

**WCICCC Full Continuum Meeting & Conference Call**  
**Meeting Location: MCS Community Services, 345 West State, Jacksonville**  
**Conference Call Number: 309-298-3680**  
**November 10, 2011, 10:30 a.m.**

**Attendance:**

Anne Dixon, WIRC, Macomb  
Amanda Davis, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs/WIU, Macomb  
Barb Baker Chapin, Transitions of Western Illinois, Quincy  
Catherine Swanson, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs/WIU, Macomb  
Cynthia Grawe, Madonna House, Quincy  
Jim Kaiser, ROE #1, Adams/Pike  
Krista Kunz: ROE #46, Brown/Cass/Morgan/Scott  
Lori Miller, Mosaic, Macomb  
Lori Sutton, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs/WIU, Macomb  
Mary Muehlenfeld, YWCA of Quincy  
Tammi Lonergan: MCS Community Services, Jacksonville  
Tia White: supportive housing

**Agenda**

1. **Guest Speaker: Bruce Carter, Director at The Wells Center, Jacksonville:** provides outpatient substance abuse treatment and prevention. Due to funding cutbacks, Wells center is receiving referrals from wider area. Serve pregnant women. Morgan, Scott, jersey (prevention). Started bc of meth problem. Alcohol, marijuana, and at least one other drug, usually cocaine, meth, prescription medication, heroin. Bath salts and synthetic marijuana use is being seen now. IL Dept of Corrections/IL Dept of Juvenile Justice partnership. Drug of choice for Chicago: heroin. Downstate: cocaine/marijuana. Unusual: rural areas. 54% male, 46% female clientele. Housing is a big problem for clientele. Relapse occurs when clients return to the place where they used to use drugs. Have waiting list contracts with DHS: Alcoholism & substance Abuse. Accept insurance and Medicaid.
2. **Provider Update/Personnel Changes:**
  - A. Mary: No personnel changes. 2 women successfully graduated the program from permanent supportive housing. Interviewing a client from Well's center. 2 openings, but they are expected to be filled very soon. 4 new units done by July.
  - B. Cindy: 1 opening: family of 3. 2 new staff members starting next week.
  - C. Lori Miller: No personnel changes. 2 openings in Bushnell, both 1 bedroom, at 2 different sites.
  - D. Jim: Feds will be visiting for evaluation during December.
  - E. Tammy: New Director, Dusty Douglas, also Morgan County Regional Planner. Adding 2 more units of transitional, paperwork submitted, but awaiting approval. 3 units available.
  - F. Krista: No changes
  - G. Anne: No changes, still full.
  - H. Barb: received grant to do survey for housing for people with disabilities.
3. **CoC Grant**

\$680,000 grant submitted at the end of October. 1 renewal, 1 reallocation (MCS added units, YWCA applied to use excess funds) YMCA: 2 units.
4. **HMIS Upgrade HMIS**
  - a. Would like to incorporate more questions about education and veterans. WIRC MCS YWCA willing to help. Waiting to hear back from Two Rivers and Salvation Army. Cost is \$89 per agency.
  - b. CoC Checkup Webinar: Lori, Tammi, Mary attended. Self administered process to evaluate readiness to implement Hearth. Stage 1: Key Stakeholder assessment Now-January 13. One needs to represent HPRP or Emergency Shelter Grant.
5. **Guest speaker: Tia White, Coming Home Campaign Coordinator of Supportive Housing Association:** 7700 Campaign: since 2008 when PIT count + other info was used to calculate the number of individuals who were going to be transitioned out of institutions for the mentally diseased around the state. Unmet need 7700. SHIPA launched Coming Home campaign to expand permanent supportive housing. 3 class action lawsuits related to Olmstead Act: despite disabilities, people should be housed in the community rather than institutions, if they don't need or choose not to be institutionalized. Launch of coming Home Campaign will be in conjunction with the annual regional meetings at the end of Jan/beginning of Feb. in Chicago, Bloomington, Mt. Vernon. Continuums are invited to join as partners to help spread the word and develop housing. Will send Lori a Memorandum of Understanding, to

become more aware of ways to help the Coming Home Campaign. Training and networking are also available from Supportive Housing Association. Tia requests that housing updates be shared with SHA in order to show legislators that more support is needed and being developed. CoC partnership with SHA can help to educate communities on PSH, and illustrate the importance of PSH to legislators.

**6. Other**

- a. Point-in-Time Sheltered Count: Wednesday, January 26, 2012
- b. Guest speakers are needed for February and May. Send any suggestions to Mary, Susan, Anne, or Lori.

**7. Meeting Schedule:**

- a. Jan. 12, 2012, 10:30 a.m. Steering Committee Conference Call
- b. February 9, 2012, 10:30 a.m. Full Continuum Meeting/Conference Call, Western Illinois Regional Council, 223 South Randolph, Macomb, guest speaker to be announced
- c. March 8, 2012, 10:30 a.m. Steering Committee Conference Call
- d. April 12, 2012 10:30 a.m. Steering Committee Conference Call
- e. May 10, 2012, 10:30 a.m. Full Continuum Meeting/Conference Call, YWCA of Quincy, 639 York Street, Quincy, guest speaker to be announced