

## **Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition Minutes for October 16, 2003**

### **Members Present:**

Christy McMurphy – Ks. SRS, Luella Sanders – COMCARE, Brad Schmidt – Prairieview, Scott Harding – University of Kansas – School of Social Welfare, Junell Norris - Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Inc., Beth Oaks – United Way of the Plains, Lisa Davis – intern for Christy McMurphy – Ks. SRS, Randy Crandall – VA Medical Center, Gary Miller – Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center, and Gypsy Claar – People’s Net.

### **Guests Present:**

Daryl Rutschmann – Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved and Randy Lingelback – Phoenix Project.

The meeting was held at the Washburn University Campus in Topeka at the conclusion of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Homeless Summit. Chairperson Randy Crandall called the meeting to order at 4:30. Board Members introduced themselves to our guests attending this meeting.

### **Presentations:**

Daryl Rutschmann representing the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved presented a proposal for the Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition to submit on behalf of the State of Kansas an application for a Social Security Grant. This grant would be a statewide approach to build and coordinate services on a statewide level to provide Social Security assistance to homeless individuals. The Social Security Grant title is “Cooperative Agreements for Homeless Outreach Projects and Evaluations (HOPE) - #SSA-OPDR-08-02. The Coalition’ role would be to collect data and grant administration. It was decided to do a joint application between member agencies and the Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition.

Randy Lingleback representing the Phoenix Project presented a proposal to develop a web side, 30 and 15 second public service announcements and hard print media to coincide with public service announcements. The theme of the media package would be built around “You are My Sunshine. The televised public service announcements would highlight children, families, and veterans.

Randy Crandall has spoken with Amy Aritz regarding financial support for this endeavor. The Coalition would need to submit a grant application to KHFC by November 2003. Amy is excited about this project and is willing to back our application to KHFC. Luella Sanders had some questions regarding the type of media and the expense of public service announcements. Brad Schmidt had general questions regarding the proposal. In general the members of the Coalition felt it was necessary to ask for more than the necessary funds (\$9,500.00) to ensure adequate staffing and funds to carry through with this proposal. Members of the Coalition were going to continue to discuss this project and communicate with Randy Crandall a ‘yes’ or ‘no’ vote to proceed with this proposal.

### **Continuum of Care:**

A handout for Exhibit One was provided to Coalition members. The issue was to determine who was in charge of the Balance of State Continuum of Care. Luella Sanders made a motion that the Continuum of Care Sub-Committee would be a part of the Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition. This motion was seconded by Christy McMurphy and Scott Harding. Motion passed.

### **Minutes:**

The Minutes of July 16, 2003, were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Beth gave the Treasurer's Report. There was some discussion about introducing a tax deductible donation for Kansans to make on their annual taxes – a check off box that would be printed on all state tax forms. This would need to be introduced and approved by the Legislature.

**Summit 2004:**

The next summit will be held in Lawrence.

**New Business:**

Randy Crandall reminded Coalition Members to participate in providing input and information into the State of Kansas revised Consolidated Plan.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on January 22, 2004 at the Salvation Army office in Emporia.

Respectfully Submitted By

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Secretary