



S3 Housing Connect Meeting Notes January 9, 2020

Attendance: Tami Carter, Tamara Brogan, Caty Martin, John Campbell, John Kirkman, Marcia Johnson, Dick Poletti, Laura Spivey, Joey Mosley, Rosa Portillo, Ruth Price, Hamer Carter, Dr. Marty Pate, Sofia Monge, Betsy Jungkind, Josh Payne, Pamela Glover, Helen Tymes, Chris Kelley, Earl Murphy, John Paschal, Jeffrey Rawlings, Johnnye Waller, Tonya Gray, Zachary Horner, Holly Marosites, Gabby Murillo

Staff: Karen Kennedy, Stan Holt, Rachel Picard

I. Welcome, Introductions, Mission Statement Sherry Shudra, Chair

II. Point in Time Count Rachel Picard

- *Volunteers/Training*

There are two volunteer shifts- 10:30 PM and 4 AM. Volunteers need to attend at least one PIT Count Volunteer Training Session. Those dates are January 14 at 6:30 PM (First Baptist Church) and January 22 at noon (Buggy Building, 115 Chatham Street). We have a good number of volunteers but we're still looking for more! This year the count will be done on the app 'Counting Us'. The training will teach volunteers how to use the app.

- *Donations*

We are still collecting donations. Our primary need is pop-top canned food that can be eaten hot or cold, such as Vienna sausages, beanie weenies, and Chef Boyardee. We are also collecting hats, socks, scarves, small blankets, etc. Donations can be dropped off at the Buggy Building, First Baptist Church, or the Enrichment Center.

- *Homelessness Sites*

Five new sites have been added to the homeless sites map. If you know of any more sites, please email them to Rachel so we can add them to the map!

There are Facebook events for the PIT Count and both training sessions. Please RSVP to the events and like and share with your friends and family!

III. Overview of 211 Calls Karen Kennedy

Karen went over the 211 data (see handout). Service providers and nonprofit representatives shared their experiences and good stories about 211. Ruth Price asked if there is a way we could break down some of the age categories so we could better determine what needs they have. It was also suggested to start tracking unaccompanied youth ages 18-25.

New contact information for the NC Works Veteran Career Advisor was shared:

Helen Tymes, MHRD 919-775-2241 X 210, helen.tymes@nccommerce.com

IV. Update on Internship Program Gabby Murillo

Bread of Life and Outreach Mission have two interns. Salvation Army, United Way and S3 have one intern. Some of the interns are not being given responsibilities, which is unfair to them. If you no longer need an intern please let Gabby know, as there are other agencies who didn't get an intern but wanted one!

V. Committee Reports and Goals for 2020

a) Services

Tami Carter reported that this committee discussed 211 Jingle Mingle, the Individual Service Plan initiative, and Project Homeless Connect, an upcoming event for Fall 2020.

- Goals: Support 211 usage, implement a case conference plan for hard to serve situations, Project Homeless Connect kickoff and event, improve relationships with law enforcement to work with those in need

b) Community Outreach and Engagement

Tamara Brogan reported that this committee discussed marketing for the PIT Count, their top five goals, key messages for S3, and presentations at community meetings.

- Goals: PIT data, three key messages for S3, Project Homeless Connect, promoting awareness, improve branding
 - New Logo Design- Kelly Miller with the City of Sanford updated the S3 logo. It is on the first page of these notes in the top right corner!

c) Housing

Rachel Picard reported that this committee discussed affordable housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, tiny homes, and Kerry Bashaw gave updates on Brick Capital Community Development's initiatives.

- Goals: Continue emergency weather shelter, leverage federal and state dollars for PSH and shelter, increase partnerships, increase capacity for management of properties, continue improving Rapid Rehousing access

VI. S3 Housing Connect Presentations Panel Discussion and Practice Stan Holt

John Paschal, Jeff Rawlings, Tamara Brogan and Hamer Carter formed a mock panel. Stan asked questions about S3, and the panel spoke about how the collaboration among agencies has been beneficial. This panel format will be used for presentations to civic clubs and boards. Many people asked where we should direct people to give donations. Karen and Rachel are exploring options, however, for the time being it was decided that we should tell people to donate to individual nonprofits instead of to S3.

VII. Closing Remarks and Adjourn