



S3 Housing Connect Meeting Notes

March 14, 2019

4:00-6:00 p.m.

San Lee Park Nature Center

Multi-Purpose Room

760 Pumping Station Road

Attendees: Bob Hughes, Tamara Brogan, Jeffrey Rawlings, Karen Kennedy, Beth List, Marcia Johnson, Lesa Price, Holly Marosites, Earl Murphy, Betsy Jungland, Laura Spivey, Brad Simon, Randy Johnson, Adrienne Mullinax, Wayne Chew, Chris Kelley, Pat Hawes, and Gabby Murillo

I. Welcome, Introductions, Mission Statement

Jeffrey Rawlings, Chair

Randy Johnson, landlord, was recognized for his work with S3 Housing Connect

II. Update on Presentations- *Jeffrey Rawlings*

- City Council and County Commissioner Meetings
- California Conference

Accomplishments of S3 Housing Connect were listed. A presentation on the "Housing First" model and why it works was made. It's imperative to get people into stable housing, and then focus on their individual needs. The landlord recruitment project is still happening- please let us know if you are aware of any landlords willing to work with us!

III. Library Update and info on *The Public Film* release, *Beth List*

Working on racial disparity and unintentional racism at the library with staff. Another issue the library is facing is people who are using the library as a day shelter. These people aren't using S3's services. The movie "The Public Film" depicts some homeless people finding ways to go to jail just so they don't have to stay on the streets. The movie hits on other issues Sanford is facing. The library is stuck in the middle of S3's efforts- homeless people are causing problems at the library, but the library wants to help S3 with its initiatives. The library can only reprimand a person if they break the law or library policy. They have banned some patrons, but they would much rather help them! The library asked if there could be more communication between the two organizations. It would be ideal if the library could offer case management. The library needs to remain a safe place for families. Resources could be passed out there. There will be a community resource officer doing patrols at certain times. Due to drug abuse at the library, there is now a two-bag limit.

IV. After the "no", *Jeffrey Rawlings and Gabby Murillo*

When discussing homelessness, use the words "community", "persons experiencing homelessness" or "homeless persons". Do not use the word "the"- "the homeless". We all need to do some introspection and make sure we are all doing everything we can to help.

V. Six for Six Committee Reports

- a) Resource Development- Data and Metrics will become part of Resource Development's work. They will now focus on finding the financial impact of homelessness, locally.
- b) Service Provision- 211 is going from Tier 3 to Tier 1 in Lee County. Brooke Bruner has completed the resource guide.
- c) Low Barrier Shelter

- d) Community Engagement- CE is also absorbing some of Data and Metric's goals, including PIT number management. They would also like to hold a volunteer appreciation event.
- d) Housing
- e) Data & Metrics

VI. Closing Remarks and Adjourn

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.