

Full Continuum Conference Call Agenda
February 8, 2007, 10:30 a.m.
Conference Call (309-298-3681)

Participants:

Abbey Lesko, Western IL University
Barb Baker Chapin, Transitions
Carol Wilcoxon, Henderson-Mercer-Warren
Extension Unit
Cheryl Esselman, Two Rivers Regional Council
Cheryl McGowen, Bridgeway (Macomb)
JoAnna Eidson, Samaritan Well
Judi James, ROE 46 (Jacksonville)

Kim Laird, North Central Behavioral Health Systems
Lori Miller, Mosaic
Lori Sutton, Western IL Univ.
Nadeja Wesley, Housing Action Illinois
Sandy Wood, Bridgeway (Galesburg)
Suzan Nash, Western IL Regional Council
Tammi Lonergan, MCS Comm. Services

1. Welcome (Lori Sutton)
2. Housing Provider Update
 - a. Transitions (Barb Chapin): Transitions is still moving forward on the HUD-funded construction of two group homes for developmentally disabled individuals.
 - b. Mosaic (Lori Miller): Mosaic has two newhomes opening in Bushnell. They are also in the process of remodeling a couple of homes in Macomb. Mosaic works with the developmentally disabled.
 - c. Bridgeway (Chery McGowen): Bridgeway works with the seriously mentally ill and developmentally disabled individuals, they currently have some vacancies.
 - d. WIRC (Suzan Nash): WIRC has an opening in one of their units and believes they have found a new client to fill the vacancy.
3. DHS Proposal (Suzan Nash and Lori Sutton): The DHS Homeless Prevention proposal needs to be submitted to DHS by February 15th. The three community action agencies (Western Illinois Regional Council, Two Rivers Regional Council of Public Officials, and MCS Community Services) will continue to be the providers of the requested funds.
4. Point-in-Time Counts (Abbey Lesko): Point-in-Time counts are currently being collected through surveys and phone contact. Counts have been completed for half of the organizations that are involved. There are fourteen organizations total that are involved with the Point-in-Time counts.
5. New Business
 - a. Nadeja Wesley, Housing Action Illinois: Housing Action Illinois wants to bring attention to the homelessness in Illinois. They hope their efforts will help to increase the state's budget to homeless programs. If our continuum can provide them our point-in-time counts, they will create press releases to distribute in the local newspapers. Suzan Nash, Tammi Lonergan, and Cheryl Esselman will e-mail Lori Sutton their newspaper distribution list. Lori will send the lists to Nadeja.
6. Future meetings/conference calls (normally 2nd Thursday of month)
 - March. 15, 10:30 a.m., WCICCC Steering Committee conference call
 - After the HUD Continuum of Care application process is announced additional meetings will be schedule. Lori Sutton will send an e-mail announcing the dates.

Making the Connection: *Accessing Public Benefits for Low Income Persons*, various dates between August 2006 and May 2007 – see meeting minutes for September 7, 2006 for copy of brochure -- http://www.wciccc.com/MeetingSchedule/docs/1152722400_28747.pdf.