

Senior Housing Workgroup Meeting Notes

Thursday, May 26, 2016

- **Submit additions, deletions, and edits to the senior housing assistance inventory.** The inventory is attached with changes recommended during the meeting. Please review and submit final changes and additions to Tiffany Tate (ttate@tenatthetop.org) by noon on Friday, June 24th. After this date the inventory will be sent to the Appalachian Council of Governments so they can be mapped with the senior food assistance resources.
- **A senior needs communication campaign would help educate the public and advertise available services.** Strong research and statistical data will make for an impactful message. Some topics identified during the meeting were:
 - lack of affordable and safe housing – need data on number of affordable homes in Upstate versus the condition of the homes
 - seniors are living in unsafe conditions because they don't have money to fix or modify their homes – need data on number of seniors seeking home modification assistance

Next Steps

- **Send any research or statistical information for the communication campaign to Tiffany Tate (ttate@tenatthetop.org).** If your organization serves seniors you could include the number of seniors you have served or how many you weren't able to serve due to high demand.
- **Identify outreach avenues and organizations that could use the inventory.** This resource inventory can be used by service providers and the public to help connect senior citizens with the services they need.
- **Large group to meet in late summer.** The meeting will allow discussion on how to get the inventory out so it can be used, as well as how to go about creating a collective senior needs communication campaign.