



# Topeka/Shawnee County Homeless Task Force

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## Minutes September 9, 2009

### Corrie Wright – Shelter Plus Care Annual Report

Corrie Wright of Topeka HND gave some summary information from the annual report for Shelter Plus Care. During the year they had added 28 new chronically homeless for the year. She indicated that they had housed 188 Single individuals during the year which was 171percent of the application target of 110. She also reported that they housed 48 families which was 65percent of the application target of 74.

### Jeff Karas – Implementation of Homeless Prevention Rapid Rehousing.

Jeff Karas of Topeka Rescue Mission reported that the Mission will enter a new phase on September 15<sup>th</sup> when it will implement a program in conjunction with the City of Topeka HND to take applications from their clients for HPRP funding. This program is targeted towards the first time homeless, and is not focused on those homeless who fall under other programs, such as veterans, the chronic homeless, those with a chronic disability or those with substance abuse history.

### Corrie Wright/Shirley Thompson – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual meeting of No More Victims – Hope for the Homeless

Shirley Thompson was unable to attend the meeting so Corrie Wright gave a report on the Shelter Plus Care Support Group which meets on the third Thursday of each month. This group, which runs its own meetings, makes its own agendas and keeps its own minutes, has effectively been at work for almost one year. The group is planning a one year anniversary meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> to celebrate their activities. All HTF members are invited.

### Kim Swinney – Vote on change in by-law.

Kim Swinney reported on a proposed amendment to the bylaws which would revise procedures for the Nominating Committee in nominating the chair-elect. The proposal was placed as a motion, seconded and carried.

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### **Announcements**

Nancy Johnson reported on meetings held with Harvesters from Kansas City regarding their services including cooking classes and food distribution programs.

Nancy also mentioned that the first Tool Kit for Life meeting will be held September 9 at the Library.

Lewis Kimsey of SRS reported that SRS via Liep will accommodate the payment of old past-due utility bills when those are keeping homeless from obtaining new housing.

Kansas Legal Services announced a contract with SRS to teach a 12 week curriculum to expectant mothers on nutrition and various life skills.

Doug Wallace of Valeo reminded members of the tenth Statewide Homeless Summit to be held October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration can be accomplished on line.

Corrie Wright reported on the Continuum of Care registration for the Topeka/Shawnee County CofC which was put through on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Michael Bradley reported on the opening of the Villages in Lawrence on October 16. Contact him for an invitation to the opening. 267-5900 Ext 104.

Karen Peterson announced a meeting of the Affordable Housing Subcommittee to be held following the current meeting.

### **In attendance:**

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Chris Kratochvil – HCCI

Doug Wallace – Valeo

Jeff Karas – TRM

John Johnston – THA

John Castello – CRC

John Homlish – Community Action

Karen Peterson – SRS Retired

Kim Swinney – KLS-TMAP

Ellen Maxine Yager – VA

Michael Bradley – The Villages

Nancy Johnson-CRC

Anna Bailey – KLS/TMAP

Lewis Kimsey – SRS

Tammy Adams – ValueOptions

Charlene Wallace – Fam Service & Guidance

Corrie Wright - Topeka HND

Chris Bush – KLS/TMAP

Lea Vincent – KLS

Catherine Yoder – Breakthrough House, Inc.

Christy McMurphy – SRS

Paul Rasmussen – Heartland Community