

Notes
Self Sufficiency Work Group
Monday, April 21, 2008
Shenandoah Community Health Center
10:00 AM

Present: Trina Bartlett, Kathy Boylan, Dale Bradfield, Marie Galazzi, Glenda Helman, Krista Hill, Bonnie McComb, Audrey Morris, Grace Murphy, Joan Roach, Teresa Warnick, Captain Welch,

RRC Subcommittee Report: Kathy announced that Warming Hands and Hearts has been closed. The RRC is looking into having an Angel Food Ministries in Berkeley County and is working on the Christmas Clearinghouse. RRC county meetings are now being held in Jefferson County (third Wednesday of the month at Jefferson County DHHR at 1:00) and Morgan County (second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am. Paul Denchy is the contact for Jefferson County and Audrey Morris is the contact for Morgan County. Audrey noted that in addition to providing the RRC coordinated services in Morgan County, the group is also looking at providing workshops, such as container gardening and canning. They are also investigating the use of WIC vouchers for the Farmers Market.

Christmas Clearinghouse Report: The RRC is working on developing a Christmas Clearinghouse for Berkeley and Jefferson counties. Morgan County already has a system that is working very well and that is spearheaded by Starting Points.

Transportation Subcommittee Report: The transportation subcommittee is continuing to work on a transportation guide. It is also discussing the development of a car repair program.

EITC Report: Grace reported that more than 1,000 returns had been processed and she expects that number to grow next year. Because of that, she anticipates a much greater need for volunteers. A full training will be provided to volunteers in December this year. Grace also reported that some individuals were concerned about having their taxes done at an organization that provided services.

Street Guides: Glenda announced that the street pocket guides are done. She brought them for each county for distribution.

Review of Goals: Trina provided everyone with a copy of the goals and noted that it is almost time to evaluate and update them.

Announcements: Bonnie announced that there would be a "Stretch Your Dollars" rehearsal on May 1 at 7:00 PM at the Martinsburg Library. CCAP invited other organizations to come in and learn what it is doing.

Audrey announced that they are holding a Community Baby Shower to provide prenatal and child care education.

Good News Mountaineer Garage is participating in a Car Drop off Day on May 17 at DHHR.

Shenandoah Valley Medical System will not take new patients for eight weeks as the Inwood locations is closing.

Glenda announced that her shelter is running full.

Next Self Sufficiency Meeting: Monday, April 18, 2008 10:00 AM at Shenandoah Community Health Center.