



uniting central alabama to end homelessness

It is the mission of One Roof to equip and empower our community to prevent and end homelessness through advocacy, education and coordination of services.

AGENDA Membership Meeting August 6, 2015 Cooper Green Health Services

I. Welcome and Roundtable Introductions

II. Old Business: None

III. Continuum Business

- HMIS Policy & Procedures and homeless definitions, Nathan Salter, One Roof
 - HUD sent out 2015 HMIS Data Standards changes a few days ago. There will be a training scheduled in the coming weeks -- Nathan will send out dates via email.
 - New definition for Chronic Homelessness: there is a new series of 5 questions that have to be answered and documented. Our continuum will be prioritizing our chronically homeless in the coordinated assessment process.
 - Disability -- disabilities must be documented. HUD wants us to answer "NO" to disability questions in HMIS if a client doesn't have a disability rather than leaving these questions unanswered. The reason for this change is that HUD wants to ensure that agencies are taking action to give clients long term stability beyond just getting housing -- sign up for mainstream benefits, SSDI, etc.
 - Speaker Michelle Farley: This requirement for documentation should apply to non HUD funded agencies. By asking all the questions and abiding by all requirements with clients allows you to better help them or at least give you the info needed to make an appropriate referral for a client.
 - Speaker Michelle Farley: Just as a reminder: you cannot share your PromisSE login information with anyone. Go back and read our policies and procedures. This is a serious offense and One Roof can shut off your access to HMIS if they discover this information is being shared.
- Updates from One Roof, Michelle Farley
 - Plans for Coordinated Assessment
 - One Roof has hired Katie Pederson to be the Coordinated Assessment Specialist. She will begin her training by going to all the agencies to begin developing relationships with everyone.

- Permanent Supportive Housing planning committee has met once and will meet again sometime soon to plan implementation for coordinated assessment. Michelle opened up this committee to anyone who has PH programs. Please email her to join the committee.
 - General discussion about Coordinated Assessment took place. VI-SPDAT will be used to assign vulnerability number to client. Client is then placed on centralized wait list by number. All clients for HUD housing must go through Coordinated Assessment first -- only exception is emergency shelter. Coordinated Assessment will be continually evaluated by One Roof and committees.
- Review of Shelter Plus Care guidelines and requirements
 - HUD is cracking down on who is placed in S+C. Solonia at JCHA had to kick out a S+C sponsor agency because they were not placing appropriate clients in the program.
 - Speaker Nathan Salter: Agencies should go back and review the requirements for S+C. Agencies must still provide case management to clients, even if there is a change in staffing at the agency. No client should go more than 30 days without case management.
- Update on homeless Veterans in our continuum
 - Speaker Michelle Farley: we need everyone to play nicely together for us to end veteran homelessness. There was only one person at the last Veterans coordination committee meeting. We need the housing authorities at the table as well as appropriate representation from the VA. We will lose points with HUD and subsequent funding from HUD if we do not meet this goal of ending Veteran homelessness.
- NOFA will be released soon
 - HUD promised it would drop in July, but we are still waiting for it.

IV. New Business

- Next Membership Meeting – September 3, 2015, 2 p.m. in 2nd Floor Cafeteria of Cooper Green Mercy Health Services Building.
- New personnel at One Roof:
 - Courtney Stinson, Community Outreach Coordinator
 - Deborah Randall, HMIS Program Assistant
 - Katie Pederson, Coordinated Assessment Specialist

- Salvation Army Adult Rehab Center (ARC) [See handout](#)
 - Has 108 beds for men needing rehab services; 60 beds are empty now
 - Program runs 6 months - 1 year
 - Requirements: ID, SS card or print out, TB test, 21-60 years old, clean drug screening
 - No sex offenders
- YWCA Transitional Housing
 - TH program has openings for homeless women or women with children
 - Program requires client to pay portion of the rent