

**WCICCC Steering Committee Conference Call
January 13, 2011, 10:30 a.m.**

Attendance:

Amanda Davis, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs/WIU (Macomb)
Anne Dixon, Western Illinois Regional Council (Macomb)
Barb Baker, Congressman Schock's Office (Jacksonville)
Catherine Swanson, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs/WIU (Macomb)
Cathy Rigg, Samaritan Well (Macomb)
Cynthia Grawe, Madonna House (Quincy)
Cheryl Esselman, Two Rivers Regional Council (Quincy)
Glenda Farkas, West Central Illinois Center for Independent Living (Quincy)
Heidi Prather, Salvation Army (Quincy)
Julie Entrup, YWCA of Quincy
Kathy Humphries, Quincy VA Clinic
Lori Sutton, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs/WIU (Macomb)
Susan Fifer, QUANADA, Quincy
Suzan Nash, Western Illinois Regional Council (Macomb)
Tammi Longergan, MCS Community Services (Jacksonville)

1. Welcome (Glenda Farkas)
2. Service Provider Update/Personnel Changes
 - a. Housing/Shelter Service Providers
 - i. WIRC (Anne): full, one family moving out soon.
 - ii. MCS (Tammi): all their units are full
 - iii. Samaritan Well (Cathy): has opening at women's and men's shelter
 - iv. Madonna House (Cynthia): three openings, but likely to be filled by early next week with waiting list
 - v. Two Rivers (Cheryl): no shelter money available, waiting for DHS funds, if they come
 - vi. Salvation Army (Heidi): seven people in shelter, room available
 - vii. QUANADA (Susan): no openings, quite a bit of turnover being filled with waiting list clients
 - viii. YWCA (Julie): one opening in permanent housing, all the other units full
 - b. As new people join our group, please don't hesitate to ask questions. You can also contact Glenda Farkas, continuum chair (217.223.0400 or ciledqcy@adams.net), Lori Sutton, continuum's technical assistance provider (309.298.2968 or la-sutton@wiu.edu), or Suzan Nash, former chair (309.837.2997 or suzan@wirpc.org) for additional information/clarification.
 - c. Amanda Davis is the social work intern that will work with Lori Sutton thru April.
3. Overview of Point-in-Time (PIT - Lori Sutton with input from past participants)
 - a. HUD requires continuums to perform an unsheltered PIT every other year. The continuum does a shelter count every year. The CoC usually tries to do the PIT on the last Wednesday of the month. HUD requires it to be one day during the last ten days of the month.
 - b. The annual shelter count involves sending a survey to the shelter providers to gather information on capacity, clients in shelter the night of the PIT along with certain characteristics.
 - c. In 2009, Quincy, Macomb, Jacksonville, and Beardstown all did a point-in-time unsheltered count. In 2007, Quincy was the only area that did the point-in-time unsheltered count. Participants from those counts talked about their experiences.

- d. This year, we will be also surveying the individuals in the shelter and unsheltered. We will also be doing service based counts and survey the day after the PIT at the soup kitchen in Quincy and Jacksonville. The soup kitchen survey would also be given to shelters to record information on clients coming into their program the day after the count.
 - e. Make sure you let your city officials know that you will be conducting the PIT.
4. 2011 Point-in-Time Count by Planning Area
- a. Quincy (Julie Entrup)
 - i. Lead: Mary Muehlenfeld, YWCA of Quincy
 - ii. Partners: Police Officer Shannon Tolkington for unsheltered count
 - iii. Process: Mary has met with the soup kitchen manager at Horizon's to try to work out the details to do a service based survey at lunch. The soup kitchen serves around 80 people a day. Probably need 2-3 people interviewing.
 - iv. Other: Cathy Humphries, Quincy VA, was asked by the Rock Island VA to participate in the conference call and to help with the PIT process. Cathy was given Mary's telephone number to follow-up. Cathy has a couple of co-workers that may be able to assist with the process.
 - v. Other: Heidi Prather is also willing to help, just let her know.
 - b. Macomb
 - i. Lead: Suzan Nash, Western Illinois Regional Council
 - ii. Partners: local police
 - iii. Process: Suzan and/or Anne will be going out. They are looking at splitting the time up to cover 9-3 a.m. covered, with both of them going out.
 - c. Jacksonville
 - i. Lead: Tammi Lonergan, MCS Community Services
 - ii. Partners: local police, Judy w/ VA in St. Louis, WIU Intern
 - iii. Process: Will also be doing a service based survey at the Salvation Army's Soup Kitchen.
 - d. Beardstown
 - i. Lead: Tammi Lonergan, MCS Community Services
 - ii. Partners: local police
5. Other Business
- a. Soar Training (handout) Anne had went to this training last year and found it very beneficial and informative.
6. Meeting Schedule:
- a. Feb. 10, 2011 at 10:30, Full Continuum Meeting/Conference Call, Western Illinois Regional Council, 223 South Randolph, Macomb, IL. There will be a conference call setup for individuals that cannot make it physically to the meeting -- 309-298-3680. Nora Lally from the Chicago HUD office will be giving us an update on some of the changes HUD will be implementing and Sherri Koob from the Rock Island VA Homeless Center will be discussing some of their services. The Rock Island VA Homeless Center covers most of our CoC, except for Morgan and Scott Counties.
 - b. March 10, 2011, 10:30 a.m. Steering Committee Conference Call
 - c. April 14, 2011, 10:30 a.m. Steering Committee Conference Call
 - d. May 12, 2011, 10:30 a.m. Full Continuum Meeting/Conference Call, YWCA of Quincy, 1400 N. 30th, Quincy, with guest speaker Debbi Reed, Director of Chaddock, a residential treatment program for children in Quincy.

- e. August, date TBA, ROE Homeless Liaisons / Homeless Shelter Providers Meeting, Hosted by Eileen Worthington, Regional Office of Education, 130 S. Lafayette Street -- Suite 200, Macomb, IL 61455
- f. Sept. 11, 2011, 10:30 a.m. Steering Committee Conference Call
- g. Oct. 13, 2011, 10:30 a.m. Steering Committee Conference Call
- h. Nov. 10, 2011, 10:30 a.m. Full Continuum Meeting/Conference Call, MCS Community Services, 345 West State, Jacksonville, IL, guest speaker to be announced
- i. Jan. 12, 2012, 10:30 a.m. Steering Committee Conference Call



SOAR Training

SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery

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- An in-depth, step-by-step explanation of the SSI/SSDI application and disability determination process
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Participation

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Upon completion of the training, participants with the support of their respective organizations, agree to complete at least 2 applications using the SOAR process and provide feedback on application outcomes.

Workshop Location

April 12-13, 2011 Springfield, IL
Location: Mental Health Centers of Central Illinois

Registration

Please complete the attached registration form. The SOAR Training is free. Each participant is responsible for their own Hotel, per diem, travel, and CEU expenses. Due to space limitations, registration is limited to one person per agency. If additional slots become available, the registration will remain open until all vacancies are filled.

How is this model different?

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- Leads to savings – the San Francisco Department of Public Health estimates that their SSI outreach project saves the city \$27 million annually
- SOAR workers have been trained in Illinois and begun using the SOAR process with great success. Health and Disability Advocates' attorneys report using the SOAR method has successfully resulted in the recent approval of disability benefits for 2 applicants who have been denied SSI benefits multiple times.

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April 12-13, 2011 9 AM to 4 PM, each day

(registration 8:30-9AM)

Mental Health Centers of Central Illinois

710 N 8th St

Springfield, IL

Applicant's Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: (____) _____

YES, I want to obtain CEUs (there is a \$20 charge - payable by cash or check and collected at the training)

REGISTER TOLL FREE: (800) 345-9472

ONLINE: www.dupagefederation.org

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RETURN VIA FAX: (815)753-6900

OR MAIL TO: Registration Services, NIU Outreach, DeKalb, IL 60115 **EVENT:** # 11190

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Location: Human Resource Development Institute

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Chicago, IL

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Location: Will County Health Department

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Community Resource Room

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