

Housing Work Group  
Notes, July 21, 2010  
2 PM Susquehanna Bank Community Room

Members present: Georgia DuBose, Glenda Helman, Pat McMillan, Nan Stevens, Carmen Winiarski, Carrie Pultz-Williams, Jeremy Excell

I. Call to Order

II. Welcome and introductions:

Carrie Pultz-Williams introduced herself as the social worker with the Transitional Housing Center (28 units) at the VAMC. She is employed by Potomac Support Services through Region 8 Planning and Development Council.

III. Review of the 2010-2011 Work Plan

**A. Housing Resource Information Fair** was discussed. The consensus was that we should:

- (1) Develop a **“street guide” for housing resources** for the general public and
- (2) Piggyback with other community-wide events by staffing a literature table for various housing organizations/agencies. Examples: Home Show March 2011, FRN Mardis Gras, Farmers Markets

**ACTION STEPS**

**WHAT:** Housing Resource “Street” guide for EP counties – easy to distribute/mail out/ post on UWAYEP Community Solutions website. Distribute to municipal and county governments offices, especially where utility bills are paid, agency offices, elected officials.

One objective for the distributing a guide would provide clarification on types of services offered – **Who we are - What we do - Where you can find us.**

**DATE: October 1, 2010. WHO: Jeremy Excel, Nan Stevens and Georgia DuBose.**

**WHAT:** Housing Information Table/Booth at community Events  
Need list of target events and locations  
Need cooperation of provider agencies  
Need volunteers to “staff” events

**B. Housing Fact Sheet**

**WHAT:** Update 2007 Housing Fact sheet on housing affordability for renters and owners; gaps in housing services; data on income, housing costs and homelessness.

**WHEN:** November 1, 2010 - ready for national hunger and homelessness events; year end report of HWG

**WHO:** Pat McMillan, Carmen Winiarski, Nan Stevens, Dan VanBelleghem?? G. DuBose offered to edit.

**C. Tenant Education – Robin Kees said Telamon can be the provider, but was unable to attend this meeting. Tabled for further discussion.**

Who is leading this effort? Who will be doing the classes?  
Who is our audience? What is the time frame for providing the classes?

Where will they be provided, what are the outcomes we hope to achieve?

#### IV. WV Coalition to End Homelessness Update –

Glenda, Carmen, and Pat attended. Emphasis was on HMIS and reporting data. Consistent, timely data will help service providers become more competitive when seeking HUD funding, help determine program effectiveness and outcomes.

Participants identified need to talk with VAMC about HMIS participation. The Executive Team for the WVCEH is Toni Tiano, Zachary Brown, Anna Burns and Greg Shupe. The new Board President is David Bott, CD Director from Morgantown, WV.

**Next WVCEH meeting is August 5, 2010 in Flatwoods.**

#### V. Jefferson County Homeless Coalition Report

Georgia DuBose reported that the Coordinator for the Coalition is Wyman Hall. Alice Sudduth is chairing the Cold Weather shelter committee, and Georgia is chairing the transitional housing committee. Pat referred her to Davit Witt at Opequon Presbyterian Church in Winchester, VA. They had a “10 Weeks 10 Churches” effort to provide overnight shelter in the coldest months last winter. Twenty churches supported the effort, providing 2 meals and a bag lunch, with the shelter open from 7 PM to 7 AM. They had paid overnight managers. Described as a “low barrier” shelter.

**VI. NEXT MEETING** Given the low attendance for this meeting, it was suggested that HWG members be polled about the August 18, 2010 meeting. FRN will be asked to send out a “doodle poll” to gauge August attendance.

VII. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.