

**Safety Net Alliance**  
**Meeting Minutes July 20, 2011**

Introductions and Announcements

- Newport High School and Middle School are now required to wear uniforms. Some organizations may get together to provide assistance with this need.

Updates/Discussion Points

- Executive Committee Updates:
  - Virtual case manager has the capabilities to share information about families with other organizations. The user fee is \$25 per staff person per month. The program had tech support; it will not replace our website but enhance it.
  - Executive committee vacancy. Sarah from United Way will be leaving so there will be an opening on the committee and there will be another opening soon. Will be asking for nominations in September and voting in October.
  
- Committee Updates:
  - Food Program Committee is working on the Postal workers drive.
  - Website Committee is dividing out Brittany's responsibilities. Working on a discussion page. They will welcome anyone who would like to be on the committee.
  - Outcomes and Reporting Committee is going to be taken over by Jennifer Steele. They are tracking a wider scope of outcomes for grants. They are asking agencies receiving funds from SNA to submit success stories.
  
- Workgroups:
  - Emergency Assistance Workgroup is going to pilot their program starting with St Vincent de Paul, United Ministries and Brighton Center. They are going to try and centralize an intake form from agency to agency so that families do not have to go from organization to organization trying to find help. Want to start testing to see what implications there are.
  - Training Workgroup- possibly set trainings for Strategic Planning and Basic Computer training.
  - Housing Workgroup- on hold. Plan to end homelessness presentation within the next couple months.

3 Best Kept Secrets about our Services

United Way

- They have a 211 database online where you can set up your agencies information on their website. Go to [www.uwgc.org](http://www.uwgc.org) and click on the 211 link.
- Siemer Family Foundation provides 6-12 months intensive case management through the Stable Families program for families with school age children. Goal is to help families stay in their house so children don't get disrupted from school.

Brighton Center

- The number of services provided, from birth to elderly.

- Have hands in everything in the community such as schools, churches etc.

#### St. Augustine Parish Outreach

- Serve only City Heights which has about 900-1,000 residents.
- If their families are not working or in school they have to have community service hours.

#### Senior Services

- Congregated meals delivered to senior centers.
- Transportation assistance for senior to their medical appointments only.
- Received funds from New Freedom which opens up the transportation assistance to disabled people of all ages to medical appointments.
- Ombudsman program where they advocate for seniors in nursing homes and independent living.
- Animeals on Wheels program provides food for seniors animals who are on the Meals on Wheels program.

#### St Vincent de Paul

- Families do not have to be Catholic in order to receive services.
- They pick up donations.
- Cousins to the Cincinnati location but no connections to them.
- Very community involved- help families within two mile radius.

#### I Have Wings

- Individuals do not have to be undergoing treatment to receive services. They can help caregivers or survivors too.
- They are flexible with what they can help families with such as help with dentist.

#### Welcome House

- They have a resource pantry once a month. Appointments only on the second Tuesday of the month.
- Kings Crossing is about to open.
- They have 8 apartments for families with disabilities.

#### Children's Home

- Closed referral to 70 children and families. Clinical work outreach and support so children can stabilize with families.

#### NKCAC

- Partnered with Bank On to get the unbanked banked.
- Weatherization program- free for families 200% below poverty. They serve all 9 counties.

#### Pantry of Hope

- Grown since joining Safety Net Alliance.
- Help with holidays, birthdays, diapers, food etc.
- Funded solely by private donors, SNA and fund raisers.
- Serve anyone no questions asked.
- Only open on Saturdays.

#### United Ministries

- Have a wide variety of services such as case management, food pantry, clothing, etc.
- Thrift shop prices are better than anywhere.
- Will pick up large donations.
- Serve most of Kenton and all of Boone.

## VA

- The hospital is better than it used to be. It is modern and clean.
- Domiciliary has open beds for vets, male and female.
- Military Central Trauma can help vets who were not honorably discharged or discharged for other reasons.

## NKCAC Boone

- They have USDA Commodities on Fridays.
- They look at the whole family- help with resumes, help find jobs and apartments.

## Health Department

- They have a dedicated workforce.
- Their list of services is expansive.
- Hours of the clinics have expanded. Bob will send out alert with times.

## National MS Society

- They are not a part of Jerry's Kids.
- Covers a multitude of services and 27 counties.
- Ability to leverage funding to provide to families.