

SICOCN

Membership Meeting – May 7, 2015

SWAN, 1114 IL-130, Olney, IL 62450

10:30 A.M.

AGENDA

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Sharon Atchison introduced herself, welcomed everyone, and called the meeting to order. She thanked Linda for hosting, and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Those in attendance were: Sarah Alton-BCMW, LeAnn Speiser-BCMW, Jenny O’Daniel-Lifeboat Alliance, Kim Warner-ROE #3, Julie Mason-Delta Center, Kelly Smith-Anna Bixby Women’s Center, Maria Bowles-Anna Bixby Women’s Center, Paula Proffitt-HSC Northtown Apartments, Cathy Baugh-PAVE, Karen Fish-Crosswalk, Angel Wilson-Good Samaritan, Becky Ackerman- WADI, Judy Kinnear-WADI, Jeannine Woods, Cairo Women’s Shelter, Patricia Sawyer-IL Migrant Council, Peggy Russell-Family Crisis Center, Sharon Atichson-The Lighthouse Shelter, Linda Bookwalter-SWAN, Shannon House-Prairie Living, Robny Leny-Prairie Living, Leslie Hollomen- SWAN, Renee Kindle-Shawnee Dev Council, Bos Bravdock-Bethany Village

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January minutes were available for review, since March’s meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. Jenny O’Daniel made a motion to approve the minutes. Judy Kinnear 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. TREASURER’S REPORT

Patty Mullins was unable to attend, but emailed the report. There is a current balance of \$2,575.16. Peggy Russell a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Linda Bookwalter 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. HMIS- Linda Bookwalker attended the HMIS conference in Denver. They are still working on reports for the Compass Rose system. They were assured they would be ready by next quarter. There are problems accessing data sometimes because it says permission is not granted. They are working to correct these problems. Leslie Holloman at SWAN is who you need to talk to if you have are having problems with HMIS. He is going to stay after the meeting today if there is anyone having problems that would like to ask some questions.
- b. Child/Youth Education-No Report

- c. Public Education-No Report
- d. Membership-No Report
- e. Program Evaluation- Peggy Russell stated that the committee met April 1st at the light house shelter to revise instruments used for evaluation. There were four main areas of concern:
 1. Performance measures for PSH did not allow for all participants staying with the project the entire year. – For this problem, they committee decided that they would add points to questions for projects that do not have participants leaving the program.
 2. Not all participants will have an increase in income during the year. – For this, the committee ensured that the questions allowed for participants to have no increase of income.
 3. HMIS questions did not really relate to the purpose of HMIS, and the HMIS score might be low, yet it is required by HUD for each continuum.- The committee decided to rank HMIS as number one to prevent the possibility of it not being funded.
 4. HUD will fund PSH projects before others, then TH projects, then SSO projects. – The committee decided to rank projects the same way HUD funds. This had been done in the past but was overlooked this year.

Peggy passed out a packet from their meeting that explained everything they decided to do, as well as all of the new forms that will be used to rank projects.

LeAnn Speiser made a motion to approve the new monitoring tools. Jeanine Woods 2nd the motions. The motion carried.

- f. Retreat- Sarah Alton gave some information on the scheduled retreat. The retreat will be on July 23-24 at the Regency Garden Center at the Hilton Garden Inn in O’Fallon, IL (Same location as last year). By last year’s evaluation sheets, the overwhelming consensus was to have it at the same location. If anyone has any suggestions on speakers or things they would like to discuss, please let Sarah know. As we have done in the past, if each agency could bring a basket, we will draw names for those throughout the retreat.

V. OLD BUSINESS

FY 14 HUD NOFA – All programs received funding.

FY 15 HUD NOFA – LeAnn reported that registration just opened up for continuums, she will notify everyone when actual projects open up. She anticipates that Continuums will be around the end of May, and projects will probably register in June. She will send emails out.

Emergency Solutions Grant – LeAnn said the deadline for agencies to send their part in is May 15th. They need sent to DHS, directly to Stacey Difuccia. They can be sent electronically.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Karen Stevens with SWAN gave a report of the Advocacy and Long Term Care services that

can help individuals move from institutions to home. There is a federal push to keep people in their homes for as long as possible. She passed out some information and encouraged anyone with questions to call her for more information.

Linda gave a report on the Executive Committee Meeting. The Executive Committee met on 4/7/15. Issues were addressed regarding funding for the Emergency Solutions Grant for 2015. Since one of the programs funded in FY14 has pending indictments, the Executive Committee voted not to fund them for ESG 2015 funds. The money that had been previously allocated to them will be divided equally among the other shelter providers. This will be PAVE, Good Samaritan, lifeboat Alliance, The Lighthouse Shelter, Bethany Village, SWAN, Cairo Women's Shelter, The Women's Center, and Family Crisis Center. This will be approximately \$1900 more for each program. There was all discussion for adding statements to our by-laws regarding indictments and funding eligibility.

VII. UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pat Sawyer from Illinois Migrant Council is looking for referrals. They have funding for training and scholarships. To be eligible a client would have to have at least 50% of their income from farm work. They have trainings for clients with local colleges and can provide rent and food assistance. They are willing to travel.

Peggy Russell encouraged everyone to attend the Summer Concert Series in Herrin. It is a wonderful fundraiser for the shelter. It starts May 22nd. They have live music every Friday night. She will try and send out a brochure.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

Annual Retreat July 23rd and 24th at the Regency Garden Center at the Hilton Garden Inn in O'Fallon, IL. Jeanine Woods made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Judy Kinnear 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.