

SICOCN
Membership Meeting – Thursday, March 2, 2017
WADI, 110 Latham Street, Enfield, IL 62835
10:30 A.M.

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Sharon Atchison, President, introduced herself and handed out copies of the financial report and November minutes to those that needed copies. She then asked that all present introduce themselves. Those present were: Sharon Atchison, *Lighthouse Shelter*; Jennifer Harnish, *BCMW*; Sue Castleman, *BCMW*; Linda Bookwalter, *SWAN*; Camille Dorris, *SICH*; Jennifer Rister, *WADI*; Carlotta Hanks, *RIDES*; Devoney Maborn, *SDC*; Renee Kindle, *SDC*; Karen Fish, *Crosswalk*; Angel Wilson, *Good Samaritan*; Jeannine Woods, *Cairo Women's Shelter*; Salvador Thomas, *IMC*; Patricia Sawyer, *IMC*; Stephanie Seaton, *HSC*; Paula Proffitt, *HSC*; Anna Margrum, *Women's Center*; Joe Elliott, *Family Counseling Center*; Jen O'Daniel, *Lifeboat Alliance*; Robert Schroeder, *Western Egyptian*; Becky Ackerman, *WADI*; Walley King, *Bethany Village*; and Peggy Russell, *Family Crisis Center*.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sharon presented the minutes for approval, and a question was asked about the \$1,000 fee for LeAnn that was mentioned. After discussion, Camille moved the minutes be approved, Sue seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report had been handed out at the beginning of the meeting. It was mentioned that the second page had been alphabetized by agency, and that many agencies had not paid their dues. Linda moved the report be approved, Jennie seconded, and the report was approved.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. HMIS: Linda Bookwalter

Linda said that she is trying to arrange training for ServicePoint. She hopes to have it in Centralia and have internet available. Also if you have questions or concerns you could send an e-mail to her, lbookwalter@swandvhl.org. Agencies could also call Elvin on the ServicePoint help line. If you find an answer to a question you have, send the question and answer to Linda.

Linda received an e-mail from Laurel about last year's HUD application. Linda noted some performance measures weak spots: We are keeping clients in the programs too long. It seems that even 24 months is too long. They want the clients to move to other housing. It also appears that they may be trying to eliminate TH programs. The trend is to move to permanent housing or send funds to rapid rehousing.

Continuums that didn't re-allocate funds for non-performing programs also had problems. There was a question about letters of intent. It was mentioned that no supportive services will be funded in the future.

Sharon mentioned that there were grant funds for continuum capacity building. It could be used to get someone to coordinate the single point of entry requirement, and possibly other things. Who could write the grant.

Linda then mentioned that rapid-rehousing gets more points in the application.

Linda must write the Continuum portion of the ESG grant and submit it April 15th.

B. Child/Youth Education- No report.

They are in a conference now. It was mentioned that they said almost 4,000 children are classified as homeless in the 34 counties.

C. Public Education: Rob Schroeder

He is keeping the web site up. He would like input from the continuum members. The site has the membership form for paying dues. Sue mentioned that Continuum information is on the site. She had the directory. We are to look at the site and see if everything is correct. Call Rob if changes are needed. Sharon passed around an old directory for agencies to update their information.

D. Membership: Sue Castleman

Sue said Jennifer would help with the committee. We once had binders that contained by laws, etc. She will update it and get more binders together. She asked if there are any specific kinds of members needed. It was mentioned that we need businesses, city officials, and public housing agencies. It was also mentioned that it would help if we could get our clients into public housing quicker. Saline County has Section 8 vouchers available that can be used wherever section 8 voucher are accepted. Clients don't have to live in Saline County.

E. Program Evaluation: Peggy Russell

Peggy Reported that nothing had changed in the committee since the November meeting. She requested that the Board establish new and/or re-evaluate existing criteria for which programs need to be evaluated, i.e. only the existing HUD, and ESG programs, or plan for future programs. She also requested that new instruments be constructed to decide weight of questions, would Continuum service be part of the evaluation, would on-site, mailed questionnaires, HMIS reports, etc., be used for the instrument. She also suggested that because of the lateness of the year, that an interim evaluation be used for this year.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Budget proposal for 2017

Sharon presented a draft of the proposed budget. There was discussion about increasing agency dues to \$150 and to \$125. Linda mentioned that with three programs, and having to pay for each for the HUD grant, she suggested using the \$125. Rob asked could everything be accomplished with the \$125 fee. The answer was yes. Camille moved that the agency dues be raised to \$125. Sue seconded and the motion passed. The question of when the increase is effective was answered, January 2017. Agencies that have paid for the year, should send an additional \$25. Patty will e-mail an invoice.

B. Approval of the Collaborative Application fee.

Sue moved to pay the collaborative applicant, SWAN, with Linda Bookwalter the agency representative, \$1,000. Rob seconded. The motion passed.

C. Report on PIT count: Linda Bookwalter

Linda said all information hasn't been submitted yet. Regional representatives are asked to send the information in as soon as possible. She also needs the housing inventory. All agencies please send in the current count.

Vi NEW BUSINESS

A. Homeless Representative – Appointment to a committee

Sharon recommended that the homeless/formerly homeless representative be appointed to the HMIS committee. Jenny so moved. Carletta seconded. The motion passed.

B. Set meeting for governance Charter Review.

The date of the meeting will be determined later.

C. Updates and Announcements

SICH has openings for family units.

RIDES has changed transportation for Medicare and Medicaid. A brochure was available.

The meeting was adjourned.

Peggy Russell, Secretary
Southern Illinois Continuum of Care Network