



S3 Housing Connect Meeting Notes

January 14, 2021

Attendance: Tamara Brogan, Cindy Hall, Lesa Price, Jeff Rawlings, John Paschal, Rosa Portillo, Pam Glover, Kerry Bashaw, Laura Spivey, Crystal McIver, Brittany Newman, Paul Escamilla, Lillian Hatton, Joey Mosley, Paul Tate, John Campbell, Shadonna Headen, Darla Molina, Kym Smith, Hamer Carter, Marcia Johnson, Ruth Price, John Kirkman, Kendra Martin, Bob Hughes, Ashley Palmer, Heather Garrity, Gabrielle Saunders

Staff: Karen Kennedy, Rachel Mann, Stan Holt

- I. **Welcome, Mission Statement**, Tamara Brogan, Chair
- II. **Point in Time Count Preparation**- Event Date- January 27, 2021, Cindy Hall

The Point in Time Count (PIT) will be held on January 27th and 28th. We have a good amount of donations including lots of blankets and toboggans. We are hoping to get a good count from the feeding that happens on Wednesday nights at Wengers. The homelessness sites map will be updated tomorrow. Changes to the PIT Count are coming from HUD, and we are hoping updates will come this week. The Community Engagement committee would like to have bags with the S3 logo for next year's count.

- III. **Medicaid Managed Care**, Shadonna Headen, ASBA, AmeriHealth Caritas, NC

Summary of presentation needed Goes into effect on July 1. Probably 20% of OMI clients without Medicaid; OMI helps others apply. Most families at Family Promise already have Medicaid by the time they arrive at the facility.

- IV. **Board Development Training**, Stan Holt- (See next page for more info!)

The next training in the city-funded nonprofit series will be held on February 9 from 2:30-4:30 PM. It will be focused on how to recruit new members, organize an existing board, and retain members. Karen sent out an announcement and registration link. Please let us know if you're interested! Stan will also be holding private nonprofit trainings. Any S3 organization is eligible for these, and there is no limit on attendance.

- IV. **Local Collaborations**, Stan Holt

There was a great conversation last month including OMI, BOL, H3, and Family Promise. These organizations are taking a leap of faith and OMI is serving as a lead agency for ESG funding. This is a collaborative process to leverage funding. This is so exciting and such a new opportunity. This will make us look at how we build capacity and leverage funding in our county to meet needs of people we serve! Hamer added that there have been good conversations and the State gave very positive feedback. The preliminary funding request was submitted on the 8th. This included a medical van for H3, staffing for BOL's extreme weather shelter, and staffing for Salvation Army and Bread of Life's day center. Tamara added that S3 is such a unique initiative, and this collaboration is a prime example. We will be more effective since we're putting our resources together.

V. Committee Chair Meeting- Goals and Projects, Karen Kennedy

Karen suggested that we go back to having monthly committee chair meetings to prevent duplication of efforts. After some conversation, it was agreed that this is a good idea, and that the committee chairs should be asked if this is something they're interested in. Bob Hughes added that communication is important and the monthly chair meetings were very helpful.

VII. Committee Reports:

1. Housing, Bob Hughes- This committee has rewritten their goals and objectives. The overall goal is to increase availability of affordable housing. This committee is trying to focus on advocacy, and hopes that they can show demand for affordable housing in Lee County. Kerry Bashaw added that BCCDC was very pleased to receive 10 acres of land recently, and they hope to use this for affordable housing.

2. Services, Tami Carter- Jeff Rawlings gave an update on funding for 2021. There is some new funding, but some funding streams expired at the end of 2020. Some funding hasn't been released yet. JLHCA cannot pay for hotels right now, but BOL and OMI still can. Cindy Hall gave a PIT Count update, and there was discussion around Downtown Sanford and a Parks Committee. Agency reports were given.

3. Community Outreach and Engagement, Cindy Hall- This committee is contemplating how to broadcast the panel discussions. They are considering starting a podcast, which could include series on evictions, local resources, the PIT Count, etc. Cindy is working with The Sanford Herald on articles about the PIT. The target date for the CCCC outreach event is Fall 2021. Lastly, everyone is always welcome at the motel outreach events.

VIII. Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Tamara reminded everyone to take care of themselves. We need lots of self-care because last year was stressful. We should also be proud of ourselves for how much we accomplished in such a hard year. We got through last year because of collaboration and the S3 structure.

Pam Glover added that a lot of people are looking for work right now, and there are lots of opportunities! Call the Career Center for employment inquiries.

Cindy Hall mentioned the real estate sheet for Regal Inn, which is on the market now. Kerry said the property has some challenges and would need a lot of rehab work.

Gabrielle Saunders said the Veternation mobile shower unit will be up and running in April.

Shadonna Headen added that she would like to build relationships with local service providers.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.