

**KANAWHA VALLEY COLLECTIVE
MEMBERSHIP
MINUTES
December 2, 2009**

Attendance: Amy Weintraub – Covenant House; Anita Adkins - WVDHHR; Betty Anne Smith – Volunteer; Bill Hairston – RCCR; Bill Londeree – TMCL Community Services; Buz McCormick – RCCR; Deb Weinstein – YWCA; Debra Hart – MHA; Debra Payne – RCCR; Dennis Pease – Daymark; Don Hatfield – CRA; Frank Fazzolari – FCC Julie Alston – RSLC; Lee Horton – WVMHCA; Lori Dillow – VA; Mindy Young – MOECD; Ray Parsons – Highland; Suzanne Jenkins – VA; Traci Strickland – RSLC;

President Betty Anne Smith welcomed those in attendance and read the mission and vision statements

Betty Anne gave a Thank You to all who worked so hard on the Veltri Dinner and the CoC grant

This is the last meeting of 2009 – Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all

Minutes from the November 4, 2009 meeting were amended to add Bill Londeree from TMCL Community Services to the list of attendees. Minutes were approved as amended.

Those in attendance introduced themselves

Agency Spotlight – RCCR – Debra Payne, Bill Hairston and Buz McCormick

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Brochures distributed.

Established in 1987

Samaritan Inn opened its doors in 1989. Facility serves homeless men. Most do have substance abuse issues, but it is not a requirement. The goal of the Samaritan Inn is to empower men to be productive independent citizens of the community. Average length of stay is 12 – 15 months. 12 bed capacity. If they do have substance abuse issues, they must be in recovery. In the last 20 years, the Samaritan Inn has served over 500 men.

RCCR provides outreach services as part of KVC supportive services.

Smith Street Station is a 29 unit apartment building opened in 1994.

Knollview Village – built in 2004 – outside of St. Albans – 48 units – low income only

Willow Tree in Hurricane is under construction

Jubilee Housing – began in 1995 and provides financial counseling for low income buyers. Program has helped 431 individuals/families purchase homes.

Committee Updates

SA/MH Committee

Committee has spent the last four months talking about kids who age out of the foster care system. A subcommittee is being created to deal with children's issues so the larger group can move on with other issues. No meeting in December. Next meeting is January 20, 2010.

Public Affairs Committee

One Night Without a Home – This was a successful, seamless event.

Veltri Dinner – was a success. Approximately 150 ate at the church. Almost 200 meals were delivered.

National Housing Trust Fund – KVC members are urged to call congress to support any bill that has money for this fund attached to it.

KVC members are also encouraged to support SB 2800 the Educational Success for Children and Youth without a Home and SB 2801 Fostering Success in Education Act.

Finally, is there any interest in chairing this committee? Amy would like to step down as chair, but remain involved.

Project Resource Committee

CoC grant submitted last week.

Charleston Kanawha Housing has pulled out of Shelter + Care.

Covenant House submitted leasing project for 21 units including 2 for families. Project is titled housing first.

Point in Time – January 28

Outreach – KVC Supportive Services needs to coordinate to go to Manna Meal

HMIS – Working on AHAR for the first time

HPRP – Program is now accepting clients. Referrals can be made through MAACLink or by hard copy to Brianna at Covenant House.

KVC Website – Julie and Amy have been working on updates. Julie is currently working on agency updates. Hope to have it “live” next week.

Announcements

- 12/4/09 – 5:30pm – Samaritan Inn Holiday Party
- 12/8/09 – 10:00am – CDBG Workshop – call 304-348-8035
- 12/11/09 – 9:00am – KVC Board of Directors
- 1/13 – 1/14/10 – VAMC Homeless Program Grant Writing Workshop

Membership meeting was adjourned

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Traci Strickland