

SEACH

— SOUTHEAST AL COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS —

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SEACH -AL 508 Membership Meeting Minutes September 5, 2024

- Jack Porter, SEACH Homeless Programs Manager called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.
- David Jamison opened with prayer. Pledge said in unison.
- Adoption of previous month's minutes: Motion was made, seconded, and passed.
- Agency Introductions & Updates:
 - Lisa Eller with Christian Mission said to be on the lookout for the “No Address Movie”.
 - Peggy Contreras with Coffee County ASA announced monthly meeting will be held at The Bridge on the second Wednesday of the month.
 - Dr. Paula Downie, VAMC announced that September is Suicide Prevention Month. They have gun locks available for anyone interested.
 - Linda J- Mary Hill Family Service Center- They serve Ozark and Dale County and offer anger management and family resilience classes.
- Committee Updates:
 - Vickie Alleman provided a Veterans Committee update. They are working on a grant to provide temporary housing to veterans. They will also be having a coat and blanket drive very soon.
 - Tera Wells provided PIT Committee update. Announced that the HUD TA's will be present at next month's meeting to talk about the PIT Count for January 2025.
- Guest Speaker- Pam Holton- The House of Ruth
 - They offer support groups in shelter and out of shelter. Out-of-shelter groups are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm at Bibleway.
 - Explained domestic violence is a control issue, not an anger issue.
 - Provided copies of Power and Control Wheel and brochure with safety planning information.
 - Explained that community collaborations are important. The House of Ruth can always use donations of toiletry items, diapers, food, and monetary gifts. In addition, they have volunteer opportunities available.
 - There is a need for a batterer's intervention program in this area. Only anger management is available.
- Guest Speaker- Jessica Hughes & Sky Stricklin- Spectracare
 - Most Veterans who die by suicide die by firearm. Firearm suicide death made up 72.2% of the overall Veteran suicides in 2021
 - Explained the Suicide Prevention Grant and the services offered including providing gun locks, disseminating information, and community partnerships.
 - There will be a Veterans Conference on September 20th.

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- Gun locks were provided.
- For further information about suicide prevention services, please contact Jessica Hughes at jhughes@spectracare.org

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 pm.

Agencies Represented: Genesis Associates, City of Dothan, Legal Services Alabama, Houston/Henry Co ASA, Wiregrass 211, Spectracare, The House of Ruth, Coffee County ASA, Dothan Housing, Christian Mission, HealthConnect America, CAVHCS, Mary Hill Family Services Center, Living Hope, Saliba Family Services Center, FAM 24/7, Alabama Department of Public Health

In attendance: David Jamison, Odell Chambers, Dorothy White, Taknocca Harris, Jack Porter, Kelly Mierkowski, Lisa Eller, Marc Cronin, Marilynne Pippin, Mary Jane Oakley, Peggy Contreras, Samuel Crawford, Tamina Hollis, Tera Wells, Klenton Smith, Jessica Hughes, Jessica Spivey, Sky Stricklin, Rod Graham, Jacky Snell, Erica Faulk, Vickie Alleman, Pam Holton

The next SEACH membership meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 3rd.