

Meeting Minutes  
06/06/17  
Samaritan Place

**I. Attendance**

In attendance: Sandy Booher, Heather Majka, Rhea Ennist, Susan Long, Mary Catherine Willard, Katrise Thompson, Brad Hall, Jackie Mayo, Bill Tolley, April Tomlin, Bari Gerbig, Lorri Ryan, Lauren Stuart, Dottie Lyvers, Margaret Chuinard, Karen Partridge, George Shields, Darrell Griffin, Vivian Shipe, John Huff, Shelley Clemons, Misty Goodwin, Teresa Lawson, and Joseph Winberry

**II. Samaritan Place Tour**

Rhea Ennist, program leader, gave the CCR a tour of Catholic Charities' Samaritan Place. Samaritan Place provides emergency, transitional, and permanent housing for people 60 years and older. Rhea explained the processes for the services.

Emergency housing is free and lasts up to 30 days. During this process, Samaritan Place case managers help the client review their resources, obtain birth certificate or other documentation needed for housing, and establish medical care with a doctor's office if needed.

Transitional housing is \$400 monthly and usually lasts 6-8 months. The transitional period helps clients bridge the gap between their old situation and their future. Some clients transition out quickly, but those with health issues, those who are "down and out," or those who have been abused may end up staying longer.

Permanent housing makes up half of Samaritan Place housing. Permanent housing clients are usually those with dementia who can't live independently or are low income individuals who cannot afford assisted living. Those in permanent housing can live the rest of their lives in Samaritan Place or until they become too medically fragile. Samaritan Place is a non-medical facility that cannot accept clients who cannot perform activities of daily living.

Currently, Samaritan Place can house 31 with half of this being permanent housing. With additional financial support, the current facility could hold 40-42 on an emergency basis.

**III. Housing Options**

Joseph shared the results of the housing survey completed by CCR members. This survey will be used to guide the work of the Elder Abuse Housing Subcommittee. Those interested in being a member of the committee should let Joseph know.

Joseph also shared the elder abuse housing models used in Phoenix, Arizona and Memphis. Memphis received more than \$3 million from the Plough Foundation to support their coordinated response to elder abuse. This funding helps create housing options and legal help for elder abuse victims. Joseph said Knoxville could replicate this will support from several local foundations. There was some discussion of barriers to elder abuse emergency housing, but it will be discussed further by the Housing Subcommittee.

**IV. 2017 Meeting Schedule**

The CCR adopted the following schedule. All meetings are scheduled to be held at the O'Connor Center from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the day presented.

Wednesday, July 5

Tuesday, August 1

Tuesday, September 5

Tuesday, October 3

Tuesday, November 7

Tuesday, December 5

**V. Organization Updates**

Susan Long invited everyone to the June 8<sup>th</sup> Office on Aging's Council on Aging meeting which would be focused on scams targeting older adults.

Jackie Mayo shared on the groundbreaking of HomeSource East Tennessee's The Village at Holston. HomeSource East Tennessee is partnering with TennCare, the city of Knoxville and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to create family model housing where several older adults or those with disabilities will have their own room but share common space. The point of the project is to create affordable housing for those 62 and older or for those with disabilities. This is a test project with TennCare and could be the beginning of a new direction for low income seniors.

Joseph told the group about Tennessee's Commission on Aging and Disability's survey on legal services for seniors and encouraged members to complete the survey.

**VI. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Elder Abuse CCR will be Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:30 p.m. at the O'Connor Senior Center.