Kanawha Valley Collective

Membership Meeting

December 4, 2019

Attendance: Erin Andrews-Sharer-Appalachia Service Project, David Bennett- Covenant House, Zane Blackledge-CPD, Jane Bostic-City of Charleston Mayor’s Office, Jeremy Brannon-KVC Vista, Terenia Combs-Kan Co Schools, Kerri Cooper- UWCWV, Amanda Deitz- Rea of Hope, Jeff Dickess – CKHA, Ron Gibbs-CAMC Ryan White program, Kevin Johnson-City of Charleston, Kevin Jones – RCCR, Vandy Justice- Salvation Army, Stephanie King- CKHA, Cheryl Laws-Pollen8, Inc., Lisa Lopinsky – Manna Meal, David McFarland- KVFH, Margaret O’Neal- UWCWV, Teresa Pate- Volunteer, Debra Payne – RCCR, Brandi Radford- Volunteers of America, James Ruckle-WVBHPC, Serena Seen-CKHA, Traci Strickland-KVC, Margaret Taylor-YWCA Sojourners, Mark Taylor-CKHA, John Thompson-RSLC, Tonya Vannatter-Cabin Creek Health Systems, Mindy Young- City of Charleston MOECD

Mark Taylor called meeting to order.

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

November minutes were approved – Motion made by Margaret O’Neal and Kerri Cooper seconded.

**Committee Updates**

Public Affairs –Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend public affairs meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month. The next meeting will be on January 13 at 9am at United Way. Homeless Persons Memorial Day will be held on December 20th at noon at St. John’s Episcopal Church. Provider Fair on January 9, 2020 at the Booker T. Washington Center in London, WV.

Community Solutions –Darkness to Light training will be held at the December 18th meeting (10a-12n) and a presentation by Branches on Human Trafficking will be the topic at the January 15th meeting (10a-12n). Please RSVP to Serena Seen at sseen@CKHA.com or 304-553-4374 if planning to attend. The meetings are held at the United Way.

HMIS – Michelle Maack resigned but will stay on until the position is filled. Currently searching for a replacement. The Tuesday morning meeting continues to improve. There is approximately 375 on the by-name list, this includes those in shelters and those receiving services. About 8 agencies attend and conduct case conferencing and problem solving. The meeting is held at 9am at the United Way.

Project Resource- Committee of HUD funded agencies (COC & ESG) and Charleston PD, although all are welcome.

* The KVC will have $305,804 available for RRH, Street Outreach, Homeless Prevention and Peer Support Services from State Opioid Response (SOR) grant funds. SOR is still a work in progress. Grant agreements from the state not expected before January 1.
* KVC was awarded $14,000 through CDBG for birth certificates, ID’s and day bus passes for those experiencing homelessness.
* Home 4 Good awards expected in December.
* PIT – last Wednesday in January unless there will be a warming station open during the last ten days of January then the PIT will be held then. Training will be held in January date to be determined.

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KVC Website – [www.kanawhavalleycollective.org](http://www.kanawhavalleycollective.org) The KVC website is complete although, Jeremy Brannon (KVC Vista) will continue to gather information to make resources available on the website (clothing closets, food pantries, services including showers, rental units and landlords). Send any suggestions or feedback to Jeremy at KVC\_VISTA@outlook.com. Jeremy is currently working on grants to fund supplies for the warming centers.

Warming Centers- will be open when temps fall to 15 degrees (including wind chill). Mayor Goodwin and the city support the warming stations with Fire and Police taking part. Holding last of two trainings (for volunteers) on Monday, December 9th 2:30-4:00 at United Way.

**Around the Table:**

Kanawha Valley Fellowship Home – new HVAC at Quarrier Street location through CDBG grant and donations. Gratitude breakfast to be held December 17 from 8-10 am.

Roark Sullivan Lifeway Center- Love Thy Neighbor Walk was successful with approximately 50 plus participating. Local restaurants donated a percentage of their sales on that day to the KVC.

Covenant House- WV Health Right now has a full clinic at CH open Tuesday and Friday.

CAMC Ryan White Program- Seeing an increase in HIV+ cases through the ER. Even though testing is available and encouraged there are people not being tested. Hep C cases are extremely common. Developing relationships with patients while in hospital to aid in follow up visits. Clusters of people in Kanawha City and East End that need to be reached. Discussion regarding going out to talk to these people and begin building trust.

United Way will begin *Leave a Coat/Take a Coat*, in front of United Way building Mon -Fri. Possible storage space at the old Lowes Building on Patrick Street. If interested contact Margaret O’Neal for information at moneal@unitedwaycwv.org. Financial Literacy Program with AmeriCorps volunteers (remedial finance, budgeting, bookkeeping). Available to come to your location. Contact Kerri Cooper at 304-340-3502 or kcooper@unitedwaycwv.org for information and to set up time and place.

Jeremy Brannon (KVC) working on grants for supplies for warming stations.

Traci (KVC) – More items for families needed for move-in baskets. Approximately 25 baskets have been distributed. Baskets are still available.

Pollen8, Inc. – Running an after-school program at South Charleston Middle School. Discussing the opening of a treatment center at the old Rock Lake pool facility.

Jane Bostic (Mayor’s Office) explained the recent illegal activity ordinance and that enforcement is based on police involvement/recommendation. It is not meant to hurt CoC funded programs/agencies and clients.

Stephanie King (Senior Service Coordinator at CKHA high rises and low rises) and Jeff Dickess (Family and Children Service Coordinator at South Park Village) both now working for Charleston Kanawha Housing Authority.

Serena Seen – (CKHA) thanked the KVC for the welcome baskets. Also, passed on contact information for Sherry Taylor to the United Way regarding food for mobile grocery store (bus donated by Kanawha County Schools).

Mark Taylor (CKHA) – Jarrett Terrace (for seniors) renovations and last phase of Littlepage underway.

Mindy Young (MOECD) – announced upcoming consultation meetings as the City’s 5- year Consolidated Plan (2020-2024) is prepared.

Appalachia Service Project – will be hosting volunteers at Riverside High School summer of 2020. Looking for property on the west side to build a home. Applications will be available in the spring. Contact Erin at Erin@asphome.org for more information.

Manna Meal – Part-time interim director is Lisa Lopinsky. Currently in search of an Executive Director. Contact llopinsky@thelilogroup.com for more information.

Salvation Army – Angels still available. Food boxes will be delivered to Clay County.

Volunteers needed to pass out food on December 7th and 21st in Clay County. Contact Kerri Cooper for more information. kcooper@unitedwaycwv.org or 304-340-3502

Motion to adjourn at 10:30am

Minutes submitted 12/10/2019