

S3 Housing Connect Meeting Notes

March 8, 2018

San Lee Park Nature Center

Attendees: Charmaine Earnest, John Kirkman, Marcia Johnson, Holly Marosites, Carla Carpenter, Lesa Price, Dick Poletti, Heather Garrity, Waylon Womack, Hal Hegwer, Kendra Martin, Cindy Hall, Bob Hughes, Brad Simon, Tami Carter, Betsy Jungkind, Donald Kivett, Angel Caldwell, Gabby Murillo, Earl Murphy, Marilyn Gilliam, Shannon Judd, Emily Schwartz, Karen Kennedy and Marshall Downey

Welcome and Introductions, Agenda Review

Jeffery Rawlings called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Charmaine Earnest introduced herself as a new attendee at the meeting. Waylon Womack introduced himself to the committee as attending his first meeting as well. Jeffery R. introduced Angel Caldwell who runs the women's shelter and Lesa Price introduced Sally Stanback who has is now working in Adult Services at the Department of Social Services.

Membership Items

a. Review of Voting/Non-Voting Members and Attendance Policy in Bylaws

Jeffery Rawlings read Article 2, Numbers 1, 2 and 3 and Article 4 of the policy bylaws. He also expressed the need to maintain momentum and attendance. Jeffery further introduced Mr. Waylon Womack as a resident of the Simons Building on Wall Street who will become a regular voting member as addressed at a previous meeting replacing Natkilla Malloy. Jeffery thanked Waylon for all that he has done.

b. Replacement of a position

Wayne Chew is still out due to the death of a family member and there is a need for someone to fill in for him on his committee.

c. Addition of Vice Chairs to Committee Structure

Discussion on the need of Vice-Chairs of committees in the absence of the Chairman. Bob Hughes made a motion to the addition of a second Vice-chair for committees and Dick Poletti seconded. Motion passed. Emily Schwartz expressed recent low committee turn out and hoped this will help sustain the work of each committee.

Discussion about upcoming Community Partnership Breakfast

Tami Carter discussed the upcoming Service Provider Network Breakfast to be held Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at Central Carolina Hospital, which is being hosted by Central Carolina Hospital and the Community Engagement Committee. Seventy invitations were sent out with 47 RSVP's received. Tami gave an overview of the agenda and stated that each attendee will be asked to complete a resource directory sheet on their agency. Tami also discussed that there will be an effort to get the *S3 Housing Connect* logo recognized. Each attendee will receive a pocket mirror with the *S3 Housing Connect* logo to emphasize the face of homelessness which could be anybody at any given time. Tami C. also discussed signs which will be placed at the sites of the community partners. Tami stated that the committee hopes to hold other activities in the near future, one to be a *S3 Housing Connect* overview.

Report from Bread of Life – Extreme Weather Shelter

Bill Hicks stated that 100+ meals are served at the Bread of Life on Saturdays. Bill asked for volunteers to assist at the mission and to deliver meals to the community (those that are home bound). The Extreme Weather Shelter served about 200 people and they were open for 67 nights since December 1, 2017. Bill re-capped what he thought the demographics would be like for the shelter and it was nothing like he had thought beforehand about the population who may access the facility. The shelter is now focusing on the warm season. They are soliciting bids for HVAC before the weather gets too warm. They are also wanting to install men's and women's showers and a place to wash clothes and are talking with plumbers. Bill also stated they are looking at a summer program for children where they can serve meals. Bill shared they will be looking at a heat index of 90 to 95 to open the shelter for warm weather. The shelter can have a total 150 days a year of overnight stay. Heat index days don't count because they will not be staying overnight as the shelter will not be open overnight. Bill reminded everyone that November 1 – March 1 is the time frame for the danger of cold weather threats. Bill also stated they hope to implement the use of metal detectors for the upcoming season. Jeffery Rawlings reminded everyone that first, we need to make sure they survive (make it through the night) and address their issues the next day.

What did the results of the Point in Time say about our needs? Engagement, Support and Housing the Unsheltered & Chronically Homeless

Terry Allebaugh shared a story of a homeless person in Reno, Nevada in which the community spent over \$1M on community services for this person. Terry also discussed *Moore Place* in Charlotte. Terry then expressed his concerns for Sanford and Lee County as the January PIT count identified 95 homeless people in our community. Fifty-one or 53% are unsheltered. Terry stated that he hasn't seen all the reports but this might be the highest in the state. For chronically homeless, seventeen out of thirty-eight or 45% were chronically homeless. Chronic

homelessness is defined by one or more years of homelessness, four or more episodes of homelessness or a documented disabled condition. Terry expressed the need to address the chronically homeless as they may not be utilizing community services. The lower barrier the shelter, the people will come and it may lead to housing for them. Terry discussed grant funding. The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) can pay for shelter, rapid re-housing and street outreach. It is this grant that funds rapid re-housing that Jeffery oversees. Johnston Lee Harnett Community Action (JLHCA) is the only provider at this time in Sanford/Lee County that can apply for this funding. Terry stated we must focus on the grant coming up to help address the homeless issues. Time is fast approaching and the PIT count shows the need. He also stated we have to increase the supply of low barrier shelters, continue street outreach, develop relationships with the chronically homeless and support JLHCA. We need to promote what we have and help as many as people can we can.

Six for Six Committee Reports

○ Service Provision

Tami Carter stated she gave her update in her discussion about upcoming Community Partnership Breakfast (see above). The next Service Provision meeting will be Monday, April 23, 2018.

○ Low Barrier Shelter

Karen K. provided a report in Sherry's absence. Sherry stated the committee hasn't had a meeting recently but is working on next steps for Bread of Life, as well as other local shelter options for next steps.

○ Housing

Bob Hughes said their committee will be meeting Tuesday, April 24, 2018 to discuss landlord participation and engagement. He hopes that Terry Allebaugh can attend and other local landlords/developers are invited as well.

○ Community Engagement

Betsy Jungkind stated the committee has met with Data and Metrics and Service Provision. They have also been working on the upcoming Service Provider Network Breakfast to be held at Central Carolina Hospital on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 8:00am.

○ Resource Development

John Kirkman discussed the next PIT count, two members will head the effort. Linden Ave. was discussed but put on hold. John discussed air conditioning at the shelter but is without resolution

and there is discussion with the City about this. There was discussion that supportive housing may have another funding source and planning needs to start now.

- **Data and Metrics**

Emily Schwarz discussed another PIT count in May or June. There was also discussion for an outreach event instead of a PIT count. At their next meeting, the committee will be working on the financial impact of homelessness to communities. Some agencies have responded and the committee will be compiling the information.

Breakout Session – Committee Work

Due to the lack of time for the actual breakout session work Jeffrey reported that the following committees will be working on projects together.

Data and Metric & Resource Development – these committees will back funding request with data. Will be able to show how funding from the city/county is being used. Should have less need in the future, however, this information will also show weaknesses that need to be addressed. For example, a father with two daughters, currently housing for this situation is not available, this is a gap that needs to be addressed. The more we do, the more situations like this we will come across.

Service Provision & Community Engagement – these committees will address the need for events. Currently there is a need for an event for landlord engagement. Sub-committees may be needed.

Low Barrier Shelter& Housing – these committees will be the pipeline from shelter to housing to employment.

Other Business, Closing Remarks, Adjourn

Karen K. discussed that what the city staff initially wanted to achieve is working in her opinion. Services for the homeless are being discussed and we are working to bring it all together. Karen emphasized the need to build committee structure, interest and participation is slowing down a bit. She mentioned that Terry Allebaugh's contract with the City of Sanford has been extended to December 31, 2018. As a reminder, Karen reminded all that starting in May, through December, the *S3 Housing Connect* meetings will be held in the Gordon Wicker Room at the Lee County Government Center.

Mayor Mann reminded everyone about the National Day of Prayer on May 3 at the First Baptist Church. Bill Hicks will be the keynote speaker.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.