

Notes
Self Sufficiency Work Group
Monday, December 17, 2007

Present: Trina Bartlett, Judy Boykin, Dale Bradfield, Anne Conlan, Alonzo Carmichael, Bonnie McComb, Erika Jones, Joan Roach, and Grace Murphy

RRC/Warming Hands and Hearts Subcommittee Report: Trina reported that due to bad weather, the RRC subcommittee did not meet in December. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 9:00 AM at the Berkeley County DHHR offices.** The group is addressing how to pilot the common application form. It is also working on protocol for Warming Hands and Hearts.

Transportation Subcommittee Report: The subcommittee held its second meeting, which was very productive. Lyn Walker from Pan Tran was there and discuss what limits the routes that Pan Tran can cover. The work group spent a great deal of time talking about the transportation issue. Trina suggested they talk to Michele Baranaskas, the Executive Director of the Regional Family Resource Network in Charleston, about a grant that Boone County received several years ago and about how that community approached the transportation issue. Joan suggested contacting the couple that provides medical transportation; Trina was to get the contact information and pass it on to the subcommittee. The suggestion was also made to ensure that someone from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program attend the transportation subcommittee meetings. The group also discussed how to tap into the transportation resources available through Berkeley Senior Services.

The committee is putting together a transportation resource guide. This needs to be done in collaboration with Alonzo and the I and R Center.

It was noted that transportation needs to be included in the HHSC public policy document.

The next meeting of the transportation subcommittee is: **Friday, January 18 at 10:00 AM at the Good News Mountaineer Garage Offices at the One Stop (old GM plant).** Everyone is invited.

EITC Report; Grace, who is now the outreach and volunteer coordinator for the program locally, noted that dates for the program have been pushed back due to issues at the federal level. CCAP has agreed to be a site.

Grace sent information about the program to the Chamber for an e-blast and received feedback from the HHSC article that ran in the Journal.

Street Guides: Since neither Audrey nor Glenda was in attendance, Trina did not have any updated information about the street guides. She will check with Glenda about the status.

Emergency Food and Shelter Program: Jan Callen discussed some of his concerns about how the FEMA dollars for emergency food and shelter are distributed and whether this is the most effective use of the dollars. (A few dollars are given to a variety of agencies rather than dollars being used to target one particular problem or issue.)

Other/Announcements:

The group discussed the need for a Christmas clearinghouse to ensure 1) some families don't receive assistance from multiple agencies while others received non and 2) that there is balance in programs to cover various needs (i.e. different age groups).

Trina and Anne will be submitting a concept paper for an AmeriCorps project to support the work and strategies being addressed by the Self Sufficiency work group.

Bonnie noted that CCAP is working on developing a program to help clients with personal spending plans. The specifics have yet to be worked out.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 10:00 AM at Shenandoah Community Health Center 99 Tavern Road in Martinsburg.**

Please note the date was changed due to the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.