

Housing Committee Meeting Notes

7.7.2020, 10 AM

Zoom Call

Attendance: Marcia Johnson, Patricia Hawes, Bob Hughes, John Campbell, Kerry Bashaw, Josh Payne, Rachel Picard, Stan Holt, Karen Kennedy, Marshall Downey

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. COVID-19 Impact on Housing
 - a. State Legislature & New Bills
There is a new bill that could provide relief for housing. Legislature is stalled.
3. Permanent Supportive Housing
 - Stan and Kerry agreed that Daymark has to be part of the PSH conversation. To get PSH in Lee County, we need to focus on partnerships. Stan and Kerry will facilitate a call with Daymark. Stan is having conversations with the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness about funding applications; HUD might not do an application for Balance of State this year. Karen will start sending out NC Housing call notes to this committee.
4. Review Committee Goal Sheet
Housing Committee reviewed the goal sheet and agreed upon some new goals.
5. Shelter/Project Updates
 - Kerry said Brick Capital is very interested in partnering with Shed Depot. Shed Depot has a \$25,000 house that BCCDC would like to use for affordable housing. Josh Payne said that Shed Depot is looking to move the house as soon as possible. Josh and Kerry then discussed the tiny house/modular process and inspections. If we are interested in tiny homes, we should look for partners to donate different components such as foundation, sheetrock, electrical work, etc. Youth Build at CCCC and the high school's construction program could also assist.
 - OMI- There are currently nine men and nine women in OMI's shelters. Their biggest effort right now is diversion. They are still only accepting Lee County residents into the shelters. OMI's board have applied for various grants and other funding sources, and they are interviewing new board members.
6. Other Discussion
 - Moratorium- Utility payment plans are in effect. If a renter defaults on the payment plan, they could be evicted. With respect to renters & mortgages not such plan exists but, legally, the landlord has to get a court approved eviction order before someone can be evicted. Unfortunately, many landlords are not doing this but are threatening them.
 - Landlord engagement- Outreach Mission is currently looking for more landlords to assist with their Rapid Rehousing program. Currently, clients come in and meet with JLHCA. Jeff helps the chronic homeless, and OMI assists other shelter clients.

- Housing/Landlord database- Stan said this coordination exists in other communities. OMI, JLHCA, and Sanford Housing Authority should all think about the type of landlord that their clientele needs. We could have a landlord event, and client profiles could be placed in front of the landlords to see which landlord would be the best fit for each organization. We could also create a landlord page on the website with documents detailing all the information a potential landlord would need to know if they were to work with us. Kerry and Gabby Murillo would be the perfect hosts for this event.
 - a. CCCC- Project Homeless Connect event will be held on September 2nd, 2020.