

Hennepin South Services Collaborative

Self Sufficiency Coordination Team

Summary 4-13-10

Attended By: Susan Bongaarts, HC; Jim Downie, MN Workforce Center; Pat Rigoni, Bloomington Public Health; Clare MacDonald-Sexton, HSSC

Objective/Mission

To facilitate solutions to support people participating in the MFIP program, unemployed individuals, and those working and remaining in poverty, move toward self-sufficiency.

Announcements/Updates

- Penelope 35 still has openings in their independent living apartments for folks 62/older.
- April 19th 11:15am -1pm -- Seminar on Stigma and Mental Illness, Presenter: NAMI, ED, Sue Abderholden
- Cornerstone is having a fund raiser at the MOA, Walk A Mile in Her Shoes. The focus is to promote men taking a stand against domestic violence. Men pay \$25 to walk a half a mile in heels as demonstration of their support. See Cornerstone's website for more information.
- Unemployment extension bill is going to the floor and looks like it will pass.

Work plan Issues and Activities

Working Skills and Support—Seminar

Seminar Focus: Provide information on programs receiving stimulus/new federal funding that support self-sufficiency.

Agenda & Speakers:

9am-Welcome

9:05am-Unemployment & the State of the State-Jim Hegman

10:05am BREAK

10:20am Workforce Investment Act-- George Ryan

11:10am Dislocated Worker Program-- Steve Barker

12noon CAPSH—HIRED-SHARRA employment counseling Judy Swanson

12:20pm Evaluation & Close

Speaker details:

- Speakers will include statistics on use of the program, eligibility, application processes, included services, what a participant can expect, how services/ benefits change over time, appeal processes if applicable, and extensions if applicable
- Q & A time at the end of each presentation.
- **PPT presentations and any additional handouts should be received by April 22nd.**

Date: Tuesday, May 4th 9am-12:30pm

Location: Creekside, Room 105, 9801 Penn Ave. S.,Bloomington, MN 55431

Hennepin South Services Collaborative

Team Members Tasks:

TASK	Team Member	Date to be Done
handouts, agenda, evals., certificates	Clare	
Folder Prep	Pat & Clare	
Set UP	Creekside	
Registration	Susan & Jim	
Coffee	Clare	
Bagels and Cream Cheese	Michelle???	
Clean UP	Jim, Pat, Kerry	

NOTE: Program Summaries

In February, the team discussed posting the information from this seminar on the HSSC website and agreed to provide a summary on the programs presented. Patricia, Michelle, and Susan volunteered to record a summary for the presentations and send these electronically to Clare to be compiled for review by presenters and posting on the HSSC website.

- Patricia will cover the Unemployment
- Michelle will cover Workforce Reinvestment Act
- Susan will cover Displaced Workers Projects
- Clare will cover SHARRA

III. Navigating the Waters VIII

The team reviewed the recommendations from the October 2009 meeting:

- Start the workshop with information about the booklet and where to find it.—PPT Slide posted during registration
- Welcome: Include a request of the participants to take any side conversations out of the seminar space.
- Reserve a time for questions at the end of each presentation rather than while speakers are presenting.

The team decided on the following topics:

- Susan B. will start with an overview of the breadth of services provided by HC from a direct link to the HC website-- move into self sufficiency related services
- Emergency Assistance
- Healthcare
- Multicultural Services
- Open Q & A—Ask the County

Date and location: September 2010—Clare will contact Howard at Normandale

Next Meeting

**Tuesday, June 1st, 1:00 - 2:30 pm
at Cornerstone**

Please note the team is trying to move these meetings to the first Tuesday of the month.