



S3 Housing Connect Meeting Notes

Thursday, January 10, 2019

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Lee County Government Center

106 Hillcrest Drive

Gordon Wicker Room

Attendees: Jeanne Bethea, Beth Kelly, Tami Carter, Johnnye Waller, Earl Murphy, Bob Hughes, Pat Hawes, Lesa Price, Marcia Johnson, Karen Kennedy, Jeffrey Rawlings, Cindy Hall, Wayne Chew, John Paschal, Hamer Carter, Tamara Brogan, Stan Holt, Laura Spivey, Dick Poletti, Byron Buckels, Betsy Jungkind, Pamela Glover, Brad Simon, Gabby Murillo, and Gayle Johnson.

I. Welcome, Introductions, Mission Statement
Jeffrey Rawlings, Chair

II. 2019 Committee Goal Discussion, *Karen Kennedy*
Each committee is working on a summary report and creating their goals for the new year. By February 1, 2019 we would like for all committees to have met so we can share our goals. Any project ideas are welcome!

III. Presentation to City and County Officials, *Karen Kennedy*
Before Terry left, he suggested we go back to city council and the county commissioners to share our wins. It's budget time for both groups, so we could try to fit into their budgets. There are no proposed dates for presenting at these groups, but we are working on identifying our "big wins". Two great achievements are the Linden Avenue project and Outreach Mission's board development. Outreach Mission could possibly discuss their predevelopment application for their new shelter.

IV. Point in Time Count, *Cindy Hall and Wayne Chew*
Cindy Hall went through PIT Count training and is corresponding with our COC Region 7 reps. It is imperative to get the numbers right so we can obtain funding for our county. The PIT counts people who are experiencing homelessness with the HUD definition. They count in three areas: emergency shelters, transitional housing, and HIC (beds in system). We need to ask people experiencing homelessness to help us so we have an accurate count. Wayne added that there are new vacant buildings and camps that homeless people are staying in. There will be two training sessions. This year, we will be using an app designed by the state to do the count. We need someone to help with data entry. We will be giving out bags with food, hats, sleeping bags, etc. as we do the count. Cindy and Wayne reminded everyone that the key word is respect- you must be respectful, and if they want you to leave their space, then you leave.

V. Coordinated Entry Update on United Way's 2-1-1 Service Upgrade to Tier 1
The upgrade to 211 will have a live launch in March. 211's service for Lee County will be upgraded to Tier 1. There will be a workgroup to go over the 211 flow (February 27, McSwain Center). United Way NC will update resources for the launch.

VI. Discussion about Shelter Availability, *Cindy Hall*

A meeting about shelter availability came out of discussions at Community Engagement committee. Cindy said that a woman with an older son came to First Baptist Church, fleeing a domestic violence situation. HAVEN was full, so they stayed at the Bread of Life for several days. She had tried many of our other local resources, but they were all full or had to turn her away. It's challenging when there are special circumstances like this and we don't have resources locally to help. We are outsourcing to other counties.

VII. Six for Six Committee Reports

- a) Resource Development- Irene and Adrienne are creating a three to five-year budget for Bread of Life. Working on getting quotes for the BOL generator and looking into staffing for the emergency weather shelter. BOL was reimbursed for laundry and plumbing expenses. There are plans for two fundraisers in 2019- Cow Patty Bingo and a ping pong ball drop.
- b) Service Provision- SP had three goals for 2018, and they were all met. These included decreasing the library's role as a day shelter, 211 implementation, and a resource guide. Monthly lunch and learn mental health trainings will be starting soon.
- c) Low Barrier Shelter- Emergency shelter was open 12 days in November, serving 64 people. Please bring full meals to BOL- there is no capacity to cook.
- d) Community Engagement- The social media internship program is in the works!
- d) Housing- Working on bringing more affordable housing to Sanford. The city has agreed to pay for an affordable housing study with Triangle J. This will take stock of the current amount of affordable housing and see what needs we have.
- e) Data & Metrics- Planning to help with data from the PIT Count. Will need a new chair in the summer after Emily leaves.

VIII. Closing Remarks and Adjourn- We need all hands on deck for the PIT Count!

Mission Statement: *S3 Housing Connect* seeks to bring together the needed resources in Sanford and Lee County to create a coordinated and comprehensive approach to ensure that homelessness is prevented whenever possible, or is otherwise a rare, brief, and non-recurring experience.