

Notes
Self Sufficiency Work Group Meeting
Monday, March 17, 2008

Present: Trina Bartlett, Judy Boykin, Dale Bradfield, Kelly Duncan, Glenda Helman, Beverly Lane, Gale Lucas, Audrey Morris, Pastor Dick Neal, Joan Roach, and Teresa Warnick

RRC/Warming Hands and Hearts Subcommittee Report: Kathy Boylan reported that the Warming Hands and Hearts is getting ready to wrap up with almost all the money having been spent. The RRC met on March 13 and is working on a couple issues:

1. Developing new signed partnership agreement with partners and the RRC. As part of this, there will be county RRC meetings in Jefferson (March 19) and Morgan (March 20).
2. Developing a Christmas Clearinghouse. The committee is looking at the model being used in Charleston and has the documents that can be modified. Audrey noted that Starting Points provides this service in collaboration with the schools in Morgan County.

A Christmas Clearinghouse meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 3, at 10:30 at Berkeley County DHHR to further discuss how the clearinghouse will work.

The RRC subcommittee meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at 9:00 AM at Berkeley County DHHR.

Transportation Subcommittee: Marie was unable to attend the meeting, so Trina discussed what occurred at the transportation subcommittee meeting. The group is continuing to identify transportation resources for a resource guide for the Eastern Panhandle.

They also spent a great deal of time discussing the need for car repair assistance. Mountaineer Good News Garage only contracts with DHHR to provide cars for TANF recipients, yet receives calls from individuals all the time in need of other assistance with cars, particularly repairs. The group brainstormed how a possible car repair program might work – something similar to Warming Hands and Hearts. Marie was going to check with the Good News Mountaineer Garage to determine if they could administer such a program. Someone recommended that James Rumsey might be a partner in such a program since they are teaching car repair.

EITC Report: Grace was not available to attend the meeting but had reported that things were going well. She also reminded everyone of the requirements for those who do not normally file may need to file this year in order to receive the stimulus package checks.

Street Guides: Glenda reported that she sent out a draft of the street guides out. She reported there was space to add 2-1-1 on the cards. Anyone with corrections should get back to her a.s.a.p.

Other: The group again raised concerns about turning away people who may bring their children to the M.O.M. dental clinic.

United Way Funding: Trina provided the group with a copy of the goals for the strong families community impact council then left for the group to discuss possible collaborations.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 21, at 10:00 AM at Shenandoah Community Health Center.