

Notes
Self Sufficiency Work Group
Monday, October 15, 2007

Present: Trina Bartlett, Judy Boykin, Dale Bradfield, Anne Conlan, Glenda Helman, Marie Galazzi, Gale Lucas, Nancy Marmorella, Bonnie McComb, Audrey Morris, Joan Roach, and Melvin Welch

Information and Referral/RRC Update: The September report from the I and R Center is pending. Regional Resource Connection meetings have begun again. Trina, Judy, and Gale attended. The group discussed Warming Hands and Hearts and the common intake form. The Salvation Army now has a volunteer placed at Jefferson County DHHR and Morgan County DHHR to help the RRC. Interviews are scheduled for the Information and Referral Specialist position vacated by Ada Palmer.

Public Policy Recommendations: The public policy group is working on updating the public policy recommendations, which are updates of the recommendations made last year. This includes addressing income eligibility guidelines for social service recipients, supporting programs that support self sufficiency, and support the 2-1-1 system. A draft will be submitted at the next self sufficiency meeting.

EITC Recommendations: The work group discussed the need to strengthen the EITC effort in the Eastern Panhandle: the group working on this doesn't seem to be mobilizing others and the message from Charleston doesn't really tell why people should be using the free volunteer tax preparation.

Suggestions were made for: "It's Worth the Wait" and to spread this through a variety of materials that will reach the low and moderate income families. The information could also be provided through the RRC and through the Warming Hands and Hearts program.

Goals and Objectives: The group decided to take off the last goal about access to health resources because it was partially address through other goals and no one was clear about other concrete objectives. A transportation subcommittee will meet before the next self sufficiency meeting to set objectives for that goal.

Street Guides: Work is continuing on the street guides.

Announcements: One night without a home will be on November 16. In Morgan County, the evening will start with an Empty Bowls project.

CCAP is accepting donations for Thanksgiving baskets.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 19, 2007 at Shenandoah Community Health Center
99 Tavern Road Martinsburg.