

Full Continuum Conference Call
October 11, 2007, 10:30 a.m.
Conference Call

Attendance:

Cheryl Esselman, Two Rivers Regional Council
Eileen Worthington, Opening Doors & Area 3 Homeless Liaison Programs
Glenda Farkas, West Central IL Center for Independent Living
Heide Prather, Salvation Army, Quincy
Jim Kaiser, ROE 2
JoAnna Eidson, Samaritan Well
Judi James, ROE 46 (Jacksonville)
Lori Sutton, Western IL Univ.
Melissa Holden, YWCA of Quincy
Royal White, Western IL Regional Council
Suzan Nash, Western IL Regional Council
Tammi Lonergan, MCS Comm. Services

1. Welcome (Glenda Farkas)
2. Housing Provider Update/Personnel Changes (varies)
 - a. MCS Community Services (Tammi Lonergan): MCS is expecting a couple of openings within the next few weeks. They have evicted one family and need to fix some doors before a new client moves in.
 - b. YWCA of Quincy (Melissa Holden): The YWCA recently had to terminate a relationship. This person recently obtained a section 8 voucher, but once she received notice of that, her participation in our program just went downhill. Due to the destruction this client caused, she is no longer eligible for the section 8 voucher. Melissa is curious as to how to successfully keep clients motivated to continue to be clients in good standing once they announce their intentions to leave the program.
 - c. Western Illinois Regional Council (Royal White): New clients will be moving into the McDonough County units. The two Monmouth units are empty; the two people WIRC tried to get into the units didn't pass the Housing Authorities criteria.
 - d. Salvation Army in Quincy (Heide Prather): The SA is looking for an interim place to host their shelter while the new facility is being built.
 - e. Samaritan Well (JoAnna Eidson): The shelter is at capacity and they have been turning away individuals. They have turned away around 20 families in the past month for lack of space.
3. WCICCC's Leadership (Lori Sutton): Suzan Nash has stepped down as chair and Glenda is taking on the chair responsibilities, with Dan Little acting as co-chair.
4. New Business
 - a. 4th Annual Homeless Symposium (Eileen Worthington): Brochure is attached. The symposium is free. Teachers and social workers can get CPDU and CEU credits. Registrations need to be received by Oct. 26. From WCICCC area, Jim Kaiser and Suzan Nash will be doing presentations.
 - b. The state board has released the homeless counts by county for the 2006-2007 school year. (Eileen Worthington) Here are the numbers for our region:
 - i. Adams County 63

ii. Brown County	2
iii. Cass County	39
iv. Hancock County	96
v. Henderson County	3
vi. McDonough County	63
vii. Morgan County	87
viii. Pike County	4
ix. Scott County	3
x. Schyler County	0
xi. Warren County	42

- c. Adams County, Section 8 Mainstream Voucher Program list is opening up. (Glenda Farkas)
 - d. QUANADA has not officially announced a new director. Audra Payne-Hampton is no longer at Madonna House. (Glenda Farkas)
5. Future meetings/conference calls (normally 2nd Thursday of month)
 - Nov. 8, 10:30 a.m., WCICCC Steering Committee conference call
 - Jan. 10, 10:30 a.m., WCICCC Steering Committee conference call
 6. Training/Conference Opportunities

4th Annual Homeless Symposium, November 2, 2007, Macomb, IL – see attached PDF.

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Please RSVP no later than Friday, October 26, by phone, fax, or e-mail.

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**Pulling The Pieces Together:
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Transition**



**4th Annual Area 3
Homeless Symposium**

**November 2, 2007
Horrabin Hall
Western Illinois University
Macomb, Illinois**



Peggy Dunn

Peggy is the Homeless Education State Coordinator at the Illinois State Board of Education. She received her M.A. Ed. From UIS in Environmental Education, and M.S. in Rehabilitation Administration from SIU-C and is currently pursuing her Ph.D. (ABD) from UIUC in Curriculum and Instruction. She is an Illinois Certified K-9 Educator with Middle School endorsements in Science, Social Studies, and Language Arts. Peggy continues to work on homeless education issues in rural areas related to her teaching experience.

Identification of homeless families in rural communities is difficult because of the social structure and belief systems held in small towns and rural communities. In many cases, families are reluctant to reveal their living situation and school staff members do not want to come across as prying or judging.

Peggy will discuss developing strategies for sensitive identification and enrollment of homeless children while respecting their privacy and maintaining confidentiality. Resources for school personnel, community programs, and families will be provided.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Peggy Dunn
Rural Homelessness

Greg Hixon & Carrie Depoy
Local Area Network (LAN)

Barbara Schwartz
"Going To Grandma's House.....To Live"

Kate McGruder
Reaching Them Early: Supporting Transient Families with Children Birth to Three

Faith Sanderson
Funding Streams: Understanding Where to Look for Resources in Your Community

Brenda Hanbury
Coordinating Homeless Services Through Local Networks

Mary Kay Bonness
Shelter/School Relationships & Collaborations

Rusty Orwig
Disaster Services

Diane Diestler
'Legally Speaking'

Jan Van Acker
The Voices of Poverty

Bill Pumo
"Everybody Matters, or Nobody Matters"
(Individuals With Disabilities Education Act)

Suzan Nash
Transitional Housing Program

Judi James & Area 3 ROE Liaisons
Best Practices: How to Effectively Provide for Homeless Students and Families

Janice Whitfield
Case Management of Homeless Families

Eileen Worthington & Helen Campbell
McKinney-Vento 101: Understanding Homelessness

SCHEDULE

Registration & Refreshments
8 – 9 - Rm. 3

Breakout Sessions
9 – 12

Lunch on your own
(Suggestions available at registration)
12 – 1

Keynote – Peggy Dunn
1 – 2 - Horrabin Hall Theatre

CPDUs or CEUs

* Available in Rm. 3 following keynote

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