

Spokane Homeless Coalition
February 2nd, 2012

- 9:05 AM Meeting called to order by Rich Schaus, Chair.
- January 2012 Minutes approved by voice vote
- Donations this meeting donated to Lutheran Community Services:
 - \$44.10 collected
- Google Group reminder: Wendy from the city will no longer be the point of distribution for the coalition after March 1st, updates can be emailed to SpokaneHC@googlegroups.com and everyone needs to join this email distribution list by then to continue to receive Coalition email updates. Look for the instructions distributed at the meeting to come out through Wendy soon.
- **Community Presentations: Abuse**

Lance Rickman, Adult Protective Services (APS)
Local Number for reports: **509.323.9400**

Reporting Requirements for Mandatory Reporters:

Is this a vulnerable adult?

-Age 60+ w/ functional, mental, or physical inability to care for one's self
-Age 18+ w/ a legal guardian, Developmental Disability, in a DSHS licensed facility, receiving in-home services, private or state licensed.

-APS and law enforcement are both appropriate to call when abuse is occurring.

-There are about 20 investigators in the Spokane Region

-Financial exploitation is the most reported investigation, followed by self-neglect.

-Reasonable cause to suspect abuse: stories that do not add up can be a red flag that abuse is occurring.

-Financial scams are often referred on to the Attorney General or Postmaster General's office.

-APS will refer on to code enforcement, Animal services, etc. when appropriate

-Exemptions from certain parts of HIPAA when abuse is present.

APS Supervisors Direct contact info: Lance Rickman: 323-9415
Sheri Ellis: 323-9469

Rena Dunn, Child Protective Services (CPS)

Phone numbers for reports: **1.866.363.4276 (1.866.END.HARM)**

Local number: **509.363.3333**

-Feel free to call to staff issues, even if a full report is not made

-Reminder: Homelessness is not a reason to remove kids

-Family History and vulnerability of the child are assessed, including developmental delays and whether the child is verbal or not when a report is investigated.

-Wellness check is a law enforcement call, and can get CPS involved more quickly than a CPS report alone if there is immediate danger.

-Better to fault on the side of "do report" because info only can lead to a "risk only" case.

Family reunification is always the goal for CPS

*Family Reconciliation services available without removal of a child.

*Voluntary services available through self-referral: access to parenting and counseling services

*CHINS petition: Child can self-refer for reunification services

Rena Dunn's direct line: 363-3422

Ophelia Araujo, Christian Coalition against Domestic Abuse

509.217.5605 to refer clients to services

Statistics:

2.5 Million Men incarcerated in the US for Domestic Violence.

A partner is abused every 9 seconds in the US.

6-9 million law enforcement calls re: domestic abuse annually in the US.

-Programs available through the Domestic Abuse Coalition:

Walls of Salvation: for women exiting incarceration

Men at Peace: works with Male DV perpetrators

Statement: Youth program

WATCH: Court observation program for Domestic Violence cases

- **Round Table Discussion: Scenarios of Abuse**

Q: What do I do if I witness Abuse in a public place and do not have information about the perpetrator?

A: You can make a CPS call with as little as a description, but try to get a name from a cashier, or try to get at least a license plate number.

Q: Where can I send people who are experiencing Domestic Violence?

A: YWCA has a 24 hour crisis line: 326-2255 (326-CALL)

YWCA also offers counseling, and has a child advocate.

Saint Joseph Family Centers offers counseling on a sliding fee scale

Lutheran Community Services offers counseling to people without insurance

- **Committee Reports**

- Interagency Committee

-Defining new action steps to remain competitive for HUD funding

-Focusing on employment outcomes at exit of McKinney Vento Programs
-Want to encourage more people to attend these open meetings
3rd Friday of the Month, 9:30-11:30 AM at Goodwill Industries

- School Districts

-This year: CVSD has identified 382 homeless students.
86 in 9th-12th grade, 72% of those are unaccompanied.

This year totals; EVSD: 129, WVSD: 92

-Valley districts total is 603 so far this year, 657 was last year's total.
-District 81: 738 students identified as homeless this year, 64% are doubled up, 30% sheltered, 2% unsheltered, 5% in motels or hotels.
-District 81 parents are looking for more mainstream resources from the McKinney Vento Liaisons than just shelter information.

- Housing Providers Network

Identifying Gaps in services

Meets 3rd Tuesday of the Month - @ Emmanuel Center 10am to 11am

- Advocacy

Call now! Support SB 5952 to extend the Sunset of a \$20 recording fee to fund homeless programs (2163 money among others)

800.562.6000 Legislative hotline

360.786.7610 Michael Baumgartner

360.786.7610 Mike Padden

360.786.7610 Lisa Brown

- One Day Count

Please turn in 2012 forms ASAP to Sheila Morley at City Hall.

- Homeless Connect

Compiling information from vendor and guest surveys, getting geared up to start planning 2013 connect! There was some good media coverage in The Inlander, Spokesman Review, and on Spokane Public Radio.

- Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Week

Planning beginning, please contact Jennifer Martin (martin@snapwa.org) to participate in the planning committee.

- **Announcements and Updates**

-Karen, Hearth Homes: New Hearth Homes open house; February 23rd, 2-7 pm at 11214 E. Broadway, anticipated ribbon cutting ceremony around 5:00

Shar Lichty, PJALS: Spring Peace and Economic Justice coming Feb. 18th!
<http://pjals.org/2012conference/>

Christy Z, Spokane County: 2 week comment period for CDBG and HHAA begins February 1, 2012, there will be a public hearing March 1st
Info on county HHAA/CDBG comments and public meeting:
<http://spokanecounty.org/CommunitySvcs/HCD/content.aspx?c=2219>
Click on: 2012 Allocation for Public Comment

Leslie Camden Gould, CVSD: FAFSA time; remind families that HEART liaisons can help them fill out FAFSA for college aid, but come early for priority funding.

Community Colleges of Spokane: April 16 is the Fall Quarter deadline for financial aid paperwork.

Elie, SHA: Vouchers #2178-2318 from the December 2008 Lottery (yowza!) will be called 2/16/12.

Bob, SNAP: City home vouchers (Homeless Preference Vouchers) still on hold for at least another month.
-New rules for Homeless Childcare for non-DSHS eligible folks beginning February 1st: child must be a US citizen, single parent can't work or be in school

Trish, LCS: Chocolate and Champagne Fundraiser coming up February 24th:
<http://www.lcsnw.org/ccgala/index.html>
or call 747-8224 and RSVP to Lisa, tickets \$65/per person

Terri, Opengate: 8 served since August, 4 in permanent housing
Email opengate@live.com for more information

Amanda, First Story: 3 bd home available in Airway Heights, 30 year no interest loan for families at or below 80% AMI. Applications accepted through mid-February
www.firststory.org for more information and a link to the application

-Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM