

**North Central Oklahoma Continuum of Care Meeting Minutes**  
**October 1, 2015**

The North Central Oklahoma Continuum of Care met Thursday, October 1, 2015, at CDSA in Enid, Oklahoma. Chair Jennifer Haney called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**Attendees:** Jennifer Haney- Northern Oklahoma Youth Services (NOYS); Jana Nelson-(Mission Of Hope); Stephanie Akins-(Mission Of Hope); Cheri Ezzell-CDSA; Barry Graddick- CDSA; Earlene Click- Youth and Family Services-Enid; Joanna Moats-Youth and Family Services-Enid; Tree Perkins- Youth and Family Services-Enid; Patti Graham, Wings of Hope Family Crisis Services; John Dessauer- Community Service Council; Scott Blackburn- Community Service Council; Amanda Doran- Domestic Violence Program of North Central OK (DVPNCO)  
Melissa Brumley- HMIS - United Way Ponca City

**Introductions and Minutes:** Members reviewed the minutes from the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Corrections to be made: Stephanie asked for email addresses to be changed. Note:

[Jana@stillwatermoh.org](mailto:Jana@stillwatermoh.org) and [Stephanie@stillwatermoh.org](mailto:Stephanie@stillwatermoh.org) Mission of Hope had been a partner with Central Oklahoma Community Action Agency (COCAA), but is now revamping their programs and transferring to Stillwater Housing Authority. Mr. Glen Redding is the Director of Stillwater Housing Authority. Glen Redding is the Executive Director of Stillwater Housing Authority.

Motion made by Patti Graham to accept the minutes with the corrections. Motion seconded by Jana Nelson. Minutes taken by Patti Graham.

Program Updates:

**Patti Graham-Wings of Hope Family Crisis Services reported:**

Shelter is full. October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. Domestic violence awareness events include Metamorphosis Fashion Show, which will be held tonight at the First Presbyterian Church at 6:30pm. A vigil will be held at the Payne County Courthouse east lawn on October 29<sup>th</sup> to remember those who lost their lives to domestic violence, and to celebrate the survivors.

**Amanda Doran- Domestic Violence Program of North Central OK (DVPNCO) reported:**

Shelter full, but willing to refer to other agencies. October DV Awareness event- Six Nations Walk is October 16<sup>th</sup> in honor of Janett Reyna. Terri Nicoli, dv survivor, will be peaking on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Tree Perkins and Joanna Moats- Youth and Family Services (Enid) reported:**

Youth and Family Services- Grant writing; helping get foster care program functional; runs once a week; active parenting class; working on several support programs for foster families. Shelter has 8 kids-huge staffing challenges. Transitional program going well. Looking for apartments for those who are transitioning.

**Melisa Brumley-United Way Ponca City reported:**

ESG updates coming. Focus this month is renewal-make sure HMIS is 100% accurate. Statewide ESG meeting October 21<sup>st</sup>. More updates to come via email.

**John Dessauer and Scott Blackburn from Community Service Council reported:**

Brrx Program got refunded for next fiscal year. Want to hire more staff. Efforts in Tulsa to end homelessness of veterans is a priority. Would like to have more direct referrals from agencies rather than from 211. Wants to make it easier for agencies to refer to them.

Coffee Brinker: place for Vets to come. Wed-employment day; Thursday-Homeless day; Tues 11-3 Women only; Sat 11-10-11-11; They can use computers, get clothes, haircuts, food and coffee

**Cherri Ezzell-CDSA reported:**

8 walk-in homeless in 3 days; 3 DV victims; homeless packets given away; more walk-ins than usual. Cheri is doing exhibit 1 for the Continuum. She may email agencies for info; talked about members that we want to attend CoC meetings.

**Jana Nelson and Stephanie Akins- Mission of Hope reported:**

Full shelter; one unit open in transitional housing, but moving someone in-helped families, who are very grateful for the support; 61 served last month; “Ecstatic” over their move from COCCA to Stillwater Housing.

**Jennifer Haney –Northern Oklahoma Youth Services (NOYS) reported:**

CASA program in office-expanded to Perry. NOYS participated in CANSA Health Fair; Hired several part time counselors who are under supervision; Working with youth; openings for child care workers. Shelter has been revolving but full; Program for incarcerated parents-children and all that affects them because parents are in jail. Jen experienced having to go to jail. Care 180 program(Kay Co. program) educating students: teaching them where to keep their prescription meds; using many OSU extension programs to supplement NOYS; Oct 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> - The Drug Store event to make community aware of the impact of substance abuse. The Drug Store Court includes reenactments of tragedies-car wrecks; hospitals and ambulances, etc.,

**HMIS:**

Report from Melisa will be emailed. See attached.

**ESG Updates and Changes:**

Melisa will email information to the members. See attached.

**COC Grant Information:**

Renewal grants are due by October 20<sup>th</sup>. COC Rating and Ranking Committee needs to recruit new members. Bonus project- extra \$83,793. Application process should be completed by October 20<sup>th</sup>

**New Business:**

Amanda reported there are several challenges with homeless men since Salvation Army closed. Inquired about ways to fill the gap and assist the homeless. Suggestion: Local church leaders should join the Continuum in order to brainstorm solutions.

**Next Meeting:**

Thursday, November 5, 2015 at Payne County Youth Services 224 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. Stillwater, OK 74074

**Adjourn**

Jana Nelson made a motion for meeting to adjourn. Melisa seconded the motion.