

# Wood County Area Ministries Agenda

February 4, 2010

4:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church – BG

Jan - 13 people helped  
5 couldn't assist

## Opening Prayer

Minutes – Bill Thompson

Office Happenings and Concerns – Kady Wolfe

New email address WoodCountyAreaMinistries@yahoo.com

Bridges Out of Poverty - Ohio Benefit Bank, Gayle Loyola

## Task Forces

### Housing

- Assessing the needs of the homeless in Wood County including current ministries
- Brainstorming ways to meet the needs of those who are on the brink of homelessness
- Moving us into housing ministries

### Transportation

- Assess transportation currently available. Create an easy-to-use brochure for those in need of transportation
- Explore new ways to meet the transportation shortage and bring ideas back to Council
- Encourage churches not housing a ministry to consider a transportation ministry.

### Visioning New Ministries

- Imagine new ways of meeting the basic needs of the people in our community through faith and compassion by empowering them to live self-sufficient and spiritually fulfilled lives
- Develop a WAM action plan for the next 3-5 years for the council's approval

### Community Partnership

- Create a data base of groups in Wood County concerned with meeting basic needs
- Seek cooperative ministries with other groups concerned with meeting basic needs and empowering people
- Share our vision and bring events/ ministries/and mutual concerns to the WAM Churches/ministries

### Church Identification

- Create and update the contact information for all churches in Wood County for communications purposes.
- Contact Churches to share our vision and to work cooperatively with them.
- Collect information on social concerns programs that are currently operating in county churches for our office to use.

### Communications

- Develop easy-to-use print communication materials for WAM churches/partners
- Develop easy-to-use print communication materials for WAM clients
- Find ways to share our story with the media on a regular basis
- Assist in keeping contact information for member churches up to date

### Follow-up

- Find persons in each church who would like to help people find ways to get out of poverty.
- Develop a training plan for these persons and make sure they are trained
- Work with the office/coordinator in making sure that each person who is not helped is immediately followed up and each person who is helped is followed up in two weeks by their initiating church.
- Bring ideas to the Council of ways churches can befriend, respect and create healthy relationships with those being served.

Proposal: A Hand Up Bob Barr

## Time for Our Ministries:

Benevolence Fund - Don Neifer

Computers for Charity – Jeff Kill

Food Pantries: Join the Food Pantry Network. Contact United Way 419-352-2390

## Closing Blessing: