

Barrier Busters—A Project of the HSCC Adults Action Group

July 28, 2004 555 Towner St., Ypsilanti, MI
1:30pm—3:00pm

BB Attendees: Kim Thompson, Patricia Parker-Self, Beth Manuel, Kathy Reynolds, Doug Plant, Jodi Trisdale, Dick Deighton, Hannele Waissi, Paul Sher, Lynda Marion, Tania James, Carolyn Hastings, Jenny Bivens, mary Beth Lampe, Mel Batkins, Monica Tijerina

Public:

Meeting Convened: 1:30pm

I. Welcome/Introductions:

- Meeting begins with a brief welcome and introductions.

II. Public Comment

- No Public comment at this time

III. New Business:

A. Barrier Buster leadership committee update

- Kathy Reynolds provides an update on the Eviction Reduction program. (see handout) Discuss the draft process form.
- There is discussion re: how to help people with eviction prevention before they actually have an eviction notice in hand. Thought to create a Barrier Buster form that landlords can fill out (or can be filled out by Barrier Buster over the phone) saying that someone is, indeed, behind on rent or in threat of receiving an eviction notice.
- The eviction reduction fund will include an element to encourage people to slowly pay back the amount used to help them out. This may be especially appropriate when helping people with mortgage payments.

B. Call Logs and Updates

- Call logs are turned in to Monica for tracking.

IV. Old Business:

A. Barrier Buster fund update

- Monica updates that the current fund balance is zero. Currently holding requests to be processed when renewed funds come in. We anticipate gaps in funding will cease when final funding from City, County, State and private agencies is decided on.

V. Announcements and Updates:

- Lynda Marion shares information on the services provided by the Center for Independent Living. If you have any questions, please see her contact information on the Barrier Buster contact form.

VI. Wrap Up and Next Steps

- At our next meeting we will focus on finalizing the Eviction Reduction Program process and doing training for Barrier Busters. THIS MEETING IS VERY IMPORTANT. As we begin to coordinate more funding, we will need to make sure that all Barrier Busters are aware of the most up to date processes and updates.
- The Next Barrier Buster meeting will be on Wednesday 9/29/04, 1:30pm to 3:00pm, 555 Towner, Ypsilanti

Adjourned 3:00pm