder, *Western Egyptian*; Phyllis Thistlewood, *Light The Way*; Jeannine Woods, *Cairo Women's Shelter*; Patricia Sawyer, *IMC*; Salvador Tomas, *IMC*; Peggy Russell, *Family Crisis Center*.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 9, 2015 meeting had been sent electronically to members and were available at the meeting for members to review. Maria Bowls moved that the minutes be approved, Camille Dorris seconded the motion, and the vote to approve was unanimous.

III. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report, prepared by Patty Mullin, was available for members at the meeting. It was noted that payments submitted without designation of either membership or grant fee, were posted to grant fees. Check with Patty to be sure the credit was posted correctly. LeAnn moved the treasurer's report be approved, Rob Schroeder seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

IV. Committee Reports

A. HMIS – Linda Bookwalter, no report.

B. Child/Youth Education – Johna reported that she was going to the National Homeless Conference in Nevada. There are currently 2,800 homeless students in the south 27 counties. She has copies of the homeless liaisons and posters available, and mentioned that schools have been mandated to have posters up. School homeless liaisons can also be looked up on line at [ISBE.net](http://ISBE.net) → homeless → choose.

C. Public Education – Robert Schroeder.

It was noted that more people were needed for the committee, and Phyllis Thistlewood said she was on the committee. The newsletter was mentioned, and Rob will check with Matt to see if he is still able to do the newsletter.

D. Membership – Sue Castleman, no report.

E. Program Evaluation – Peggy Russell

Peggy reported that a question had to be changed to make the proper data source part of the question. During the evaluations Sharon Atchison noticed that intakes were required for the evaluation, but client signatures on the intakes were not. There was discussion about the need for the client signatures, and what to do if the intake was by phone. Phyllis moved that the client signature be required on the intake form, and that if the intake was by phone it could be mailed, signed and returned. Abby Odior seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The monitoring instrument will be modified to include the client signature on the intake.

F. Retreat – LeAnn Speiser

LeAnn reported that the dates will be Wednesday and Thursday, July 27 and 28, 2016. It will be at the Regency in O'Fallon. There is a room block and can be booked now, but the brochure will be out at a later date.

V. Old Business

A. Gaps Analysis Chair –

Sharon mentioned that the committee needs a chair. Jeannie Woods is on the committee and Sharon appointed her chair. It was also mentioned that Regional Representatives are automatically on the committee.

B. 2016 Point-in-time Count –

The Gaps Analysis Committee is responsible for the PIT count. LeAnn sent information to the regional representatives, and it is scheduled for January 26, 2016. Anna reminded everyone that we can't count schools, but the information can be put in the grant for additional information. Sharon mentioned to be aware of soup kitchens and other areas homeless may congregate and be sure to let the regional rep know.

VI. New Business

Becky Ackerman asked if anyone knew when the E&TH housing and ESG funds would be available. She mentioned that the ESG funds were shown as obligated on the Comptroller's site. LeAnn and Sharon suggested it might be in January, but rents cannot be paid without money. Wally mentioned that even if it is available in January, it might take two months for the funds are actually able to be accessed. He

was also concerned that pass-through funds could be lost, as well a jobs. Trained staff will be hard to replace and program infrastructure could be damaged if a closed agency re-opens..

Phyllis Thistlewood mentioned that Massac County Mental Health was searching for an Executive Director.

SICH has two male apartments available for re-entry or substance abuse and re-entry clients.

SWAN has an opening for a single female in transitional in Olney. They do accept felons, but no violent history.

The Illinois Migrant Council reported that they have training funds, stipends, while studying. Clients must have farm work history in the last two years. They cover 15 counties and will travel to the client. Client must have I-9 documentation. They had hand-outs, brochures and posters available.

Wally had tickets for a Great Boars of Fire fundraiser available. There will be bands, BBQ dinner, silent auction, and 50/50.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be January 7, 2016, hosted by Lifeboat Alliance, Mt. Vernon, IL

VIII. Adjournment

Wally King moved that the meeting be adjourned, Jeannine Woods seconded. Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Peggy Russell  
Secretary