



Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2007

Welcome and Introductions-

Present at the meeting (signed in – more than listed here were present): Pat Henry, Eula Hooker, Herb Whitmeyer, Jean Dittman, Laila Bondi, Michelle Moore, Joan Freidson, Kristin Cipollone, Glenda Washington, Penny Selmong, Amanda Masters, Sr. Mary Augusta Kaiser, Dave Giacomazza, Elizabeth McClam, Jack Guastaferrero, Karen Carman, Susan Pfeifer, Michael Henry, Lisa Jo Schaeffer, Adrian Slocum, Carolyn Hillman, Joyelle Tedeschi, Cherrise Walker-Betts, Warren Marcus.

Minutes: available on line at the HAWNY website. Copies present here at the meeting as well

White Ribbon Campaign

Karen gave an update. Campaign going well! \$700 in sales, \$300 of which are from agencies. Goal is to raise \$1000. On December 21st, at Friends of the Night People (which is the longest day of the year) at 4pm there will be a memorial and the new director of Friends will be present (Joe Heary). Really need to push the campaign in the community. The Ribbons are \$2. Team of volunteers at Rath Building and City Hall.

Street Survey 2008

1 month away!!!

Logistics: everything is going according to schedule and as planned. Need additional copies (2000)—training manual, survey, etc. Really need them, specifically because there will be 5 trainings. We also need copies of the long form. Please let us know the number of copies you can make (single sided) and Joan can mail them in a pdf.

Volunteers: goal is 200 volunteers and we are making progress. Letters to local CEO's and Executive Directors went out. Hoping to get 10 people per site. Really need more agency participation. We will come on site to train. Volunteers needed for 2-3 hour blocks.

Did one training, 12/13 at St. Joe's. It lasted about 2 hours and got great feedback.

Outreach: committee work complete on this front. Do need more volunteers for the superteam (our seasoned veterans who will go out over night). Karen, Joy, Artis, and Will. Laurie Tanner, Devan Decicco, Elizabeth McClam and Wayne (LBH) have

all signed up to participate. If you know people, recommend them to us. Dr. Warren Marcus also volunteered. Looking for people who have familiar faces in the community and have direct service experience.

Location: Kristin and Laila will begin a blitz of phone calls after the new year. Really need some of the northern suburbs to be represented.

PRISM Update : next meeting January 23, 2007

Continuum of Care Update

Alliance released the 2008 request for apps. It's a notice of what is anticipated for this year's competition. We have not heard any word from last year's competition yet. National HUD is aware of the hardship that results from a late release of info. Their goal is to release before the new year (which they did...see the HUD website for more details, BUT GOOD NEWS, WE WERE FUNDED! CONGRATS TO EVERYONE!)

For 2008: new project apps will be due Feb. 4, 2008. Call Bill for a one-on-one if you want to submit an app for a new program. Any renewal apps need to be turned in by April 4 2008 at 5pm.

Priority projects: permanent housing for chronic, safe haven models, transitional housing for youth/adults, housing for families (housing for families first), supportive services only, permanent housing for mica clients. Supportive service, client-centered case management for the chronic homeless—case manager who would follow them from place to place. This would be pilot only dollars and after the 3 year term, that would be it with the hope that other funding would be secured by the end of that grant term. The RFP is available on our website as well as our policy guide.

Bill checks HUD website daily for updates. Updates occur at 10am and then again between 2-3pm. Bill will send out calls once the information is received. Once all are contacted, then a general notice will be sent out.

Continuum/Prism Steering committee: Will there be a green housing requirement in this year's competition? We expect it to be forthcoming and there are some NYS programs who are planning to require it for things like low-income tax credits, etc.

Committee decided not to require this year but is actively exploring the available options—the multifamily performance program is an example (see handout). Basically this program will give an incentive (\$ to agency) for something like using high-efficiency windows. Applicable to both new builds and existing construction. NYCERDA sponsors this. An agency can collect up to \$30,000. This plan is not only a good idea environmentally but also cost-effective in the long run.

Joan put together a set of FAQ's. NYCERDA says they have plenty of money! Relating to competitiveness of program...would NY trump B-lo for funding? Doesn't seem to be the case. Looking to expand throughout NYS. Funding for projects conditionally approved (matched v. leveraged funding). Joan has posted all relevant info on the website under "energy smart." Any multi-family project would qualify if it has at least 5 units and is mostly residential space (doesn't matter if it's market value). Goal to encourage energy efficiency without the additional costs (ie. If you were going to buy energy efficient windows, NYCERDA wouldn't pay for the

windows outright but they would pay for the difference incurred by the upgrade). Check out energysmart.com. The program is very flexible and is only 6months old. Not a requirement for the CoC but is definitely encouraged! Maybe have some agency pilot sites?

BAS-Net Update

We are continuing with our efforts to increase data quality to make sure the client information is entered in a timely manner and is accurate. Also, for those agencies who use BAS-Net regularly, the monthly shelter survey will no longer be required as we will be able to pull the info from BAS-Net. If, however, such agencies do not keep BAS-net current, you will be required to submit the paper copy again.

Luncheon/ Awards

Thank you to all that came☺ and those who could not attend too b/c you all do good work. There were 3 awards: Compass House won the organizational award (35 anniversary) and 2 individual service awards to Karen Carman and Glenda Washington. Water bottles, which were given out at the luncheon, can be purchased for \$10.

Officer Elections

3 positions need to be filled. Jean Dittman will oversee this process. The bylaws were changed last year so there are always rotating board members. 6 members will remain while 3 will rotate out. Susan Bissonette, the most recent pres., Luisa Fraser-Merit, the sec. and Jean Dittman will be resigning.

We have nominees who have been willing to run for positions, who are: Carolyn Hillman from the Salvation Army, Janet Meiselman from Oxford consulting and Glenda Washington from ADDS. There were no nominees from the floor. Sister Karen seconded the motion to submit the slate to the board. The three were elected.

Western New York Coalition for the Homeless

Adrian provided an update. Lisa Jo brought fliers. At Hyatt downtown on January 30th there will be a workshop. Limited space so contact the coalition soon to reserve space. Currently revising brochures. For advocacy meeting, Bill O'Connell will be presenting. The monthly meeting is at St. Paul's every 3rd Wednesday at 9:30. City of Buffalo police will present at the next meeting to present.

Community Announcements

12/27 at 9am: transitional housing coalition. Laila will speak to drum up support for Street Survey.

Question? Is there are central location for toy drive—United Way keeps a list with contact information of all donations. DSS-Barb Farr, at DSS, may be a good person to bring things to.

Question? Is there a coordinated soup kitchen list for Christmas Eve and Christmas? Maybe the 211 line or Central Referral Svcs. The Network of Religious Communities will publish a book with the pantry hours. Salvation Army at 960 main will have Christmas dinner at noon.

Don't forget to volunteer for the street survey. Visit the website to do so!!!

Adjournment

Happy Holidays!!!

**Next Meeting on January 16th at 3 pm at the
United Way of Buffalo and Erie County at 742 Delaware Avenue in Buffalo**

Remember the Street Survey is January 24th!!!!