

WCICCC Steering Committee Conference Call
March 10, 2011, 10:30 a.m.
Conference Call Number: 309-298-3680

Attendance

Al Coleman, Regional Office of Education #22 (Schuyler)
Amanda Davis, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs/WIU (Macomb)
Anne Dixon, Western Illinois Regional Council (Macomb)
Barb Baker Chapin, Transitions of Western Illinois (Quincy)
Brittany Leach, Samaritan Well (Macomb)
Catherine Swanson, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs/WIU (Macomb)
Cathy Rigg, Samaritan Well (Macomb)
Cheryl Esselman, Two Rivers Regional Council (Quincy)
Cynthia Grawe, Madonna House (Quincy)
Glenda Farkas, West Central Illinois Center for Independent Living (Quincy)
Heidi Prather, Salvation Army (Quincy)
Jim Kaiser, Regional Office of Education #1 (Adams/Pike)
Lori Sutton, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs/WIU (Macomb)
Sherri Koob, VA Homeless Outreach Center (Rock Island)
Susan Fifer, QUANADA, Quincy
Suzan Nash, Western Illinois Regional Council (Macomb)
Tammi Longergan, MCS Community Services (Jacksonville)

Agenda

1. Welcome (Glenda Farkas)
2. Roll Call (Lori Sutton)
3. Provider Update/Personnel Changes
 - a. Heidi (SA): 7 people waiting to move, purchased Inman building
 - b. Barb (Transitions): filled. No waiting list for youth program.
 - c. Cindy (MH): a couple openings—2 rooms, each could hold mom and child (small rooms)
 - d. Cindy (SW): openings in women's shelter
 - e. Suzan (WIRC): foundation sponsored house will be open, but have a waiting list. HPRP auditor coming at the end of the week.
 - f. Cheryl (TR): does have shelter money
 - g. Tami (MCS): full
 - h. Susan (QUANADA): full
4. HMIS Update (Lori Sutton): Barb with the Municipal Information Systems, Inc. (ROSIE Software Vendor) will be hosting an online training for the new individuals joining the system. The new users will be: Sherry Nunez, Starting Point (Monmouth); Cathy Rigg, Samaritan Well (Macomb); Vanessa Tyus, New Direction (Jacksonville); Alan Bradish, Salvation Army (Jacksonville); Heidi Prather and Dawn Schiebner, Salvation Army (Quincy); Eileen Worthington, ROE (Macomb); and Sherry Koob, Veteran Administration (Rock Island). The URL is: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/join/971056425> Tuesday, March 15, 2:00 pm Central Daylight Time. Use your microphone and speakers (VoIP) - a headset is recommended. Or, call in using your telephone.
Dial +1 [\(646\) 558-2101](tel:6465582101)
Access Code: 971-056-425
Audio PIN: Shown after joining the meeting
Meeting ID: 971-056-425
5. DHS's FY12 Homeless Prevention Program (Suzan Nash): information submitted at the end of February, based on same budget as last year -- \$39,600 (WIRC \$9,900; MCS \$12,276; and TRRC \$17,424)

6. HEARTH Act: open discussion based on information provided by Nora Lally at last's month's meeting. The following website has information on HEARTH Act:
<http://www.hudhre.info/hearth/>
Summary of the HEARTH Act: <http://www.endhomelessness.org/content/general/detail/2098>
No discussions took place at today's meeting. Glenda said that Mary has a lawyer on her board that might be able to help review the act's requirements.
7. A Quincy ROE Homeless Liaisons / Homeless Shelter Providers Meeting to be held March 24, 9 am-noon at Stony Creek in Quincy. ISBE representatives, Glenda Farkas and Mary Muehlenfeld will be present (217-277-2080).

On August 25, 2011 at 10 a.m.-noon, the CoC/ROE will have their version of the meeting in Macomb (130 S. Lafayette). Topics to be discussed include: homelessness, available services, and coordination with community providers.

8. Other Business
 - a. SOAR Training, SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery, Assisting People Applying for SSI/SSDI Disability Benefits workshops, March 22-23 Parkland College, Champaign, April 12-13 Springfield and May 23-24 Joliet (see handout in February minutes). SHPA Quarterly meeting April 19 10 am-3 pm University of Illinois in Springfield. **NOT MENTIONED AT MEETING – May 3-4 Galesburg.**
 - b. WIRC is having their HPRP files audited—25 client files will be tested. Spreadsheet of info to complete: verification of income, sources of income, eligibility based on income, available at:
http://www.hudhre.info/documents/HPRP_IncomeEligibilityCalculationWorksheet.xls
9. Meeting Schedule:
 - a. April 14, 2011, 10:30 a.m. Steering Committee Conference Call
 - b. 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.
 - c. August 25, 2011, 10 a.m., ROE Homeless Liaisons / Homeless Shelter Providers Meeting, Hosted by Eileen Worthington, Regional Office of Education, 130 S. Lafayette Street -- Suite 200, Macomb, IL 61455
 - d. Sept. 15, 2011, 10:30 a.m. Steering Committee Conference Call
 - e. Oct. 13, 2011, 10:30 a.m. Steering Committee Conference Call
 - f. 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
 - g. Jan. 12, 2012, 10:30 a.m. Steering Committee Conference Call



SOAR Training

SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery

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Participation

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Workshop Location

May 3-4, 2011 Galesburg, IL
Location: Bridgeway Centers

Registration

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

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Event #11190

Registration Form

(Only one (1) registration per agency)

May 3-4, 2011 9 AM to 4 PM, each day

(registration 8:30-9AM)

Bridgeway Centers

2323 Windish Dr.

Galesburg, IL 61401

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

- ✓ Click on *Register for Upcoming Events*. To register, go to the SOAR heading and link to the registration by hitting the **CLICK HERE**. To obtain a copy of the training announcement to register via Fax, link to the specific event date.

RETURN VIA FAX: (815)753-6900

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

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Parkland College

Tony Noel Ag Building Room W115

2400 W. Bradley Street

Champaign, Illinois 61821

For maps and directions: <http://www.parkland.edu/about/maps.aspx>

Applicant's Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

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