



## **S3 Housing Connect Meeting Notes**

April 11, 2019

4:00-6:00 p.m.

**Lee County Government Center**

**106 Hillcrest Drive**

**Gordon Wicker Room**

Attendees: Emily Schwartz, Sherry Shudra, R. J., Bettie Thomas, Kyle V., Jeremiah McD., John Paschal, Kendra Martin, Earl Murphy, Pam Glover, Dick Poletti, Max Dolan, Laura Spivey, Betsy Jungkind, Brad Simon, Amy Saucedo, Karen Kennedy, Cindy Hall, Gabby Murillo, Keisha West, John Kirkman, Stan Holt, Tami Carter, and Jeffrey Rawlings

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

II. "After the 'Yes", *Jeffrey Rawlings*  
Jeffrey revealed what it looks like after saying "no" to someone who asked for help. After that grave moment, he described what it looks like after giving a "yes". Money from the city and county funds the Rapid Rehousing program. ViSPDAT is an intrusive assessment, but it is one of the steps to getting RR assistance. We are seeing successes as a direct result of S3. Inspiring stories were then shared by S3 members.

III. Update on 211 Coordinated Entry, *Kendra Martin*  
There was a kickoff event on March 28. The 211 launch is almost back on schedule. There have been a couple of parallel conversations needed to get some of the technical difficulties ironed out with NCEH and UWNC. We will not have a soft launch for 211 now; Only the full launch in early May.

IV. Job Readiness Outreach Initiative, *Pamela Glover*  
The career center has a lot of opportunities! Pam is able to go to the shelters to teach job readiness. We want to meet people where they are.

V. Expectations of a Community Change Initiative, *Stan Holt*  
It takes time to see results. We have to commit for the long haul. This is a sustainable project. For relationships and partnerships, relations are as important as rationale. Capacity building is needed for the system and the organizations within it.

VI. Summer Fundraiser for *S3 Housing Connect*, *Tami Carter*

VII. Six for Six Committee Reports  
Brad Simon was presented with a gift card for bringing the most people to help with the PIT Count.

- Service Provision- The 211 kickoff was great. A lot of agencies were represented, and there was lots of excitement. 20 people showed up at the monthly mental health series.
- Resource Development- This committee is working hard on Cow Patty Bingo, while also trying to measure the local financial impact of homelessness.
- Low Barrier Shelter- Had a joint meeting with BOL and OMI. They would like to invite SA to their next meeting to discuss day shelter opportunities. OMI has created the floor plan for their ideal new shelter. They also have an elevation plan and outside façade plan. OMI is writing a \$100,000 predevelopment grant due on May 15 with the HFA. BOL

has an emergency generator now but they are still working on plumbing. BOL was open 48 days during winter and helped 595 people. They assisted 767 people with shelter during cold weather season. H3 is now under Bread of Life as its own nonprofit. H3 is offering free medical care at all of the shelters.

- d) Community Engagement- Looking forward to marketing Cow Patty Bingo!
- d) Housing- Still waiting on the city's affordable housing study. Hoping to present this at city council and county commissioner meetings. Working with city staff on condemned houses, and with landlords to assist with rapid rehousing projects.
- e) Data and Metrics- Has now merged with other committees. Emily Schwartz' last meeting is in May. We would like to give her special recognition for being so active within S3!

VIII. Discussion about Homeless Youth Concern, *Brad Simon*

Unfortunately, homeless youth are a large population that we currently don't have means of helping. None of our nonprofits are focused directly on homeless youth, so this is a large gap in services.

IX. 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.