

Housing Committee Meeting Notes

Buggy Building Conference Room

10:30 am, 3/3/2020

Attendance: Bernadette Williams, Marcia Johnson, Karen Kennedy, Rachel Picard, Max Dolan, Stan Holt, Bob Hughes, Josh Payne, Jeff Rawlings

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Homeless to Housing Flowchart**

See flowchart. We need data from shelters to complete the chart.

3. Shelter Updates

- Marcia Johnson reported that OMI has a phone call with the NC Housing Finance Agency to discuss funding. NCHFA has given them three options for placing shelter residents during construction of their new shelter. OMI and Brick Capital CDC have finished the NCHFA pre-application and submitted it. The site visit at the proposed location for the new shelter went well.
- H3 is going well and Dr. Hall has reported that most of the patients that he sees have mental illness.

4. Project Updates

- Garden St- An inspector needs to look at the property to determine what work would need to be done. Kerry Bashaw is coordinating this.
- Rapid Rehousing- Five families have been approved and are looking for housing. There are roughly 20 on the list in Lee County. The VISPDAT is no longer being done by JLHCA- it will now be given by shelters.
 - The highest VISPDAT scores in our county come from Bread of Life, OMI and HAVEN
 - 30% recidivism rate overall. The recidivism rate in Lee County is 20%.

5. Other Business

- Key reasons why people experiencing homelessness don't go into housing: 1) Congregate housing can be dangerous and 2) Many people can't believe that they would be offered housing with no rules or strings
- We can't have a street outreach program without a system/resources to respond
- SOARS counselor
- Prevention/diversion is cheaper than a person going through the whole housing process

*The next Housing Committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 7 at 10:30 am