

**Steering Committee Conference Call Minutes**  
**September 13, 2007, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Conference Call (309-298-3682)**

**Participants:**

Cheryl Esselman, Two Rivers Regional Council  
Dan Little, MCS Comm. Services  
Glenda Farkas, West Central IL Center for  
Independent Living  
Lori Sutton, Western IL Univ.  
Melissa Holden, YWCA of Quincy

Royal White, Western IL Regional Council  
Suzan Nash, Western IL Regional Council  
Other: K. Sujata, Consultant w/ CHS  
Other: Heide Prather, Salvation Army, Quincy

1. Welcome (Suzan Nash): Suzan welcomed everyone to the meeting, then she handed the chair position to Glenda Farkas, with Dan Little continuing his co-chair position.
2. Guest Speaker: K. Sujata, Corporation for Supportive Housing-Illinois (CSH)  
The CSH has been awarded a small grant to work with Continuums of Care in Illinois through the end of the year. This targeted effort will allow CHS to work directly with Continuums who have expressed to us a need for technical assistance or who have not passed HUD's SuperNOFA threshold for funding in the past.

Sujata, discussed with us issues we face, training/TA needs, and to talk through our 2007 continuum application. It was suggested that our continuum could use training on HUD's Shelter Plus Care grant and overall continuum of care/grant application training for members. Additional training was also noted on how to increase the match portion of the HUD grant application. Our continuum has a match level less than 1, whereas other continuums have a 2:1 score.

3. Housing Provider Update/Personnel Changes:
  - a. Western Illinois Regional Council (WIRC – Suzan Nash and Royal White): Jeff Cozadd will be the new assistant planner; Jeff will also be administering the Home Buyer Assistance Program. Royal White will take Jeff's place on continuum-related projects. Royal has been with WIRC for seven years working with housing.

WIRC has transitional housing unit open in Monmouth. Later this month, the individuals in the Macomb unit will be moving to permanent housing.

- b. MCS Community Services (MCS – Dan Little): MCS is going through the eviction process with one of it's clients. The individuals have been in the apartment 6 weeks longer than MCS wanted. This case will be going through the court system.
  - c. YWCA of Quincy (Melissa Holden): There is one vacancy and one pending. The YWCA has been looking for new affordable housing units for its program. One of the former landlords is having financial difficulties, and had one of his properties foreclosed and sold. The YWCA has numerous units with this landlord, it is uncertain the future of some of the other properties.

4. New Business (Suzan Nash): The Regional Office of Education, Area 3 is having their 4th Annual Homeless Symposium on Friday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Eileen Worthington and Janice Witfield are putting it together and there will be a keynote speaker, Peggy Dunn from 1-2. The symposium will be in Horabin Hall on Western Illinois University's campus in Macomb. Suzan will send more into to Lori to e-mail out to the rest of the members.

5. Meetings and Training Opportunities

Future meetings/conference calls (normally 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month)

- Oct. 11, 10:30 a.m., WCICCC Full Continuum conference call
- Nov. 8, 10:30 a.m., WCICCC Steering Committee conference call
- Jan. 10, 10:30 a.m., WCICCC Steering Committee conference call

Grant Administration Training for HMIS Grantees, September 16-18, 2007, Minneapolis, MN – see the following website for more info: [http:// HMIS.info](http://HMIS.info)

HUD Peer-to-Peer Homeless Provider Conference, September 20-21, 2007, Springfield, IL – brochure available at: <http://www.icaanet.org/pdfs/HUD07reg.pdf>

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Homeless Symposium, November 2, 2007, Macomb, IL – more info to follow.