



S3 Housing Connect Meeting Notes

June 13, 2019

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Lee County Government Center

106 Hillcrest Drive

Gordon Wicker Room

Attendance: Chris Kelley, Wayne Chew, Bobby Covington, Carla Carpenter, Cindy Hall, Bill Stone, Johnnye Waller, Laura Spivey, Earl Murphy, Lesa Price, Tami Carter, Gabby Murillo, Pamela Glover, John Kirkman, Tamara Brogan, Bob Hughes, Charles Taylor, Kendra Martin, Renee Liles, John Paschal, Holly Marosites, Gayle Johnson, Rayvon Walker, Sherry Shudra, Dick Poletti, Jeff Rawlings, Patricia Hawes, Charlie Hawes, Betsy Jungkind, Staff: Stan Holt, Karen Kennedy

I. Welcome, Introductions, Mission Statement, Betsy Jungkind, Vice Chair

The meeting was started by acknowledging Jeffrey's presentation at the "Bringing It Home" conference. We are very grateful for the knowledge and passion he has brought to S3.

II. Cow Patty Fundraiser, Bill Stone

Last year, a hurricane forced us to change plans for Cow Patty Bingo and the event was held at Huger Mudder. This year, we are confident that the weather will be perfect and we are very excited about the first "real" Cow Patty Bingo! Resource Development Committee has been spearheading this initiative. They decided they wanted to do something different than a golf tournament for a fundraiser. The more this idea was talked about, the more fun it became. Since this is such a unique concept, we hope it will bring a lot of awareness to the issue of homelessness in our community. Cow Patty Committee has been meeting to plan the event. The Lions Club is allowing us to use the Arena Barn. The event will be held Friday, September 13 from 6-8 PM. Every Cow Patty ticket purchased will include free entry to the fair. The grand prize will be \$500, and there will be several other prizes for competitions and raffles.

III. NCCEH "Bringing it Home" Conference Highlights, Karen Kennedy/Conference Attendees

The attendees of North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness's conference shared what stuck out most to them. Karen Kennedy was impressed by the information on affordable housing and leadership. Bobby Covington said it seems like we have not been solving the root problem, and he asked: "What do we do with those who are homeless by choice?" He said that the main focus was the Housing First model, and he couldn't wrap his mind around that. Tamara Brogan said that the conference was well put together, and she enjoyed the tiny home/affordable housing workshop and the law professor from Duke that helped with evictions. Jeffrey Rawlings said his takeaway was that our coordinated entry needs to be more streamlined. Tami Carter agreed but added that we are a lot farther along with coordinated entry than other communities are. We are a small area and should feel good about where we're at. Tami loved the Champions for Change segment of the conference, which was when people who were formerly homeless shared their stories. Kendra Martin said that she appreciated that the coordinated entry segment was an all-day session. It showed how robust of a system it is. Laura Spivey said her favorite part was Champions for Change, and she was excited to learn more about ESG funding. Sherry Shudra said she was glad there was a trauma-informed care session because it helped her consider if we are handling clients in a respectful and thoughtful way. Wayne Chew said he didn't know what to expect, and there was a lot of information, but he was inspired by the passion of the leaders and their love for taking care of humans.

IV. Five for Five Committee Reports

- a) Service Provision- This committee is continuing to work with the process regarding 211. 211 will launch when NCCEH gives permission. There are several requirements that have

to be met first. Service Provision decided that having a fundraising/fellowship event in summer would be too soon, so they would like to revisit this idea in the fall or spring. There will be a job fair hosted by the Salvation Army this fall, and November 22 is the Merry Gadflies Benefit Concert.

- b) Resource Development- Last year, Normann Financial Group sponsored the venue for the Merry Gadflies concert. Gabby Murrillo Real Estate may be able to sponsor this year. Resource Development is still looking into donors and grants, but S3 doesn't have any literature or marketing materials, making it hard to do presentations for funding. Irene Smith, a committee member, has provided a business plan and assisted with mission, priorities and job descriptions for S3's nonprofits. This committee also discussed S3 Housing Connect becoming its own nonprofit. John Kirkman will meet with SAGA and the Chamber of Commerce about how our organizations can work together.
- c) Low Barrier Shelter- This committee has met a lot of its goals and is looking for new objectives. They are trying to use data to determine the need for beds in shelters. How can data be incorporated into day shelter and housing? How can data help the chronically homeless?
- d) Community Engagement- Cards for H3 and Dr. Hall
- e) Housing- This committee is waiting for the Triangle J School of Government affordable housing report, and hoping to make a presentation to the city council and county commissioners. They are also looking into getting a consultant to work with regulations and environmental studies.

V. Nomination/Election of Officers- Chair and Vice-Chair

(Written Ballots will be utilized)

Chair Nominations- Sherry Shudra, Wayne Chew, Betsy Jungkind, Cindy Hall. The votes were counted. Sherry Shudra is the new chair.

Vice-Chair Nominations- Gabby Murillo, Tamara Brogan, Pam Glover. The votes were counted. Gabby and Tamara tied. Tamara is the new Vice-Chair.

VI. Discussion about Bylaws Revisions and Future S3 Goals, Stan Holt

(A second written ballot was utilized for voting on bylaws)

Direction of S3- PIT Count, committee future, ESG/COC funding (Lee County vs. region), data management, CASA/Wake County (permanent supportive housing), Oak City Outreach Center. Look for a strategic planning process and think about the goals we would like to achieve.

There will be a small bylaws committee for bylaws revisions. Sherry, Tamara, Gabby, Bob, Betsy, and Johnnye will be on the committee. New bylaws will be presented at the next meeting.

Other Business:

-The City of Sanford is working on creating a nonprofit. S3 could fall under that nonprofit as an entity that receives funding.

-Service providers are starting to see more homeless people under the age of 18 locally. Most of them have histories in foster care. Where can we send them for help? SAFE in Harnett County may be a model of an organization that could help. Could we form an organization like that here? Oak Ranch in Broadway or the Baptist Children's Home might also be able to help.

VII. 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.