

Maine Resident Services Coordinators Association (MRSCA) Annual Meeting

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On November 13, 2008 the Annual Meeting of the Maine Resident Services Coordinators Association (MRSCA) was held at the Good Shepherd Food-Bank in Auburn. Although the intended guest speaker was unable to attend the meeting, the morning was filled with state and regional updates, a rousing game of RSC Jeopardy, an open forum discussion about best practices and successful RSC programs at various properties.

Following lunch, attendees were given a tour of the facility which is extremely impressive and run like a well-oiled machine. The warehouse is enormous and reminiscent of an ant farm with volunteers and staff busily sorting, packing and loading boxes of food to be distributed through its statewide network of over 500 agencies. These agencies are qualified non-profit organizations that directly feed hungry Mainers free of charge. Among these agencies are food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, after school programs, group homes and other agencies that provide support and services to people in need. MRSCA made a donation of \$5.00 per person to cover the meal provided, and donated food and money provided by the attendees. Additional information about The Good Shepherd Food-Bank can be found on the Asset Management bulletin board.

The afternoon business session of the meeting included the election of a new slate of officers and board members. The 2009 MRSCA officers and board members are:

Officers:

- President, Patti Wilson, Phoenix Management
- Vice-President, Bethany Tisdale, Tisdale Property Management
- Treasurer, Deneige Blaisdell, EHDOD
- Secretary, Kami Mace, York Housing Authority
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Board Members:

- Dodie Vasiliaskas , Auburn Housing Authority
- Paula Hirschhorn, Preservation Management
- Kit Monroe-Myers, Preservation Management
- Kristen Allaire, Spear Management
- Peg Brown, Brewer and Bangor Housing Authorities
- Alveine Laliberte, Old Town Housing Authority
- Marie Bronn, EHDOD
- Richard Blouin, Tisdale Property Management

Sheri Letourneau, Past-President, will provide ongoing support and guidance for the Association. Many thanks to Sheri for her years of support and leadership!

On January 7th, the Board will meet to plan the 2009 schedule of trainings and other MRSCA business.

Also of note, Kathy Morin, RSC with C&C Realty Management recently received a Community Partners award from Seniors Plus. Congratulations Kathy!