

HTSAC

Addiction Recovery Project Committee

Minutes

January 9, 2006

Committee Members:

*Jan Brown, SpiritWorks Foundation (Chair)
*David Allen
*Sissy Allen
Karyn Painter

Ex Officio Members:

*Gina Thorne, HTSAC
*Karen Goins, HTSAC
*Darlene McCoy, HTSAC
*Alexis Michalos, HTSAC G.A.

Guests:

Bunkie Righter, SpiritWorks Board

Welcome & Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves and their organizations.

Transitional Housing

The Salvation Army Contract

Jan and Gina met with Capt. Shannon and Rosemary Hertlzer on December 19th to discuss the transitional housing contract. The location of the apartments will change because the apartments originally chosen are known for drug activity. Final approval is needed from the Salvation Army corporate office in Atlanta. The process, which began in January, 2005 was stalled because of other Salvation Army priorities. The committee suggested that clients be required to pay a small percentage toward the rent, but the Salvation Army does not have that requirement.

Rosemary will provide housing manager services. She has requested assistance in working with clients in substance abuse recovery and to learn more about working with the recovery community. Prospective clients have to be in treatment in order to be considered for an apartment. Future application requirements may allow tenancy for clients who did not go through a formal treatment program.

The group discussed marketing the availability of the apartments to various organizations such as Colonial Services Board, Peninsula Regional Jail. The Salvation Army will bill costs to the coalition on a quarterly basis.

Recovery House

The Salvation Army has purchased 12 acres of land in Toano. Five of the acres are available for purchase by SpiritWorks. The decision to sell will be made by the local Salvation Army Board and Director. The SpiritWorks Board will meet to discuss the purchase at their January 26th

meeting. The land would be used to build a recovery center that contained a job center, childcare information, and other resources to assist with day-to-day living.

Resource Guide

Alexis presented information on the updates she made to the 2001 provider listing. The list could be expanded if the resource guide were to include physicians and counselors who are certified for substance abuse treatment. The group discussed doing a mailing to determine the interest of other professionals on being listed in the resource guide with responses collected on the HTSAC website. Since so many of the individual counselors are outside the historic triangle catchment area, the group decided that the resource guide should only list historic triangle-area individual counselors and larger organizations from all locations. The guide will be distributed to area physicians, school counselors and other professional providers.

The group liked the format of a 4x6 GBC-bound directory that opened like a book. Suggestions included a one-word publication title, branding by color (green), a table of contents and a foreword from Jan. A fuller title would be printed lower on the cover in black lettering. The initial print will be 250 copies. The distribution date was pushed back to later in February.

Faith-Based Breakfast

The committee will partner with the Prevention Project committee for the faith-based breakfast and workshop planned for March. Jan expressed interest in learning more about The Johnson Institute's trainings on working with the faith community scheduled in February in Maryland. The group discussed a tentative agenda with Prevention presenting information on protective factors followed by an addiction recovery workshop. Further planning will take place at the February 6th Prevention meeting.

Awareness & Education Campaign

For Alcohol Awareness month in April, events include a film series in conjunction with The College of William and Mary's activities and, hopefully, a celebrity speaker. The group suggested inviting Mackenzie Phillips to participate. Jan said she would forward a list of possible movie titles. In addition to using the Kimball Theatre, movies can be shown in other College buildings.

Legislative Breakfast

Discussion on the Legislative Breakfast was deferred to the February meeting.

Announcements

Lights of Healing

Jan reported on the candlelit labyrinth walk held on December 27-29th at the Williamsburg Community Building. It was a good event with newspaper coverage in the Virginia Gazette. SpiritWorks will sponsor more labyrinth walks representing healing, awakening, peace and community transformation.

Spring 2006 Coalition Meeting

Recovery will be the focus of the Spring 2006 coalition meeting to be held in April during National Alcohol Awareness Month. Gina requested suggestions for guest speakers. The

agenda would include breakout sessions to discuss issues pertaining to recovery. The event will most likely be held at the James City-Williamsburg Community Center.

Next Meetings

Steering Committee: January 10, 1:30 p.m., HTSAC

Treatment Project Committee: January 17, 10:30 a.m., HTSAC

Addiction Recovery Project Committee: February 6, 5:30 p.m., HTSAC. Dinner will be provided.