

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

Attendance: Amy Weintraub – Covenant House; Anita Adkins – DHHR; Betty Anne Smith – Volunteer; Buz McCormick – RCCR; Deb Weinstein – YWCA; Debra Payne – RCCR; Dennis Pease – Daymark; Frances Pack – Kanawha Co. Schools; Hope White – WVMHCA; Jean Simpson – Manna Meal; Jennifer Kidd – United Way; Jennifer Richmond – Salvation Army; Jennifer Rivera – Women’s Health Center; Julie Alston- RSLC; Lee Ann Bills – VA; Lee Horton – WVMHCA; Linda Leasure – WVMHCA; Martha Minter – Community Access; Mary Beth Carlisle – Mildred Mitchell Bateman; Michelle Foster – KISRA; Mindy Young - MOECD; Patricia Scott - KISRA; Paul Gilmer - Volunteer; Paul Hall – Prestera; Pete Minter – HUD; Ray Parsons – Highland; Teresa Pate – WVMHCA; Traci Strickland – RSLC;

KVC President Betty Anne Smith welcomed those in attendance.

Those in attendance introduced themselves

Mission statement read by Betty Anne Smith

Minutes Review – August minutes were accepted with 1 correction. In announcement section, MCDC is now “providing” not “proving” a service.

Agency Spotlight – HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Overview – Pete Minter

A Continuum of Care (CoC) is basically a coordinated approach of social service agencies working with individuals who are homeless. The CoC process is the result of a HUD mandate to avoid a duplication of services in a geographical area. Funding is distributed to each CoC to help the money go farther.

The NOFA should have been released on 8/24 – not released yet. A NOFA is the Notice of Funding Availability.

HUD is coordinating all ARRA funding reporting.

HUD has announced that this year all CoC renewals will be awarded within 60 days of the application due date. New project funding will be announced in January or February.

A larger funding increase is anticipated in FY 2010-2011.

For the new application, permanent housing gets bonus points. At least a portion of these units should be targeted for chronic homeless. Chronic homelessness is still a HUD focus area.

On a national level, HUD is being reorganized; which will require more cross program coordination.

Julie Alston presented the KVC’s intent to apply letter. (Copy to minutes, available upon request)

The KVC Board of Director’s has decided that all new projects and renewals must be permanent housing with no service dollars attached to the HUD funding.

New projects and renewals must complete the intent to apply.

Intent to apply is due on September 11th and the announcement will go out to the Yahoo Group.

Committee Updates

Public Affairs Committee update

Planning for the Veltri Dinner is underway. Dennis Pease and Betty Anne Smith met with the GKVF and the KVC is being funded with \$12,000 for this year's dinner. AEP rate hike – no decision yet. The Public Affairs Committee is on hiatus until after Thanksgiving.

Substance Abuse / Mental Health Committee update

Anita Adkins from DHHR attended the August meeting. Discussion of children in placement, this discussion will be continued at this month's meeting. August attendance was improved compared to previous months.

HMIS

The grant is transitioning leadership from Paul Gilmer to Alex Alston. Money in the grant is low. Expansion with HUD CoC grant is a possibility. If your agency does not use HMIS due to a lack of need, but you have important information about a client, please call an HMIS user and they can record that information. If you are an HMIS user, and have a data entry question – call another user. Also, Stephanie Pruitt with MAACLink (the KVC HMIS provider) is a free resource if you need assistance.

Announcements:

- On 9/23/09, Daymark will be starting a support group for pregnant youth (under 19). This group will meet weekly at the Salvation Army at 812 Carroll Street – across from St. Albans High School. For more information call Margo Friend 304-340-3622.
- WVMHCA has opened with Wellness and Recovery Center. They will be sponsoring an Open Mic Night on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Poster was distributed.
- Heart and Hand and Capitol Resource (Clendenin and Upper Kanawha Valley) still have money available for individuals who have lost their job within the last 12 months.

Membership meeting was adjourned

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Traci Strickland