**Alamance County Interagency Council for Homeless Assistance**

***September 5, 2014 3:30 PM United Way***

**Present**: Kim Crawford, ACAC; Donna Hodges, ACAC; Nikki Ratliff, BHA/BDC; Cheryl Manuel, RTSA; Wendy Lewis, Salvation Army; Jan Bowman, ABSS; Heidi Norwick, United Way; Rebecca Price, Legal Aid of NC; Joel Rice, Cardinal Innovations; Suellyn Dalton, volunteer; Tammy Smith, FAS; Rachel Taylor , Benevolence Farm; Robin Wintringham, Habitat for Humanity of Alamance County; Shawna Tillery, City of Burlington

**Minutes**: The minutes of the August 7, 2014 were reviewed. Nikki Ratliff made a motion for approval and Joel Rice seconded that motion. Minutes were approved with no discussion.

**Announcements & Roundtable:**

Kim C. announced the ESG application was turned in in on September 2nd to Raleigh.

Suellyn Dalton announced ACC’s reaccreditation has been approved. She also announces with the new transportation systems almost every route that has been show plans to have a route to the college even if other communities do no sign on. Suellyn will be sending out information to connect local agencies with services offered by ACC in particular HRD for the ACAC.

Nikki reported there are four participants in HOPE (chronically homeless) and one new application has been received. STEPS (transitional program) has three participant families

Rebecca Price announced Legal Aid will be at the Family Justice Center on September 19th and every other Friday from 10-3 going forward to deal with housing cases, public benefits and unemployment. Divorce sessions are held quarterly in each County. Wills are also done quarterly in each County. For the Battered Immigrants Projects you can call Legal Aid for assistance. October 17th there will be a Re-entry Project held at ACAC. You must pre-register for the event and this will take place on September 15th from 11-1 at ACAC. There will be three other pre-registration events that are TBD but will be sent out through Community Council.

Tammy Smith said FAS is still down one room but a community group has adopted that room and will be working on getting it completed.

Cheryl Manuel reported the Mebane St. facility down one client and she currently has interview set up for new participant. RTSA will hold a jewelry sale September 20-21 at the Carousel Festival to benefit the organization and on October 4th there will be a Bar-B-Que at the Hall Ave. facility to learn about the services and programs offered there.

Wendy Lewis reported things are continuing to happen at Salvation Army and they are continuing to grow and serve a lot of need in the community.

Joel Rice reported he is trying to work on increasing housing resources available in this community.

Donna Hodges announced on September 24th ACAC will have a van to go to Greensboro for the Veterans Stand Down that if anyone is interested in attending. Bob, the representative from the VA, has been coming to ACAC every other week to provide services and link veterans to services they may be missing.

Rachel Taylor reported there are now two other staff person at Benevolence Farm and they are targeting November as the grand opening.

Robin reported Habitat is applying to be a CHDO with the City of Burlington. Habitat is the coordinator for the County for the Giving Tuesday effort on December 2nd. If agency wants to sign up they must do so by September 8th.

Jan Bowman announced ABSS has been overwhelmed over the last two weeks with clientele from the Dept. of Justice. They are still awaiting guidance on whether these children will qualify under the McKinney Vento Act. ARMC made a $1,500 cash donation to the supply closets and Elon’s freshman class just finished their drive with 21 cases of good.

Heidi Norwick announced Habitat is fully staffed and April Durr will start next week. United Way is currently in fundraising mode.

**Discussion**:

Shawna Tillery was nominated as Secretary.

BofS Call August 26th: Kim announced the call was held to talk about how Alamance County was doing. The call was successful since Nikki was able to reconnect on working out transition STEPS to Rapid RE-housing. The Balance of Sate is really focused on coordinated intake assessment which ACICHA needs to be focused on as well.

NC BoS Steering Committee meeting, September 2, 2014 Overview by Kim Crawford

Kim announced the application date for the ESG grant was changed to September 8th but was turned in on September 2nd for the original due date.

Kim announced the CoC is gearing up for new projects.

Kim discussed there is a lot of budget questions for the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness (MCAH) which have to be worked out along with contracts and MOUs. The contract with CIHN will be temporarily continued to April 30th. By Dec. CIHN will have to be contracting with some people to get them through the April 30th date.

The Steering Committee revised the Chronically Homeless prioritization policy so make sure to familiarize yourself with it.

BoS staff discussedthe Zero: 2016 Campaign. The BoS staff is highly encouraging the top five listed communities to be involved. Alamance is in the top. We are not required to do anything but it is a good opportunity to take a look at it and do make some small changes to expand into larger demographics.

Regional Committees should send delegates to the October 20th and October 21st Coordinated Assessment workshops. Shawna, Nikki, April, Nicole, ACAC staff are planning to attend. Jan and Wendy are not sure at this point. Kim reviewed that the intent of the workshop is to look at whether we send everyone that needs help to various locations or to get referrals at a singular place. It’s only as god as the community that it is in. The purpose is to really look what is the best way to meet the needs of the people in our community. We could take advantage of all the networks in our community to help the most vulnerable.

From the subcommittee meeting was determined all the Rapid-Rehousing folds need to be on this call. For data quality all HMIS/CIHN users need to on that call. Data standard are changing. If you have a CIHN license you have to sit in on a 90-minute webinar on September 22nd. You have to pass the test by October 1st or you license will be shut down.

Shelter Plus Care & Committee

Joel asked if application could come to United Way in care of ACICHA and Heidi Norwick agreed on upon this. The review committee would be made up of Nikki, Jan, Tammy, Cheryl, and Donna.

Once the application were reviewed they will go to Joel and then he will have a scorecard completed for those person you might have been denied.

Joel said he would like to share with the committee that he is looking for additional resources for Shelter Plus Care. He said that chronic homeless would probably get a preference. The review committee is to get together before the next ACICHA meeting.

Joel did mention due to the reeducated resources in Alamance County with the new NOFA coming out he wants to apply for new funds if available with the blessing of ACICHA. Cardinal Innovation would submit the intent to apply for any new funds.

A motion was made by Heidi to let Carinal apply for new funds. Nikki seconded the motion. The motion was approved for Cardinal Innovation to submit a intent to apply if new funds are made available in the NOFA.

Suellyn requested more information on why ACICHA or Alamance lost the money through Shelter Plus Care. ACICHA will work on getting this information together.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.