

**S3 Housing Connect Meeting Notes**  
**November 8, 2018**  
**Lee County Government Building**

**Attendees:** Johnnye Waller, Kendra Martin, Brooke Bruner, Gabby Murillo, Marcia Johnson, Brad Simon, Dick Poletti, Bob Hughes, Jeffrey Rawlings, John Paschal, Cindy Hall, Pamela Glover, Betsy Jungkind, Carla Carpenter, Lesa Price, Chris Kelley, Emily Schwartz, Tamara Brogan, Adrienne Mullinax, Sherry Shudra, Bill Hall, Karen Kennedy, Rachel Picard, and Marshall Downey

**Welcome, Introductions, Mission Statement- Jeffrey Rawlings, Chair**

Pam Glover was welcomed onto the S3 Board. Jeffrey R. reminded everyone that this initiative is a marathon, not a sprint, and we need to keep working hard to end homelessness in Sanford.

**Coordinated Entry Update- Kendra Martin**

Kendra M. stated that housing and shelter are the primary reasons why people call 211. When the new tier of 211 is brought to Sanford, callers will first go through a prevention and diversion screening. Then, a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) file will be opened for them. If they don't meet the definition of homeless they will then be directed to agencies that can assist them. Monthly data will be provided to United Way on calls for service. The data will be beneficial for grants and assist our community with identification of areas where services may need improvement. The Service Provision committee will form a smaller work group for 211. Implementation of the new 211 system will hopefully occur in spring 2019. Kendra reminded the group that we need everyone's help in marketing this initiative.

**Cow Patty Schedule- Rachel Picard**

Rachel went through the Cow Patty Bingo schedule and answered questions about the event. Everyone is encouraged to attend the event immediately following this meeting.

**Highlights of Merry Gadflies Concert- Rachel Picard**

On November 1, our consultant Terry Allebaugh and his band, *The Merry Gadflies*, performed a benefit concert for Outreach Mission. It was a fun time with amazing music and we can't wait for the band to return to Sanford!

**H3 Presentation- Dr. William (Bill) Hall**

H3 – *Health, Healing and Hope*---Dr. William Hall presented his idea for H3, which would entail free medical assistance for the homeless. For this initiative he would need medicine donations, specialist support, lab support, and a way to hospitalize patients. There is an organization that assists clinics like this with getting started. Dr. Hall has been talking to Helping Hands Clinic as well as other Sanford and Lee County nonprofits to see if there is interest. Dr.

Hall worked overseas, so he is used to providing bare bones treatment as would be needed for this. Brad Simon said the main issue currently is getting prescriptions filled. Dr. Hall reminded everyone that he would not be prescribing opiates or mental medications, and would be partnering with an organization such as Helping Hand for prescriptions. Tamara Brogan asked when Dr. Hall would like to start, and he said as soon as there is interest he would be ready to begin. Jeffrey asked if he would go into local shelters, and Dr. Hall said yes. That arrangement is the main point of this initiative- to go wherever he is needed, and to reach people that don't usually have access to medical help. Betsy Jungkind asked if wound care would be involved, and Dr. Hall said he would need extra support from wound specialists for extreme cases. John Paschal asked if Dr. Hall could go to each shelter one day a week, and he said yes, he could do half days or full days at each place depending on need and would then go out into the community. Jeffrey added that Pfizer is in Sanford and would be an amazing partnership. Tami Carter said that Campbell School of Medicine has always been willing to help, and would also be a great partnership. John Paschal said giving flu shots would be a great place to start, and Sherry Shudra said HAVEN will be giving out flu shots and Dr. Hall could work from there. Brad Simon and Tamara Brogan will ask their shelter residents who wants flu shots.

### **Six for Six Committee Reports**

**Resource Development-** Committee members discussed the S3 outreach event at the park and how positive it was. At their last meeting, they discussed Irene Smith's Bread of Life budget forecast, the Community Development Block Grant for Linden Avenue project, the emergency weather shelter, AC, plumbing and Cow Patty Bingo.

**Service Provision-** Met last in September. They have mostly been discussing 211 and coordinated assessment. Heather Black, 211 specialist, will be at the next Service Provision meeting to help guide their path. A holiday meet and greet for service providers is on December 6th at 4 PM. Service Provision also wants to offer mental health training for service providers.

**Low Barrier Shelter-** Low Barrier Shelter is currently looking for a new location and potential partnerships for Outreach Mission, Inc. OMI has a new staff member to help them out. Some of the women in the Women's Shelter are in the process of being housed. Four men moved out of the Men's Shelter this week on their own, with their own money. OMI is in the process of looking at bank accounts for working men. The Merry Gadflies concert on Thursday was a big morale boost. OMI applied for Emergency Solutions Grant funding and did not receive it, but has submitted another application to the region. As of last week all of the men in the Men's Shelter had jobs.

Bread of Life is already preparing to open on Saturday night, as temperatures might drop below 32.

Sherry S. then gave an update on the most recent LBS meeting and potential partnerships forming between Salvation Army and OMI. By next Friday, they will hopefully have a better understanding of needed items for the extreme weather shelter.

**Community Engagement-** CE had a joint meeting with Data and Metrics to discuss the upcoming PIT count. Wayne and the committee will begin outreach to volunteers and gathering supplies for the event to be held Wednesday, January 30, 2019.

**Data and Metrics-** Community Engagement and Data and Metrics will be combining for the next few months in preparation for the PIT count. PIT will be hold on January 30th and the committees are deciding on timeframes for outreach, it maybe later than last years, possibly beginning after midnight and broken into shifts. Data and Metrics is also currently updating the homeless map with GIS reps. Since the group did such a wonderful job locally, the NC Balance of State wants to adopt the “Lee County” style PIT count. PIT data from last year has not been officially released. They also discussed Depot Park breakfast and discussed having another similar event.

**Housing-** Created a list of landlords to invite to the Service Provision engagement event. The current issue is that landlords are “full” right now. Karen Kennedy discussed the Linden Avenue Project. Two grants were written to get funds for that project. If we get those funds that will be the first big grant project for S3.

**Closing Remarks- Jeffrey Rawlings, Chair**

- Wayne Chew and others spoke on the impact of Sydney Harris’ death, a young homeless female killed on the local train tracks recently. Bread of Life Ministries conducted a memorial service for her.
- Karen Kennedy displayed handmade mats made out of grocery bags and donated by a local women’s group from Broadway designated for the homeless. Tami C. said the PIT count would be a great time to give them away.
- Tami C. also asked if flyers about the emergency shelter could be made and posted around the community.
- Jeffrey announced that he is now the Coordinated Assessment Lead, and has been asked to speak at the National Alliance to End Homelessness’ conference in California in February.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.