



S3 Housing Connect Meeting Notes

February 13, 2020

4:00-6:00 PM

Lee County Government Building

Attendance: John Campbell, Earl Murphy, Marcia Johnson, Kendra Martin, Bob Hughes, Tamara Brogan, Hamer Carter, Lesa Price, John Kirkman, Dick Poletti, Dr. Marty Pate, Shadonna Headen, Ruth Price, Josh Payne, Chris Kelley, John Paschal, Joey Mosley, Cindy Hall, Dr. Bill Hall, Carolyn York, Holly Marosites, Laura Spivey, Katie Lemke, Pat Hawes, Darla Molina, Max Dolan, Kerry Bashaw, Carla Carpenter, Caty Martin, Rosa Portillo, Johnnye Waller, Gabby Covington, Gabby Murillo

Staff: Stan Holt, Karen Kennedy, Rachel Picard

I. Welcome, Introductions, Mission Statement- Tamara Brogan, Vice Chair

II. Report on Point in Time Count (January 29)- Cindy Hall

We are overwhelmed by the community's support for the PIT Count. First Baptist Church's fellowship hall was full of donations. Starbucks, a church in Fayetteville, First Presbyterian, First Baptist, New Hope, and a church in Myrtle Beach all gave huge donations. The two training sessions for the PIT Count went well. Next year, we will be more specific during the training when instructing people on locations they should not go to and how to speak with people they encounter. PIT Count volunteer teams were made up of a person who had done the PIT Count before, a man, and at least one person with the app. Next year, we might make the teams ahead of time. The 11 PM shift was a bit disappointed because they couldn't find anyone. The 4 AM shift found 39 near the meth clinic. Most of them were sleeping. We had several good interactions at the Bread Basket; Half of the people we spoke with there were homeless. Next year we need to go to CUOC and CCC to count. There were more people (about 70) staying in the shelter this year than last year. Not as many people were unsheltered this year. We found five families living in cars.

III. Task Force Application Review- Tamara Brogan

Tamara read the names of proposed new voting members. The slate will be voted on at the March meeting.

IV. Update on Friends of Sanford, Inc.- Karen Kennedy

The City of Sanford created a nonprofit to enable tax deductible donations for projects such as homelessness, parks, arts and more. All agreed this was a good solution and gave a unanimous "yes" when Karen asked if S3 should use this option.

V. **S3 Housing Connect Awareness-** Ruth Price and Stan Holt

Ruth discussed that a lot of people in the community or within our own agencies don't know what S3 is. We talked about the importance of understanding the organization ourselves. Rachel reviewed S3's website.

VI. **Committee Reports**

- Services, Tami Carter- At the last committee meeting, they discussed Project Homeless Connect, and came to the conclusion that the event should not be held in conjunction with the Career Resource Fair. There was a lot of discussion. We will hopefully try to have PHC in 2021. The Career Fair will happen on the 23rd. This committee has also been focused on case conferencing.
 - Bread of Life Update, John Paschal- The Extreme Weather Shelter was open 20 days in January. They served 39 different people. A day shelter/service center is still being talked about.
- Community Outreach and Engagement, Cindy Hall- At the last meeting, one of the main topics of conversation was the PIT count. We also talked about students experiencing homelessness at CCCC. This committee is working to have a mini Project Homeless Connect at CCCC where we will give out food, passes to laundromats, passes to showers, etc. We are also working to find affordable housing for students. A lot of students are close to being homeless, and there is no housing for them. Lastly, we talked about the growing need of awareness around S3. Three messages that we want to continue to put out are: 1) this is a collaborative effort, 2) this is everyone's problem, and 3) we need a systems solution.
- Housing, Bob Hughes- At the last Housing meeting, we discussed Brick Capital CDC's current projects and how we can help. An inspector is going to look at the Garden Street Apartments owned by Reverend Mellette and Christian Provision Ministries. Mellette has indicated that he would sell to Brick Capital. There is enough room on the lot to build more apartments or possibly place tiny homes. Lastly, Housing Committee focused on a flow chart showing the process of people going from homelessness to housing. One of the main issues in this area is the lack of Permanent Supportive Housing.

VII. **S3 Presentations Panel Discussion (Services Example)-** Stan Holt

Stan led a panel discussion with service providers, including John Campbell from Daymark, Katie Lemke from the Salvation Army, Dr. Hall from H3 and Johnnye Waller with Lee County Schools.

VIII. **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**