



Items Relevant to Other Workgroups

- *Community Building and Communications:* The Employment subgroup continues to work on an outreach strategy on workforce development resources for the homeless.

Attendees

- *Andy Bennett*
- *Diane Barnum*
- *Kathy Bradley*
- *Alysia Babcock*
- *Susan Hornfeld*
- *Jeff Kaplow (PPA)*
- *David McConnell (PPA)*

Goals for This Meeting

- To share each task team's progress in addressing current action items and plan next steps.
- To discuss integrating the Employment and ISSS groups.

Discussion Items

Review of Progress on Action Items

Action 1.1: Review employment resources and successful strategies for providing employment services.

- The team is pulling together promising practices and creating a list for distribution to the workgroup.
- Although this task still seems to be in the information-gathering phase, the team will try to have the list ready for discussion at the next meeting.

Action 1.2: Expand and strengthen provider networks

- Jim and Susan ran a roundtable discussion at the MARO conference.
 - This proved to be a useful forum for gathering information from providers.
 - Several models of employment services for the homeless were discussed.
 - ◆ One option is to work through Michigan Works!, although there seem to be some difficulties in serving homeless populations through the One-Stops.
 - ◆ There was a discussion about the MPRI model and how that model is successful in bringing services together. Kathy said she would ask someone from her region who is familiar with the MPRI model to provide some background on MPRI at the next workgroup meeting.
 - ◆ MRS is creating a center to train people specifically to fill stated employer needs.
 - ◆ There is Department of Agriculture money (the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program) that goes along with food stamps for employment, but that currently goes virtually untapped.
 - Susan will look into this further.

- Susan also has some survey responses to pass around to the workgroup
- Everyone seemed to agree that these populations need wrap-around services.
- Next steps for this task will be deciding what to do with the information gathered about provider networks.
 - MARO seems to be interested in being part of something bigger.
 - It is possible that providers might be more successful going after federal dollars as a large group, but some communities seemed to think that their needs were too specific to their locale for this to be effective.

Action 1.3: Develop strategies for outreach on workforce development resources

- The team is identifying target audiences for outreach and how best to make people aware of services.
- The general consensus is to revisit this task and see how to put together an actual outreach plan.
 - It was suggested that it might actually be easier to develop a plan once we have our message.

Action 4.2: Develop strategies for overcoming transportation barriers

- This action is being undertaken by both subgroups.
 - Paul Beiring has taken the lead on this from the ISSS side, and he has put together a list of some promising approaches.
 - The two teams will be combined to consolidate efforts.
- Jeff will forward on to the group the list that Paul has put together. Diane will reach out to the other members of this newly combined task team.

Combining the Employment and ISSS Groups

- Everyone agrees that this is a good idea.
- Since this meeting time seems to work for everyone, we will most likely use this time.
- DHS will be the meeting place for anyone who is able to attend in person.

Communication Items

- We could include something about the roundtable discussion in the e-newsletter.
- Jeff explained that John Rio had contacted him regarding Community Employment Pathways (CEP). There will be a CEP forum in Detroit this month. Jeff will send additional details to the group.
- The Campaign Web site will go live very soon.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be July 8, 2009.
- Future meetings will be combined meetings between the ISSS subgroup and the Employment subgroup. Meetings will continue to be held on the second Wednesday of the month from 2:00-3:30 p.m.