

**KANAWHA VALLEY COLLECTIVE
MEMBERSHIP
MINUTES
January 6, 2010**

Attendance: Amy Weintraub – Covenant House; Betty Anne Smith – Volunteer; Buz McCormick – RCCR; Deb Weinstein – YWCA; Debra Payne – RCCR; Dennis Pease – Daymark; Jennifer Richmond – Salvation Army; Julie Alston – RSLC; Lori Dillow – VA; Martha Minter – Community Access; Mindy Young – MOECD; Patricia Scott – KISRA; Paul Hall – Pretera Center; Pete Minter – HUD; Suzanne Jenkins – VA; Traci Strickland – RSLC; Wilsie Herlihy – KVC; David McFarland – KVFH; Monica Lusk – HUD; Jennifer Kidd – United Way; Rhondell Miller – Manna Meal; Season Lewis - KISRA

President Betty Anne Smith welcomed those in attendance

Those in attendance introduced themselves

Minutes from the December 2, 2009 meeting were accepted as written

Agency Spotlight – Veterans Affairs – Lori Dillow and Suzanne Jenkins

An overview of VA Homeless Services and Initiatives was distributed, and is a part of the minutes. It is estimated that there are 131,000 homeless veterans a night in the US.

The goal is to have no homeless veterans in 5 years.

Brochures regarding HUD-VASH were distributed and are a part of the minutes.

Charleston has 35 vouchers.

Same income guidelines as public housing

Waiting list is approximately one month.

Committee Updates

SA/MH Committee

Committee did not meet in December. Next meeting is January 20, 2010.

Public Affairs Committee

Housing Day at the Legislature is 2/25 from 8:00am – 3:00pm

Deb Weinstein is taking over the chair position for this committee

Project Resource Committee

Wilsie Herlihy hired to coordinate the Point in Time. Committee is asking program managers to dedicate time on 1/18/10. Point in Time numbers influence not only the HUD grant, but also other opportunities for KVC agencies. Announcement has been received that CoC renewals were funded. Should have news on new projects in February.

HMIS – Committee meeting 1/26/10 in the afternoon. Alex Alston to send details to group.

Additional Discussion

Membership surveys – Julie sent a brief survey to membership and has received lots of good feedback. The board will be discussing the feedback and may be making changes to the membership meeting format. There was discussion about whether membership should be a working meeting, rather than just a reporting out. Pressing issues should be on the agenda.

Announcements

- 1/28/10 – Point in Time
- 1/29/10 – 9:00am – KVC Board of Directors
- 1/13 – 1/14/10 – VAMC Homeless Program Grant Writing Workshop
- 1/30/10 – Manna Meal – All Vinyl Dance Party - \$20 at the door and silent auction
- 1/25/10 – MOECD – 5:30 - Public Meeting regarding consolidated plan
- 2/25/10 – Housing Day at the Legislature

Membership meeting was adjourned

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Traci Strickland