



S3 Housing Connect Meeting Notes

February 14, 2019

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Lee County Government Center

106 Hillcrest Drive

Gordon Wicker Room

Attendees: Lesa E. Price, Emily Schwartz, Tami Carter, Pam Glover, Kendra Martin, Carla Carpenter, Kate Rumely, Tamara Brogan, Dick Poletti, Jody, Sherry Shudra, Brad Simon, Holly Marosites, Earl Murphy, Bob Hughes, Marilyn Gilliam, Karen Kennedy, Jeffrey Rawlings and Wayne Chew.

I. Welcome, Introductions, Mission Statement

Jeffrey Rawlings, Chair

II. Low Barrier and Housing First Refresher, *Jeffrey Rawlings*

Housing First model means ending homelessness by focusing on getting people into homes. Low barrier means minimal restrictions. Our men's, women's, and extreme weather shelter are low barrier. Nationally, this is the standard for shelter.

III. Presentation to City and County Officials- Monday, February 18 and Tuesday, February 19, *Jeffrey Rawlings*

Sanford City Council and the Lee County Commissioners will receive updates on S3 and numbers of people served, including PIT numbers, numbers for each organization, and county-wide numbers. Audience supporting S3 members is encouraged.

IV. Point in Time Count, *Wayne Chew*

First Baptist Church's fellowship hall was utilized as "home base" for the night. Groups of volunteers went out in two shifts. There was a good turnout; thank you to all volunteers!

V. Coordinated Entry Update on United Way's 2-1-1 Service Upgrade to Tier 1, *Kendra Martin*

The coordinated entry kickoff was delayed a bit. It will now be Thursday, March 28 from 11:30 AM- 1 PM. April 8th is the soft launch of 211. April 22nd is the main launch- we need lots of volunteers for all of these dates!

VI. Presentation about Solutions for Individual Homeless Adults, *Jeffrey Rawlings*

VII. Gaps in Service Concerns, Local standards for Shelter Services, *Jeffrey and/or Gabby*

Gaps in services represent people and families- we need to find a way to fill these gaps in order to help all of these people!

VIII. Six for Six Committee Reports

- a) Resource Development
- b) Service Provision- Resource directory will be available April 3rd.
- c) Low Barrier Shelter
- d) Community Engagement
- d) Housing- Triangle J Housing Study- January 16th
- e) Data & Metrics- Working to find the financial impact of homelessness, locally

IX. Closing Remarks and Adjourn

The library has hired a social work intern to interact with people experiencing homelessness at the library.

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.