**GRANT COUNTY HOMELESS TASKFORCE**

**GENERAL MEETING**

**Agenda**

**January 9th, 2017**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Platteville High School Guidance Office**

**Meeting Room**

**Present: Judy Goke, Andrea Droessler, Todd Kasper, Emily Heiring, Maggie O, Robin Cline, Edina Haussler, Nancy Olson, Bev Doll, Nancy Bongers**

**Agenda Items –**

1. Treasure Report – Maggie – See reports dated November 2016 and December 2016. Our current balance is $2,537.94
   1. Scrip sales/order – we will need to order more
2. Platteville Shelter Updates – empty at the moment but likely will be a family soon
3. Updates from SWCAP – Michelle
4. Point in Time Planning – January 25 – It is required by the state and federal government to count homeless population. The count cannot officially start until 11pm on Jan. 25th and then it runs through the night until 6am on Jan. 26th. Without the count, we cannot as a county be eligible for continued funding.

Sargent Casper from Grant Co Sheriff Dept stated that they would like 3 volunteers for ride alongs for the count. Maggie will drop off the hygiene kits to Platteville PD. Todd will pick up some of the kits for the County ride alongs that night.

If UWP students (or any volunteer)are interested in helping with the point in time count they may contact Todd Kasper, Grant Co Sheriff Dept at 608 723-9956 or Andrea Droessler at 348-2313. Or they may call Michelle Friedrich at SWCAP at 608 935-2623. The ride along with Grant County would start around 8 or 9pm and last until 2 or 3am. Background checks would need to be done by Jan. 21st 2017 for Platteville. Todd Kasper would need to know by Jan. 22nd or 23rd.

We will send out an electronic copy of the Volunteer Flyer for the Point in Time Count to Edina and Robin at UWP. Between them, they believe they will be able to get at least 4 interested and eager UWP students to help with the Point in time count on Jan. 25th, 2017.

If we do not have enough students for the ride alongs, then Maggie will volunteer.

Michelle was asked to send the forms to Bev who will then forward them to Edina, Robin, Todd and Andrea and members of the task force.

1. Family Promise Updates – Hannah – There are currently no families in the Family Promise program. The question was raised as to why we have had so few families engage in the program. We need to keep in mind that we need to refer to Hannah rather than to try to explain the program ourselves to maintain a consistent approach and information delivery.
2. Other - Judy brought up the point that it would be best practice to have the potential Shelter residents complete a release of info for both SWCAP and the Grant Co Task Force on Homelessness in order to be allowed to do the background check and share the information with both SWCAP and the Task Force. We can further discuss when Michelle is present.

Bev asked about the Benvenutos fundraiser – Emily H will follow up and let Bev know. Bev will update and send the info out to the task force.

1. Next Meeting Date – February 13th at 5:30pm at Platteville High School.