

JUNE WAM MEETING

People in attendance: Rev. Robert Barr, Salvation Army; Norm Almanson, Dayspring; Don Neifer, St. Marks Lutheran; Erin Hachtel, First UMC; Jo Tutolo, St. Aloysius; Jean Geist, Peace Lutheran; Joe Gerlett, BGSU social work student; Helen Dukes. Bill Thompson, UCF

Opening Prayer - Don Neifer

Minutes - lost in UCF move

Focus: FOLLOW-UP

Review of original plan vs. what we are doing

Helen feels that WAM is not doing what it originally set out to do. No one else agreed. Jo and Kady are doing fine – people are being helped and we have consolidated so the help is coming from one source rather than many churches having to be contacted. Helen thinks the churches aren't working together

Jo described procedure of how people are helped by WAM

It was then discussed whether churches should fill out form when they refer a person to WAM The Intake form which is now used has church affiliation. Erin asked whether Jo could find out from the clients if a church referred them or want someone from a church to call them. Jo explained that she is doing this by calling people (both folks we helped and those we were unable to help) to find out how they are doing. Helen believes we are not networking with churches because individual churches are not involved in helping people.

The group decided that what Jo was doing was fine but she needed more volunteers to make the follow up calls. A meeting was schedule for Tuesday, June 8 to train volunteers to make follow up calls.

The board then discussed what needs are being met and how we can find out where else we can send people for help – all the clients who are called are told where they can get food, clothes or furniture if needed. Jean Geist volunteered to research places in county where people can get help.

Next meeting

July 1 at 4 PM at Dayspring we hope – officers will be elected at next meeting

It was announced that every WAM Church should send at least two persons to the **Just Neighbors** training event at First United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 19, 2010 9:00 am – 5:00 pm