

**KANAWHA VALLEY COLLECTIVE
MEMBERSHIP
MINUTES
November 4, 2009**

Attendance: Amy Weintraub – Covenant House; Anita Adkins - WVDHHR; Betty Anne Smith – Volunteer; Deb Weinstein – YWCA; Debra Hart – MHA; Debra Payne – RCCR; Dennis Pease – Daymark; Frances Pack – Kanawha Co. Schools; Jean Simpson – Manna Meal; Jennifer Rivera – Women’s Health Center; Lee Ann Bills – VA; Patricia Scott – KISRA; Paul Gilmer – Volunteer; Paul Hall – Pretera Center; Ray Parsons – Highland; Teresa Pate – WVMHCA; Tom Richmond – Salvation Army; Traci Strickland – RSLC; Nia Jackson – RSLC; Bill Londeree – TMCL Community Services

President Betty Anne Smith welcomed those in attendance.

Betty Anne read the KVC’s mission and vision

Those in attendance introduced themselves

Minutes from October 7, 2009 meeting accepted as written

Board Elections

Ballots distributed. Debra Payne, Buz McCormick and Mindy Young have been elected to the KVC Board of Directors. A special thank you goes to Frances Pack and Ray Parsons for the three years they have served on the KVC Board.

Agency Spotlight – SHAPE – Traci Strickland

The SHAPE project stands for Support, Hope Advocacy, Personal Responsibility, Education.

It is a partnership between Pretera Center and the RSLC, but on a bigger scale it is a partnership between the KVC and the Cabell Huntington Wayne CoC.

Serves individuals oandr families with a history of chronic homelessness.

For this project, a family is One or more adults with a mental illness who are caring for a dependent child. Have been homeless 6 months continually, two or more episodes of homeless in that past two years or residential instability (5 moves in 2 years).

Two SHAPE teams - one in Charleston and one in Huntington. Each team has a therapist an aftercare specialist, a peer support specialist, and a behavioral rehabilitation specialist.

Services offered: case management, community based therapy, Housing support, peer support, transportation, employment assistance, activities of daily living, social support.

All staff have been trained in the Evidenced Based Practice of IMR and MI.

Of the 49 people who completed intake in Charleston in year 1

27 had received services at Covenant House - 40 had received services at RSLC

1 had received services at Daymark - 16 received services from the YWCA

3 had received services through RCCR

Covenant House and RSLC – 20 - Covenant House and YWCA - 8

5 had received services from three different agencies

Also, 6 of the 31 people in Huntington had received services in Charleston.

CoC Grant

Deadline moved to November 25

Grant committee has been changed to the Project Resource Committee

The committee is optimistic that changes that have been made will lead to the grant including new projects being funded this year.

Betty Barrett is still working on getting the 4 state CoC's money for staffing. She has had \$80,000 committed thusfar.

Committee Updates

Veltri Dinner – planning going well

One Night Without a Home – November 17 – 6pm – 6am on Magic Island. Please attend. The Salvation Army will be bringing their mobile food canteen.

MHA – Community Conversations - November 10 at the Human Rights Commission. Will be discussing the “Pathways to Housing” program in New York, which is a housing first program.

SA/MH

Attendance up in October. Topic still the risk of homelessness in youth aging out of the state foster care system. Anita Adkins was to present in October, but had to cancel. Plans to present in November.

Announcements

- 11/8/09 – Thanksgiving Benefit Dinner – Wellingtons – benefits the YWCA and RSLC
- 11/16/09 – WVMHCA Food Drive – Save-a-lot Charleston and Cross Lanes – noon – 7pm
- 11/17/09 – One Night Out Without a Home – Magic Island
- 11/18/09 – Conference of Agency Executives at the Civic Center – 11:45am - Scott Finn presenting on the media's role in the mental health issue
- 11/19/09 – RCCR Annual Bean Dinner – 6:00pm – Christ Church United Methodist
- 11/26/09 – Frank Veltri Thanksgiving Dinner
- 12/1/09 – Covenant House Night at the Tricky Fish
- 12/1/09 – World AIDS Day – 5:00pm – Charleston Commemoration
- 12/10/09 – Manna Meal gloves and sock drive

Membership meeting was adjourned

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Traci Strickland