



S3 Housing Connect Meeting

02.10.2022

Attendance (31): Kendra Martin, Quiotti Ratliffe, Tracy Staley, Ruth Price, Cameron McNeill, Cindy Hall, Ashley Groce, Nadia Lopez, Max Dolan, Hamer Carter, Laura Spivey, Tamara Brogan, Bill Carver, John Paschal, Kimberly Rau, Chasity Lindsey, Constancita Nieves, Heather Garrity, Karmisha Hernandez, Sharon Williams, Kerry Bashaw, Ashley Groce, John Kirkman, Gabby Murillo, Paul Escamilla, Ruth Amerson, John Campbell, Lesa Price, Unknown Number, "YL" (Please introduce yourself if calling from a unknown number)

Staff: Stan Holt, Rachel Mann, Karen Kennedy

1. **Welcome, Mission Statement**, Ruth Price, Vice Chair
2. **Success Story**, Max Dolan, Hamer Carter & John Kirkman

Max, Hamer and John shared success stories about clients who were able to obtain jobs and housing after receiving aid from local organizations.

3. **Opportunity to Record Success Stories**, Rachel Mann

Success story recordings were held on Wednesday, February 23rd. Seven volunteers came to share their stories. Thank you to everyone who participated!

4. **Data Collection**, Stan Holt

Data collection has been an ongoing initiative for the Services committee. Stan created a spreadsheet to collect data for local organizations. We need to add Point in Time Count data to the spreadsheet. Cindy asked why Stan used 64 as an age cut off; Kendra shared that 211 and other data trackers typically use 64 as a marker. Kendra asked if we should focus on those who are served, instead of sheltered, since not every organization shelters. Afterward, there was good conversation around the need for data collection.

5. **Advocacy Training**, Stan Holt

Advocacy committee has been discussing the need for advocacy training. Stan scheduled an hour-long introduction to public policy and advocacy on April 13th at 2 PM. This training will be held via Zoom, and is open to anyone in S3. More details to come soon!

6. **Discussion about 2022 Point in Time Count**, Cindy Hall

On the night of the PIT Count, there was a quick volunteer training session before volunteers went out and counted. There were approximately 20-25 volunteers present. Mark Rogers from the Sanford Herald joined and wrote a nice article that was featured in the local newspaper. Donations were collected prior to the count and given out throughout the night. Someone even donated three pots of soup and grilled cheese sandwiches! Ruth, Tamara and Cindy created 150 bags from the donations. Approximately 15 people were found throughout the night, and volunteers were able to connect them to resources. The Counting Us app was used to count individuals in shelters. The next day, volunteers went to the Bread Basket to continue the count. Cindy put an ad in the newspaper to thank everyone involved with the

count. Rachel and the rest of S3 thanked Cindy for all of her hard work- The PIT Count could not have happened without her dedication!

7. Discussion about CCCC Outreach Event, Cindy Hall

Tamara, Ruth, Tracy, and Cindy represented S3 at the CCCC Resource Fair! As soon as the fair started, they met several students who had been sleeping in their cars. The group brought donation bags and gave them out to all of the students they encountered.

Ruth shared that several new people joined this S3 meeting after learning about S3 through the PIT and resource fair. Ruth invited all the new attendees to join committees!

8. Committee Reports:

Services, Kendra Martin- Bridgette from SHA gave a presentation on Linden Avenue and other SHA housing projects. Ruth is now vice chair of Services committee. Mental Health First Aid is coming up next week! The class is currently full. Services is focusing on HMIS recruiting, data collection, and they also discussed committee reports. During next month's meeting, the group will discuss the extreme weather shelter and how it worked this winter.

Community Outreach and Engagement, Cindy Hall- This committee has been discussing the PIT Count, CCCC outreach event, and success stories.

Housing, Rachel Mann- Bridgette from SHA presented to the committee about Linden Avenue and other housing projects. The group also discussed tiny homes and Father Matt Garrison's proposed cottage project.

Advocacy, Gabby Murillo- Check Govtrack.us for updates on new bills and legislators! This committee discussed going to more City and County meetings to show up as a united front. Gabby shared about realtor organizations (REALTOR foundation/Green Chair) in Raleigh that she has experienced. Kerry added that discussions were held about ARPA funding and creating traction around the equity task force report.

Eviction, Kerry Bashaw- The HOPE program ended in December. The state has a foreclosure prevention program for homeowners struggling to pay mortgages. BCCDC continues to offer eviction prevention counseling.

9. Closing Remarks and Adjourn

John P asked about resources for people aging out of foster care. Stan said DSS has a program called Links that can assist people up to 24 years old.

Laura S shared that she has a case of hand sanitizer bottles; Let her know if anyone needs any! Cindy has PIT donation bags left.