

SICOCN

Membership Meeting

Location: Lifeboat Alliance, 1717 Jefferson Ave., Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Thursday, May 3, 2018 - Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions:

Those present were: Anna Margrum, The Women's Center; Bethanne Chance, Crosswalk; Matt Robbins, SWAN; Camille Dorris, SICH; Angel Wilson, Good Samaritan; Renee Kindle, Shawnee Development Council; Tonita Brown, Shawnee Development Council; Peggy Russell, Family Crisis Center; Wally King, Bethany Village; Jennifer Rister and Ashley Garlick, WADI; Robert Schroeder, WEEOC; Phyllis Thistlewood, Light the Way; Tina Martin, Massac County Mental Health; Sue Castleman and Jennifer Harnish from BCMW; Paula Brodie and Mercedes Collado from SIHF Healthcare; Jen McArthy, Lifeboat Alliance; Johna Schullian, ROE #21; Jeannine Woods, Cairo Women's Shelter; Brandy Sechrest, ROE 12; Joe Elliott, Family Counseling Center, Inc.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the March meeting were handed out to those present. Once Jen McArthy, Lifeboat Alliance to the those present. Jennifer Harnish made a motion to approve the minutes. Wally King seconded. Motion passed with no opposition.

Treasurer's Report:

Peggy reported there were no disbursements made in March or April and one deposit in May. Balance as of May 1st was \$3,982.64. Jen McArthy made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Anna Margrum seconded that motion. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

HMIS: Everyone was reminded that they needed to be on the HMIS. No problems reported by the membership.

Child/Youth Education: April #'s showed 4,900 eligible school age children. Summer tutoring funds may be available for McKinney Vento eligible children.

Public Education: Rob Schroeder is always looking for information to share on the website! Email anything you want added directly to him. Looking for someone to do a newsletter.

Membership: Contact list passed around for review and changes.

Program Evaluation: HUD and SICH threshold requirements for the CoC NOFA were handed out for review and vote. Sue Castleman made a motion to accept the threshold documents and Jeannine Woods seconded that motion. Motion passed. The HUD CoC ranking tool will be developed once the NOFA comes out.

New Business:

The Chicago Coalition for the Homeless has reached out to us and wants to come down to speak at our CoC meeting. It was decided that the fall planning meeting would be best. Camille will reach back out to them to set up.

SIHF Healthcare presented to the membership. They have community healthcare centers in the following counties located in our CoC - Marion, Randolph and Richland. They presented on healthcare services for the homeless or near homeless. They provide discounted services, sliding scale fees and in some cases waiver of fees. They provide services to migrant populations. They offer interpretation and translation services. They also have ACA Navigators available. Flyers and brochures were handed out.

Old Business:

Coordinated Entry – Everyone was reminded that if you receive ESG or HUD CoC funds you have to participate in coordinated entry process. The coordinated entry form was passed out and reviewed. The goal of this form is to help funnel those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless to help. The information from this form will be entered into HMIS. There was some discussion about when to complete the form and when to enter into HMIS, especially for those programs that have limited staff and use volunteers. The policies and procedures state it must be entered within 2 business days, but you can do the intake initially by hand. There were a couple of suggestions for change to the form. As a result of these suggested changes, it was decided to postpone a vote for the usage of this form. If anyone has further questions, comments or suggestions they are to contact Camille, Linda or Deb.

ESG funds – A lot of confusion. There was some discussion about the supplemental budget and difficulties uploading the data into the CAPER in SAGE. All the emails have been very confusing. It was suggested that you contact Lila directly.

Updates and Announcements:

HUD Homeless Institute is in Decatur on June 26th and 27th. The first day is for newer CoC members and the second day is for anyone wanting to attend. They will have workshops, tours and opportunities for networking.

Lila sent an email asking if any agencies needed to be monitored or provided technical assistance. She indicated that there have been some red flags with some agencies, but didn't indicate which ones. We discussed having training at our planning meeting.

Light the Way is hosting an event to experience homelessness for one night in Metropolis on June 2nd.

There is a Color Run in Mt. Vernon on June 16th to benefit Lifeboat Alliance.

SICH has a 2 bedroom in Marion, a 1 bedroom in Murphysboro and possibly an opening for a one bedroom coming up at The Phoenix.

Next Meeting: is July 12th at Crosswalk in West Frankfort, Illinois. A Board Meeting will be held at 9:30am and the Membership meeting will begin at 10:30am.

Adjournment: Jennifer Harnish made a motion to adjourn, Camille seconded.