



S3 Housing Connect Zoom Meeting  
12.09.2021

**Attendance** (26): Kendra Martin, Matt Garrison, Max Dolan, Tamara Brogan, Cindy Hall, Cameron McNeill, John Kirkman, Ruth Price, Heather Garrity, John Campbell, Quiotti Ratliffe, Marcia Johnson, Laura Spivey, John Paschal, Kimberly Rau, Sharon Williams, Darla Shoults, Kerry Bashaw, Joey Mosley, Constancita Tita Nieves, Tami Carter, Nadia Lopez, Johnnye Waller, Hamer Carter  
Staff: Karen Kennedy, Rachel Mann

I. **Welcome, Mission Statement, Tamara Brogan, Chair**

II. **Success Stories, Karen Kennedy**

John Paschal shared a success story about one of Bread of Life's clients. Tamara Brogan then shared a story about a domestic violence (DV) client who originally came to Family Promise for assistance. However, she then returned to her DV situation. Two years later she returned to Family Promise for support. The success is that clients know they can go to local organizations for assistance! Cindy Hall shared a story of collaboration between H3, OMI and BOLM. The three organizations came together to buy a machine to check client's vital signs. Karen Kennedy then shared a story of a woman asking for assistance for her grandchildren. Because of the S3 collaboration, Karen was able to meet the woman's need. The woman's grandchildren were triplets and a 12-year-old boy, and Tracy Staley, Salvation Army, was able to find gifts for all of the children.

III. **Opportunity to Record Success Stories- First Date- Wed Dec. 22, Karen Kennedy**

Our first story-recording session will be on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please script and practice your story and wear dark, solid colors for the recording.

IV. **Second Wind Cottages Project Idea, Father Matt Garrison**

Father Matt Garrison shared a video showing the Second Wind Cottage project in New York. At the cottages, a sense of community is the key aspect. Staff have learned from experiences and the community has changed over time; For example, they encourage a "community that *tries* to be clean and sober." This phrasing allows for grace and prevents mistakes that could be destructive to the community. Even though the success rate for sobriety isn't 100%, lives are being changed.

There is a community director (on site) and executive director (off site; handles volunteers, communication, etc.) for this program. The community director works hand in hand with clients. Staffing is crucial; They have to be loving but tough, and thick skinned but compassionate. There is no limit to how long clients can stay, but it technically is transitional housing. The intake process is very rigorous.

John Kirkman asked if this community ran into issues with zoning. Father Matt said they were limited to 18 cottages for water/sewer capability. John K asked if clients pay their own utilities; Father Matt said he is unsure about financial responsibility for tenants, but it is minimal if anything. Cottages are heated by a heat pump. Cindy asked if this project is focused on single people; Matt said yes, this one in particular is focused on single men. Another one of these communities has recently been created for single women. Max Dolan asked about cost per cottage to build; Matt said they were roughly \$15-18K to build. The cottages are very simple and the framing is the same for each house. Laura Spivey asked if Karen has ever heard of a grant for something like this; Karen said we can start researching! Matt said this organization relies solely on donations because grants often have strings attached. Karen asked the group if this project is something they would like to support. Kendra Martin said that the first step should be asking the homeless community if it's something they would want. If they think the cottages would be helpful, then they should be involved every step of the way to make this community the most beneficial it can be. Kendra asked OMI representatives if they think their clients would be interested; Laura said they definitely would

and there would probably be clients who are willing to give feedback and assist with this project. Laura asked about TeamWorkz in Moore County because they're doing a similar project. John Campbell said TeamWorkz is dealing with too much red tape and have not been able to get permits. It was agreed that we should think on this idea throughout the holidays. We will have another meeting to discuss this idea in the near future.

V. **Compassion Fatigue Sessions-** In person & virtual; West End Conference Room, *Karen Kennedy*  
Monday, December 13- 4 pm

Join us on Monday for the second compassion fatigue training session. Thank you to Vicki Rhodes for hosting these trainings!

VI. **Discussion about 2022 Point in Time Count,** *Cindy Hall-* January 26 and Ongoing Count/NCCEH

Please start collecting donations for the Point in Time (PIT) Count now! The count will be on January 26<sup>th</sup>, but data collection will continue until February. More information to come!

VII. **Shelter Tutors/Supplies/Lee County Schools,** *Dr. Johnnye Waller*

Lee County Schools received grant funding for McKinney Vento students. The grant provides the option for educational resources at local shelters. In the past, Lee County Schools has bought books, placed a tutor at HAVEN, bought cafeteria tables for HAVEN, and provided book shelves and books for the Navigation Center. If any shelters are interested in a tutor or educational supplies, please let Dr. Waller know! The school contracts with the tutor directly, so the shelter would not have to be involved with paperwork. In the Lee County School system, there are roughly 199 McKinney Vento students at this point. If that rate continues, we will surpass last year's numbers.

VIII. **Committee Reports:**

1. **Services,** Kendra Martin- This committee discussed the upcoming Mental Health First Aid training. It will most likely be two half-day training events. The tentative dates are February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The event will most likely be held at the McSwain Center. Services is also continuing to look into data collection.

2. **Community Outreach and Engagement,** Cindy Hall- This committee discussed the upcoming PIT count, CCCC college outreach, and success stories. Another radio spot is coming up with Margaret Murchison!

3. **Housing,** Kerry Bashaw- This committee is discussing various projects, including the need for affordable housing. BCCDC has a lot of exciting projects coming in 2022.

4. **Advocacy,** Kerry Bashaw- Discussed public policy/legislative agenda topics. This committee also discussed how to advocate for the Equity task force report.

5. **Eviction,** Kerry Bashaw- Did not meet; No report. Kerry asked if this committee should keep meeting. Tamara suggested continuing to meet to keep an eye on the eviction situation throughout the first half of 2022. Kerry agreed and said the committee meetings have been a good place for information from the magistrate and everyone involved with housing/evictions.

IX. **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**

John Paschal said the dental bus was parked near the Sanford Housing Authority units along Linden Avenue.

Please register for the compassion fatigue training and story sharing!

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.