

Notes
Self Sufficiency Meeting
Monday, August 17, 2009
Shenandoah Community Health Center

Present: Joan Roach, Pat McMillan, Beverly Lane, Audrey Morris, Bonnie McComb, Pauline Mejia, Dale Bradfield, Glenda Helman, Betty Krienik, Debbie Gillis, Teresa Shumate, Charlotte Norris, Trina Bartlett

Presentation from Shenandoah Community Health Center: Paula Mejia provided an overview of the mission of Shenandoah Health Center, which promotes health and wellness by providing access to a full range of coordinated health care services for the community.

Funding: 25% of funding is federal, 7% is state, 68% is program funding.

Sites: Two medical sites; 3 behavioral health sites, five WIC sites, and two seasonal migrant sites.

Services: Health care for children and adolescents, adults, and women; Behavioral health services; WIC services; Health care support services (diabetes support, smoking cessation, prenatal classes); Enhancement Services (migrant services camps; healthy family classes; WV Kids in Action; child obesity referrals); Interpretive services; Medication assistance, Social services assistance; Transportation assistance.

RRC and Christmas Clearinghouse: Since Kathy Boylan was unable to attend the meeting, Trina reported that there is nothing significant occurring with the RRC. She did note that she has not followed up on the possibility of using HMIS as the online database and getting some funding support. Glenda reiterated that the best contact is Julie Haden. Glenda also reported that she is heading to Charleston for HMIS training. Audrey reported that the canning and nutrition classes have been very well attended in Morgan County, but the attendees are seniors – not the families/clients they were hoping to reach. The group discussed how to require clients/customers to attend workshops in order to receive assistance. Trina noted that the RRC needs to put the client contract on the next meeting agenda. The next RRC meeting is Tuesday, August 18, at 9:00 at Berkeley County DHHR. There will be no September meeting because of Day of Caring.

The workshops addressing self sufficiency/RRC issues continue to be held. Community Networks staff provided a workshop on case management and one on budgeting. The budgeting workshop is also scheduled in Berkeley Springs at St. Vincent De Paul this coming Friday from noon – 3:00. Social work CEUs are offered. The group agreed that these workshops are very beneficial.

The Christmas Clearinghouse committee is working on outreach and marketing. The next meeting is Thursday, September 3, at 1:30 at Berkeley County DHHR.

Housing Work Group: Pat McMillan discussed what the housing work group has been doing and how the Continuum of Care for housing services really involves all types of services to

ensure people are able to stay housed. Because of that, there is a lot of cross over with the Self Sufficiency Work Group and the Housing Work Group. The Housing Work Group wants the two to work more closely together. Immediate needs include help with Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Week events the third week in November and the Point in Time study in January. Glenda said that the event in November will be “dinner and a movie” Churches are being asked to provide soup for the even on November 20. The Movie will be “Where God Left His Shoes.”

The Self Sufficiency Work Group agreed to holding quarterly meetings with the Housing Work Group. This will occur on October 19. There will be no change to the Self Sufficiency Group meetings. The suggestion was also made to share minutes and put minutes from each on meeting agendas.

September 21: Independent Seniors Round Table Discussion. Instead of the regular self sufficiency meeting in September, the Self Sufficiency Work Group will host a the round table to better identify gaps in self sufficiency for the elderly.

The following groups will be invited for all three counties:

Meals on Wheels
Senior Centers
Good Shepherd
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The group decided the forum should be 1 1/2/ hours (scheduled for two) and should address specific topics:

1. Transportation
2. Meals/food
3. Health (including Alzheimer’s)
4. Housing.

Trina will ask each participant to complete a form addressing what services they provide. These will be completed prior to the forum.

There will be an opportunity to have participants address what services they provide for each area and for those in attendance to ask questions.

Trina will develop a draft form and send it out to the self sufficiency committee for review. She will also draft a draft invitation to churches. She asked Joan, Kelly (and Audrey) to get these to the appropriate person in each county..

Joan will confirm that the forum can be held at Otterbein United Methodist Church.

Presentations: The group decided that having presentations from organizations at each Self Sufficiency Work Group meeting has been beneficial. Because of the forum in September and the joint meeting with housing in October, the next presentation will be scheduled for November. Suggested organizations include:

Salvation Army
Gabriel Project
Good Samaritan
Care Pregnancy Center
Shalom Center
M.O.V.V.
Lions Club
Starting Points

Announcements: Literacy Volunteers will hold its basic literacy training on , September 19, from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Berkeley County Adult Education Classroom, located in the Berkeley Plaza shopping center. To register, contact the Literacy Office at (304) 264-0298.

Next Meeting Dates:

Self Sufficiency/Independent Seniors Round Table': Monday, September 21 10:00 AM
Otterbein United Methodist in Martinsburg (tentative)
Joint Self Sufficiency/Housing Work Group meeting: Monday, October 19 10:00 AM
Shenandoah Community Health Center

Christmas Clearinghouse: Thursday, September 3, 1:30 PM Berkeley County DHHR
Thursday, October 1, 1:30 PM Berkeley County DHHR

RRC Meeting: No meeting in September because of Day of Caring
Tuesday, October, 20, 2009 at 9:00 Berkeley County DHHR