

Notes
Self Sufficiency Work Group
Monday, November 16, 2009

Present: Trina Bartlett, Kelly Duncan, Dale Bradfield, Audrey Morris, Bonnie McComb, Charles Preston, Glenda Helman, Jennifer Lyons, Summer Lackey, Tracy Bisson, Kathy Bradley, Joan Roach, Addie Stevens, Pat McMillan, Kalie Potter, Grace Murphy, Sandy Camilletti, Janet Quinn

Presentation: Glen Ryburn of the Lions Club provided an overview of the Lions Club and the services they provide to the community. The statewide group provides mobile eye screening units (two vans). The local clubs provide eye exams and glasses for low income individuals; eyeglasses and hearing aid recycling; hearing examination and aids for low income individuals; diabetes detection; canine companions for independence, and leader dogs and pilot dogs. For more information, contact Glenn at (304) 258-8939. or gryburn@wildblue.net.

Senior Self Sufficiency White Paper: The group reviewed the senior self sufficiency white paper. With the group fine with the content, Trina asked that people send any edits to her.

Christmas Clearinghouse and RRC: Kathy reported that all of the Christmas Clearinghouse applications received to date have been entered. Jefferson County Community Ministries' applications need to be coded. JCCM had 270 applications this year, as compared to 200 last year. The RRC is running as usual. There are a lot of individuals who are seeking heating assistance. Individuals who received LIEAP last year will have already received checks. The qualifications for receiving LIEAP are the same as receiving SNAP (food stamps). Because the number of SNAP recipients is up 53% this year, Kathy expects the same increased demand for LIEAP.

Street Guides: The group decided the street guides should be ready for distribution by the February HHSC quarterly meeting. Trina will check on having the school system copy them. Glenda agreed to try to make the edits. Trina asked everyone to have them to her in the next couple weeks, so that the group reviews the new draft at the December 21 meeting.

Self Sufficiency Trainings for 2010: The group decided to schedule the self sufficiency trainings following each of the quarterly HHSC meetings:

- **February 5:** Accessing and Understanding DHHR services for you client: SNAP; Emergency Assistance and Medicaid Travel Reimbursement.
- **May 7:** The Child Protective Services Redesign
- **August 6:** An Overview of Adult Protective Services
- **November 5.** Budgeting; Free Tax Preparations; and RALs.

All workshops will begin at 11:30 and Social Work CEUs will be provided.

Next Meeting Dates: The next Self Sufficiency Work Group meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 21, at 10:00 AM at Shenandoah Community Health Center. Due to the Martin Luther

King Day Holiday and the Presidents' Day Holiday, the January and February meetings will be held on the fourth Monday of the month. (Monday, January 25, and Monday, February 22)

Other: There was a question about the new dental center, and Trina said she would send the number out to everyone. The open house for the facility (58 Warm Springs Boulevard in Martinsburg) will be December 1. The clinic will be accepting patients by the beginning of the year. **(The number is 304 267-0250.)**

Kalie noted that Friends in Action is still seeking eligible families particularly from Jefferson County.

Glenda reminded everyone of the various homelessness and hunger awareness week activities this week.