

S3 Housing Connect Meeting Notes

September 12, 2019

First Baptist Church

Attendance: Hamer Carter, Marcia Johnson, David Whittaker, Chris Luetzger, Marty Pate, Kendra Martin, Dick Poletti, Johnnye Waller, Heather Garrity, Cindy Hall, Holly Marosites, Suzy Brito, Earl Murphy, John Paschal, Max Dolan, Betsy Jungkind, Rachel Picard, Sherry Shudra, Tamara Brogan, Lesa Price, Stan Holt, Karen Kennedy, Charles Taylor, Gabby Murillo, Linda Ware, Jeffrey Rawlings, Bob Finch, Chris Kelley, Pam Glover, Laura Spivey, Tabatha Treager, Neil and Wanda Coggins

Welcome, Introductions, Mission Statement- *Sherry Shudra, Chair*

Report on Raleigh Tours- Oak City Cares and Ship Outreach

Kendra Martin spoke about how impressive Oak City Cares and Ship Community Outreach are. Oak City Cares does not call itself a day center, as we have been calling it. Instead, it is a service or resource center, meaning people go there only to access services or wait for a service, not to lounge around. The building was intentionally designed to look like a hotel lobby, with free coffee and a computer lounge. People come in, register to use services, and then meet with the service providers who are housed in the facility. Oak City Cares is the result of a great public-private sector partnership and collaboration between city and county. Ship Community Outreach is a nonprofit in Raleigh offering a church, gym, grocery store, food bank and more. They are able to identify the needs in their community and respond to them. Kendra said, "It's nice to see something we are talking about here actually being done somewhere", and Tamara Brogan seconded that by saying she loved the idea of Oak City Cares for our area, but on a smaller scale. We need more people from the community and donors to follow our vision to make it happen. Earl Murphy said that the planning aspect impressed him- years of planning went into the multi-service center. They even asked local homeless people which services they would like to see in the center. Earl was also impressed by the collaboration between city and county- both are fully invested, and each pay for a large portion of the center (City pays for utilities and county maintains the facility). There are also many nonprofits and churches involved. Chris Kelley added that we have all of the needed resources in Sanford, we just need to pull all of the pieces together. The Salvation Army is going to perform a mission and feasibility study to determine the needs of Sanford's community. The main takeaway is that we need to start coming together as a community for something like this to happen.

Nonprofit Internship Program, *Gabby Murillo*

Eight Young Commissioners signed up for the nonprofit internship program. One of the interns even attended tonight's S3 meeting! OMI, BOL, Salvation Army and United Way are going to receive interns. Each nonprofit needs to identify one staff or board member as a contact person for the intern.

Cow Patty Bingo Update, Rachel Picard-

Cow Patty Bingo is Friday, September 13th in the Arena Barn at the Lee County Fair. So far, we have raised over \$5,000. The event will be held from 6-8 PM. The cow will be released into the grid at around 7 PM, and whoever purchased the square that she drops a patty in will receive the grand prize of \$500. If you didn't sell a ticket, please consider making a donation to the Cow Patty Bingo fund. We've worked so hard and want this event to be as big as possible! We also need door prizes and volunteers for the cow pie eating contest.

Review of S3 Bylaws Revisions and Vote, Sherry Shudra –

After a review of the revised bylaws recommendations, Max Dolan moved to vote on the new bylaws and Dick Poletti seconded. After a unanimous vote, the bylaws passed! Sherry then announced that the application process for S3 is being reviewed, and voting and nonvoting members will be asked whether or not they would like to move forward with being a voting member for 2020. After those members have responded, then we will open an application process and fill vacancies as needed.

Five for Five Committee Reports

- **Resource Development** – The committee is working on gathering data on how much assisting a homeless person costs the hospital, police department, etc. Discussed using CCCC's marketing department to create materials for S3. The next meeting will be October 2nd at 8:15 AM.
- **Low-Barrier Shelter** - Discussed strategic goals, and talked about the needs for each shelter, including capacity building. LBS has been discussing a day service center, but are excited to continue thinking about this in the strategic planning session. The next meeting will be held October 2nd at 10 AM.
- **Housing** – No report.
- **Service Provision-** The main focus has been on 211 and coordinated entry. The committee is trying to grow and strengthen the service provider network. The mental health series is still going well, and the next session is on October 2nd with a focus on suicide. Service Provision's next meeting will be October 1st.
- **Community Engagement** – The group has mainly been focused on Cow Patty Bingo. Also, trying to find ways to improve publicity after the Depot Park issues and Downtown Sanford, Inc. Committee members will be writing articles for the Sanford Herald and The Rant. Cindy said that H3 is going to a street medicine conference in October. Dr. Hall has seen 78 patients since June. There is a need to get others involved with this initiative since it is growing rapidly. Lastly, there will be a job fair at First Baptist Church on September 25. 40-50 vendors will be there, and some will be hiring on the spot. There will also be an expungement clinic present that day.

Announcements, Save the Dates and Adjourn

- Nonprofit Board training- September 26th, 2019 5:30-8:00 PM First Baptist Church
- Cardboard Box City- Family Promise's annual fundraiser at Southern Lee High School's field. Simple supper for participants. \$75 to buy a box.

- Mann Center Festival to support our sister city from Mexico
- Ag Department at the Career Center needs new employees for farm work
- Girl Scout Troop did an educational booth at the Lee County Fair about homelessness. All of S3's agencies are listed on the booth as resources
- October's S3 meeting is back at the Gordon Wicker Room 4-6 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.