

## S3 Housing Connect Agency & Committee Reports

8/13/2020

### **Salvation Army:**

- We're preparing for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kettle Krush Golf Classic on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Sanford Golf Course. Players and sponsors are still needed!
- Our mobile meal distribution ended today. This summer we served 6,200 meals to area children.
- Deb Thompson, our new Project CATCH Case Manager, continues to reach out to families and children experiencing homelessness and has been conducting assessments over the phone with those that attend Bread of Life. Once these assessments are complete, we will work with Bread of Life staff/volunteers to come up with a plan of action to help.
- We continue to operate our food pantry and offer financial assistance to those struggling to pay rent/utility bills. Our hours of operation are Monday- Thursday (9 am- Noon and 1 pm- 4 pm).
- Current Needs- volunteers are needed to help in our food pantry and with Project CATCH.

**The Enrichment Center** is currently serving meals to our registered clients for pick-up or for porch delivery Monday – Friday for a noon time meal. Our Veteran Services Officers are able to schedule a face to face meeting based on a limited schedule. Our Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) coordinator is also available for appointments on a limited basis. We have some virtual support groups available and a few that are held in an outdoor setting that adheres to all COVID-19 safety protocol. All other staff are available by email or telephone.

**NC Works** is short staffed right now. We had a co-worker to die unexpectedly on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Helen Tymes, our Vet. Rep. died several hours after work on July 27<sup>th</sup>. She attended a few of the meetings and she also participated in the PIT Count. We have another person on Vacation this week and another person Retired. We are stretched thin right now.

**The Partnership for Children and Families** staff are still working remotely. Some staff are working in the office with limited hours. Home visiting programs are conducting visits and group sessions virtually. NC Pre-K and Subsidy appointments are being held face to face (distanced) by appointment only. The Teen Outreach Program will be conducted virtually with the AVID programs in the schools. We currently need applicants for the NC Pre-K program. The child must be four years old before September 1st. We also need referrals for our Adolescent Parenting, Parents as Teachers, and Healthy Beginnings programs.

**Haven** is catching up with all our court clients that were rescheduled due to the court closing down, and the ones that needed a 50-B during that time. We are trying to find housing resources for our shelter clients as well, since that seems to be their major obstacle right now. Our current needs are gloves, floor cleaner, size 5-7 diapers and school supplies. Also, if anyone knows of any places that have availability for housing, or private landlords, then that would be a great help to our clients. We've had all staff

members working with our clients to find housing, but most places aren't accepting applications or don't have anything available since they haven't been able to evict.

#### **Brick Capital CDC:**

- We became a HUD approved housing counseling agency last month. This means that we can help families navigate the homebuying process from start to finish all while following HUD and Fair Housing guidelines.
- We were approved for a grant to conduct voter engagement efforts from Democracy NC, a nonpartisan nonprofit. We plan on having voter registration events and voter turnout drives leading up to the November election.
- We are finishing building two affordable homes next month and may start building as many as five in the fall.

**Reach Out Crisis Pregnancy Center-** During COVID we have had more emergency needs than usual due to layoffs and people not being able to work. We have given away diapers, wipes, formula, and many other needs to individuals in need. We continue to hold one on one parenting classes and client coaching. We are training new volunteers to help during this very important time. Our greatest need right now is for people to like us on Facebook @PregnancyCenterSanfordNC Please make sure you are not liking the wrong site; ours has the Reach Out logo for our profile pic. Thank you!!

**OMI** continues operation with all necessary COVID-19 protocols in place. In July we had 14 new clients enter the shelters and 10 clients exited. We currently have 8 women & children and 5 men in our shelters. We have been using 211 with the limitation of clients from Lee County only. On August 17<sup>th</sup>, we will expand our entry area with the limitation of a recent COVID-19 negative test result or evidence of a previous 14-day quarantine.

We have hired a new Shelter Supervisor at the Women's Shelter and we're recruiting candidates for a Shelter Supervisor at the Men's Shelter. OMI will be expanding our client services beginning in September. We have received funding to add an Intake Worker, Case Manager- Housing, Housing Specialist, additional Shelter Supervisors and a Director (2021). This new staff will allow us to better focus the case managers time on the client's needs while having support staff to conduct the daily operations of the shelter.

OMI is growing to meet our community need and provide increased collaboration through S3. This growth has been the result of the strong collaboration of the members of S3.

**Family Promise** is currently full with a new family coming in on Sunday Aug 16th. We have 3 families (7 people) in the program. Due to the space restrictions of having the families at the Day Center, we are limited to the number of people we can serve. We want to keep the total number to @8 or 9 people. We currently do not have any needs at this time. We are currently good with all supplies (for now).

**Sanford Jobseekers** is working through Bread of Life to do resumes and help with jobs on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Food distribution is happening on Wednesdays to some needy families. We helped a family unit move to Oklahoma by helping with bus fare. Counseled two homeless families, one living in a car, and the other in a motel.

**H3** sees patients at the Bread of Life on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Also has visited both OMI shelters. Hall had 38 patients in July. He has several nurses volunteering to do vitals: Lura, Karen, Allison. He has Jay Minter helping him on Saturdays. (Jay is applying to medical schools.)

### **Committee Reports:**

**Housing Committee** met August 4<sup>th</sup> with the following results:

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) continues to be a point of emphasis for the committee. Stan & Kerry reported on their meeting with Daymark focusing on the partnership which is important to the success of PSH. Stan has sent out information concerning his conversation with the NCCEH along with sample procedures & MOU's. Information was obtained from HMIS concerning the number of chronic homeless in Lee County. We will continue to pursue this option.

Kerry & Josh Payne have decided that the house which Shed Depot has is not a feasible option at this time but will continue to stay in touch as opportunities arise.

We also discussed a landlord data base & landlord engagement. OMI is in the process of advertising & hiring a Housing Specialist for this purpose. We discussed enlarging the scope of this position to include all housing agencies, with the other agencies contributing to the position. This is something that would benefit the process of obtaining housing for those in need.

There was discussion about tiny homes & the house building projects at the high school & community college. Further study will be given to this effort.

With most of the housing moratoriums expiring there is about to be a tremendous increase in the number of evictions, & potentially, homeless. We need to be preparing for this now. It will involve the city, county, legal & judicial systems and the various non-profit agencies.

### **Service Provision Committee:**

We (SPC) talked to Marilyn during our July Meeting about the CIT training and increasing awareness of S3 as one of our goals. She has S3 scheduled during the next training session (see Below). I am not available during that time frame. I reached out to Jeff since his position has changed to outreach thinking that would be a good opportunity to pull all avenues together during a panel discussion. He tentatively agreed; however, he may have a conflict with NCCEH training that morning, he's checking into it.