



Topeka/Shawnee County Homeless Task Force

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DATE: 2-9-2011, call to order by Melissa Nolte

minutes by G.R. Laughlin, CRC Rep.

Present: Tammy Adams/Value Options, Dora Coronel/HND, Randy Crandall/VA, Diane Etzel-Wise/KS Statewide Homeless Coalition, John Homlish/ComAction, Nancy Johnson/CRC, Jeff Karas/TRM, Jessica Kejr/Harvesters, G.R. Laughlin/CRC, Shelly Lowery/LetsHelp, Kelly Matthews/Cornerstone, Janlyn Nesbett-Tucker/TMTA, Melissa Nolte/KLS/TMAP, Martha Stanley/Cornerstone, Kim Swinney/KLS, Charlene Wallace/FSG, Doug Wallace/Valeo, Ben Whisnant/Topeka Aids Proj, Corrie Wright/COT HND, Heather Davis/VA, Justyn Hosman/TRM, Ann Elliott/usd437, Coleen Kidd/usd437, Gregory Simms/ARC

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP
PIT Update by Doug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doug Wallace gave Point in Time update, Volunteers made the difference for administering the count. TRM did a wonderful job advertising the count for that day. We had tables setup at Let's Help and TRM where the majority of Homeless were located. Thanks so much to Let's Help, State of Kansas, Value Options and TMTA (200 bus passes) for everyone's donations. Hygiene kits, hand knitted stocking caps/gloves/scarf's, flash lights, Bus Passes. Awesome Team Together!!!! 	Thanks again to all that helped, PIT committee & Sgt. Ekis with the TPD keeping us all safe!
HMIS & Education Policy Votes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HMIS had Jeff Karas-Move, 2nd by Doug Wallace then a passing vote Education had Charlene Wallace-Move, 2nd by Corrie Wright then a passing vote 	Post Policies in HTF Manual & copy Exec. Board-G.R.
Homeless Kids Awareness Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melissa Nolte reviewed the following publications; 2010 Kids Count Data Book by The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kansas Kids Count Indicators, Education for Homeless Children & Youth (McKinney-Vento) 2010-2011 Fact Sheet (revised 7/29/2010) and Title! Homeless set aside use of funds Fact Sheet (revised 8/5/2010) Risk areas noted were Infant mortality rate up 16% and % of children in poverty up 25%. Positive item noted was % of teens not in school down 50% 	Each month review and discuss Homeless Kids by Melissa or Meeting Leader
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrators want a better definition of Homelessness-Diane Etzel-Wise says that HEARTH Act will provide that answer 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion around no standard intake form for students across the state, why? Needs to be more standardized? 	Corrie to bring usd501 intake form to next meeting
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Randy Crandall from the VA updates group on VA Summit, 6 pillar plan, measureable steps, address barriers, 5 year plan, deadline 2/14/2011 submission of meeting findings to gov't, HUDVASH program has shown progress, introduced new staff member Heather Davis. Prevention is Key, collaborate with local assets. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operation Street Reach by TRM/Justyn Hosman is being constructed currently. Raising Awareness of HTF in the Community, bring your ideas to the next meeting for topics 	



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