



S3 Housing Connect Zoom Meeting Notes

September 10, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

Attendance: Kendra Martin, Ruth Price, Lindsay Tipton, Dr. Bill Hall, Cindy Hall, Tami Carter, Bob Hughes, Holly Hight, John Kirkman, John Paschal, Bill Carver, Marcia Johnson, Tamara Brogan, Kerry Bashaw, John Campbell, Alana Keegan, Lauren, Chris Kelley, Heather Garrity, Gabby Murillo, William, Johnnye Waller, Brenda Clegg, Laura Spivey; Staff: Rachel Picard, Karen Kennedy, Stan Holt

1. **Welcome, Mission Statement**, Tamara Brogan, Chair
2. **Election Candidate Questionnaire**, Ruth Price, Vice Chair

Community Engagement committee sent out questions about homelessness to local political candidates seeking election. We are collecting their responses and they will be published on S3's website under a page titled "Vote 2020". The Chamber of Commerce is having a Public Policy luncheon in October so we will try to get a question to them as well.

3. **YouthBuild Program**, Lindsey Tipton, CCCC

Lindsay Tipton, with CCCC's YouthBuild program, gave a presentation. Youth Build is a fairly new educational program for individuals aged 16 to 24. The program offers participants the opportunity to complete their high school equivalency while working in fields they enjoy. YouthBuild assists with childcare and offers other incentives and opportunities. "260 YouthBuild programs in the United States engaged nearly 8,000 low-income young adults who had left high school without a diploma; approximately 30% have been court-involved". 74% of all enrollees obtained their high school equivalency credentials. So far, 52 local individuals have been enrolled. Go to www.cccc.edu/youthbuild for more information.

4. **Discussion on Bread of Life Operating Hours**, John Paschal

Bread of Life is going to go back to morning operating hours. The amount of people experiencing homelessness at BOL has decreased. People experiencing homelessness report that they have stopped coming due to Pastor Clark's death. BOL is hoping that opening in the morning will be more helpful. Several clients from BOL have been approved for housing but haven't been able to get into housing yet due to the lack of available units. BOL has been focused on receiving input from people experiencing homelessness. H3 has been at the BOL every Saturday and recently, on Tuesdays. John Paschal thanked the City for being so supportive and helpful. He said that BOL is trying their hardest to be a service to the City of Sanford. John will update BOL's Facebook and website to reflect the operating hour changes. An issue we're facing is that couples don't want to separate, so they refuse to enter the Men's and Women's shelters. Kendra reminded everyone that all organizations need to be part of NCCare360 so we can capture data and see where the holes in the system are. Gabby added that we need to show compassion and remember that adults like their freedom.

5. **Overview of Funding Opportunities- ESG, PSH and COVID**, Stan Holt

There are two large sources of money: Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grant Program. ESG is open and accepting applications, which are due September 15th. This funds HMIS, emergency shelter, street outreach, and other areas. We need to figure out how to leverage this money and get it into Lee

County. CoC money is more for housing; Stan and Kerry are looking into using this funding for Permanent Supportive Housing. There is also ESG-COVID-19 money: OMI and JLHCA received this funding. We need to figure out what exactly this funding can be used for locally. Another source of funding is CDBG, which can be used for rental and eviction assistance. NC Office of Resilience and Recovery has another funding stream coming sometime soon.

6. Committee Reports

- **Housing**, Bob Hughes- PSH and funding discussion
- **Community Outreach and Engagement**, Cindy Hall- Political questions, virtual Veteran's Day panel
- **Services**, Tami Carter- COLTS is willing to assist with transportation. Routes are prescheduled. Tami and Debbie Davidson were able to coordinate a COLTS pickup for an OMI client. The Coordinated Solutions subcommittee is going to start communicating online and only meet if needed. Lastly, everyone is encouraged to join NCCare360!

7. Discuss Fall Training Opportunities, Stan Holt

Stan sent out an invitation for a Fall training series on organizational capacity building for nonprofits. The first session will be on September 30th from 10 am-12 pm. The second session is October 26th from 3-5 pm. This session is for board members. If organizations attended the first two sessions they are eligible for a third private session, specifically tailored for each nonprofit. Stan will resend the registration and invitations.

8. Assessment Exercise utilizing breakout groups, Stan Holt- See Email Link

Stan explained the Homeless System Assessment and S3 members worked on completing the form. Stan encouraged everyone to take the link and continue to fill out the form on their own time.

9. Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Dr. Hall added that he has rarely seen people experiencing homelessness walking around downtown. Dr. Hall spoke with a policeman, and he said they need information and resources for people experiencing homelessness. Karen suggested we create a one-pager to give law enforcement. Stan asked if we could have a meeting/meet and greet with law enforcement and service providers.

Karen reminded everyone how far S3 has come and how many amazing things S3 has done. She also reminded everyone that the City may not be able to apply for the CDBG COVID money due to the City having a current CDBG project open for Linden Avenue. However, the county may be able to apply. Karen will research this.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.