

Houma Regional Meeting Agenda

April 8, 2024; 1p - 2p

Meeting Platform: Google Meets

Note: This agenda will be updated in real time and made available to all that attended the meeting for future reference.

I. Roll Call

Name:	Agency:
Greg Gleason	Start Corp.
Brittany Brown	Amerihealth Caritas
Quintina Brown	Lafourche Parish School District
Kristen Gentry	Start Corp.
Heidi Williams	Firm Foundation
Nicole Ditch	Start Corp.
Casey Guidry	Start Corp.
Angel Porch	Start Corp.
Sherl Turner	Options for Independence
John Navy	American Red Cross
Roosevelt Thomas	Options for Independence
Theresa LeJeune	Lafourche Parish School District
Cynthia Thomas	
Tiffany Barrios	Crescent Care Exchange
Carrie Patterson	LHC
Antoine Foret	TPCG
Lesa Feazel	The Haven
Melanie Pierre-George	Start Corp.
Cassandra Adams	Start Corp.
Kelli Varnado	TPCG

II. Houma Region Agency Updates

- A. Beautiful Beginnings Shelter - anticipating for July 1, 2024 to open; final stages of rehabilitation underway; looking to replace lost items currently; same guidelines for eligibility
- B. The Bunkhouse - no representative on the call
- C. TPCG - 4 developers interested in developing Terrebonne affordable housing; 1 has been awarded; hopeful for 2; state is ending NCS April 30, 2024; awaiting further guidance
- D. South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority (SCLHSA) - no representative
- E. The Haven - SA Awareness month; please wear teal on Tuesdays; email Paige if you want pins; new pamphlets available - email Paige; shelter will be opening in the next few weeks
- F. City of Thibodaux - no representative
- G. Lafourche Parish School Board McKinney Vento - housing funding maxed out; will review budget and may have funds available to house families in hotel/motel at Carmel Inn in Thibodaux; families that are in need of groceries can contact Quintina Brown; parental day will be on 7/17/24 at 10a-2p at the Media Center in Lockport; agencies who want to participate in parental day should contact Kayla (klwilliams@mylpsd.com) vendors should set up for 9am
- H. Visions I/Options for Independence - 2 slots available on the Visions I subsidy; 18-30 with disability previously; however, the age restriction has been lifted for the current grant
- I. Crescent Care - no new updates
- J. Housing Louisiana - no new updates
- K. Start - behavioral health crisis center/mobile crisis response is now 24 hours; units can go out on crisis and can accept walk-ins at the Civic Center Blvd.; agency also started a PATH program; will now be able to also provide SOAR services
 - a. GPD - apartments are full; 1 bed available in the main house
 - b. SSVF - full but does have some room for new participants
 - c. Veteran's Shelter - no one currently at the shelter
 - d. CoC Programs - will possibly be adding new participants if budgets allow; otherwise all are full
 - e. Street Outreach/Coordinated Entry - working closely with TPCG and other community organizations to identify people experiencing homelessness; will be referring to SOAR for those who do not have disability income in place

- f. Wren Way - working on an additional 8 beds for Wren Way; currently working through Fire Marshall mandates
- g. ERAP - Emergency Rental Assistance/case management; assists with deposit and first month rent
 - i. Includes families who are in overcrowded housing or unstable housing
 - ii. To enroll, email Melanie (melanie.pierre-george@startcorp.org; 985-235-6171); wait list is about 2 weeks;
- L. LHC - training opportunities for the following: LCADV training in person in June/July; Equal Access training will be in May 2024 (mandatory for all CoC program projects; live and virtual attendance available)
- M. GOHSEP - 4/30/2024 deadline from director will be closing NCS; hard deadline; FEMA direct housing will continue until end of August 2024; case management will still be available through August at least; CDBG RRH may be able to service; Tyrone Keelan is the contact person for participants needing case management and needing housing plans; FEMA IA process as of 3/22/24 has changed; will forward info to the mailing list
- N. ARC - 5/13/24; 8a-4p, the parish, etc will have emergency preparedness summit; Terrebonne Civic Center; flyers will be available soon

III. Discussion: What does our region need?

- What do we need that we don't have?
 - Cassandra Adams - have been looking to referring to mainstream services; infrequent follow-through; SO has been encouraged to be more involved with ensuring compliance with referrals
 - Day Center will be opening April 29, 2024 (440 Magnolia St.).
 - Mon/Wed 9-3p;
 - Lunch, shower, laundry, local news, bathroom, phones, social activities, charging stations, computers, case management, Street Outreach, STD testing, connection to PCP and mental health services, SOAR assistance
 - Nicole Ditch - need access to documents that are required to access resources (ss card, birth certificate, etc);
 - Carrie Patterson - HMIS could be a good place to house documents; would become part of the HMIS record
 - Concern: some members voiced that the LSNDP ROI isn't strenuous enough to protect PHI

- Quintina Brown - Lafourche Parish McKinney-Vento can pay for birth certificates/ID when needed
 - Limitations include transportation to the Clerk of Court's office
- Casey Guidry - retired police officer in NOLA pays for IDs and transportation to DMV; may be useful in our area if a nonprofit available to spearhead something similar
- Shelters/transportation are areas of need
- Greg Gleason - would be beneficial to advertise housing availability in the community/within Start Corp or other agencies; be able to communicate which units/programs have availability
- Tiffany Barrios - when utility assistance opens up, maybe a centralized way to get information out to the community other than social media; per Kelli Varnado - notices are posted on website/social media; Alycee Naquin will disseminate via email when received from TPCG
- Bayou Community Foundation - may have resources for the community for various needs

IV. Open Floor

- A. A full general membership meeting of the LABOSCOC will be held on April 15, 2024 from 10a-11:30a.
 - Will be reviewing/voting the updated governance charter
 - Will be discussing committees, etc
 - Reinstating the good standing portion of the general membership; must attend 1 of the 2 general membership meetings
 - Good standing is required for CoC funded programs, renewal funding applications, new funding applications, voting privileges
 - Currently still virtual; considering in-person meetings again in the future

V. Close Meeting

- A. Please contact Alycee Naquin at alycee.naquin@startcorp.org to update the agenda for the next regional meeting.
- B. Schedule next meeting
 - a. Proposed date Monday, July 8, 2024 from 1p - 2p. An invitation will be sent out as it gets closer.