

FAITH-BASED / SERVICE PROVIDER OUTREACH TEAM NOTES | APRIL 2016

IN ATTENDANCE: Dawn Adams, Kathy Albright, Zachary Alexander, Gabriel Bockus, Dean Couch, Keith DeVries, Bettye Dobkins, Matt Gay, Lena Hackett (with Community Solutions), Don Hawkins, Ryan Hayes, Sheryle Jefferson, Leslie Kelly, Kadilyn Knief, Keshia Knight, Leon Longard, Cal Nelson, Kirk Taylor, Teresa Wessel, Kay Wiles, Ed Wilkes, Alan Witchey

Faith-Based and Service Providers represented: Purpose of Life, Downtown Indy, Horizon House, Meet Me Under the Bridge, Food4Souls, God's Open Arms, Shepherd, HIP, Kurt Taylor, Wheeler, Outreach Inc., Don Hawkins, Keith DeVries

FOOD FOR SOULS:

- There used to be a Faith-Based (FB) group that met; want to cut down on duplication of services and have better communication
- How do we integrate Faith and Professional Outreach
- Thanks to Horizon House they have been a good partner and Food4Souls will call Melissa and let her know what /who they are seeing out there – helps them get people connected
- FB Communities can fill the gaps
- They have gone to Penn Place and do meals and games once a month (Partners in Housing would like them to come do that at their places)
- FB could step up and visit people who are newly housed and help them stay housed

OTHERS:

- Sgt. Hipple calls the FB outreach folks more
- How do FB groups coordinate
- All folks have a role – it is good to have this as a part of the CoC
- All have to be in agreement about what they are trying to accomplish
- Challenge is that the “mom and pops” want to do their own thing
- Is there a place that people can donate bigger items?
- Is there a place to post what people need (day-to-day needs, camp needs, health care/SSI enrollment)
- Could there be a master schedule for daily needs?

OUTREACH INC.:

- Youth are put into housing and they need to be connected to a community; can we use the community rooms where the youth are placed at to do activities with them?

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OTHERS AGAIN:

- FB groups should be trained in Trauma Informed Care
- Need to make sure FB groups have “back up”
- Maybe we should have a conference for them
- Need to have info to give people about where they can go for resources
- Would be great to have a dedicated track of land that homeless people could camp on and be safe
- Clients need to have relationships and support networks – would be good to use this for that (have to figure out HIPPA)
- Need a more formal level of communication
- We need to know what to do – where we can be of the most help
- There was a web site for people to use to coordinate efforts but no one used it (indyhomelessconnections)
- Need to acknowledge past efforts and why those did not work
- Need to come to agreement on what we are trying to accomplish
- Have to think more broadly than “what do people need tonight”