**ACICHA** –

“Eliminate homelessness in Alamance County by promoting interagency coordination to develop and sustain

a comprehensive system of housing and services designed to maximize the self-sufficiency

of individuals and families.”

Meeting Minutes

**Sept 3, 2015 3:00pm – 4:30pm, 425 S Lexington, Burlington NC**

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| Next meeting: Oct. 8, 2015Reviewed Agenda, no additional items were proposed.Reviewed August Minutes, motion was made by Robin, received a second from Julie, approved unanimously by all members present. |  Present Included: (enter names from sign-in sheet) |

**1. Introductions** were made as the meeting was called to order by Lynn Rousseau.

**2. Announcements**

•Tabled until end of meeting during roundtable.

***Discussion***

**3. Burlington Comprehensive Plan –** April reported that the plan was adopted (with some slight verbiage modifications) by council and several ACICHA members were present at the public hearing (and spoke in support of the plan). Members are encouraged to seek further information from the City of Burlington website: <http://www.ci.burlington.nc.us/index.aspx?NID=43>

**4. Coordinated Assessment (336-350-9985)** – Thadeous provided a brief update on coordinated assessment and how things were going with calls and intake. He explained that he is getting many calls from individuals and agency referrals that are not appropriate, i.e. not homeless or at risk for becoming homeless in next 24-72 hours, many people calling for rent assistance or utility bill assistance. April explained that United Way gets numerous calls each day of this nature and most are referred to 2-1-1. The group had a discussion about this and reviewed the coordinated assessment in-take process. Robin wondered if ACAC might consider a directory by topic rather than staff member name so that as people call they can be directed to the correct extension for the nature of their call. Bob reminded everyone that it will take a while for agencies and clients to become accustomed to the new central in-take for housing. Lindsey wondered how the church community could be better informed, perhaps through training, she explained that often times the churches send individuals and families to ACAC then to find out ACAC has encouraged them to seek help from local churches. April reminded everyone of the Community Guide to Assistance. Thadeous also explained that a waiting list has been created and is updated each week on Mondays.

**5. CoC / NOFA**

• Has not been released yet

• Scorecard sent out to CoC grant applicants to assist organizations in assessing whether they want / can write match or letters of support.

**6. BoS updates:**

**NC Balance of State** **Steering Committee meeting, Sep 1 – see Sept BoS Agenda packet for more information.**

**7. Roundtable**

* BDC – Hope Program has 5/6 filled, may have an opening. Rapid Re-Housing filled.
* Cardinal – housed one person from Ala. Co. last week, another person pending.
* ACAC – Kitchen should be back open soon. Shelter is almost at capacity. Hosting tenant education classes for rapid re-housing clients.
* CTI – new case managers on board, currently serving 9 clients at shelter (over 9 months) – will eventually serve a total of 20 people in Ala. Co. For more information members can visit their website: [www.unccti.org](http://www.unccti.org)
* Benevolence Farm – Partnered with mediation center to offer programming at farm, now selling produce from the farm at downtown farmers market, Saxapahaw and company shops market.
* FAS – working closely with ACAC on screening without identifiers, involved with CTI/SOAR, reported that there is now a CareNet bilingual counselor at the FJC working on trauma/crisis counseling.
* UWAC – helped to host the recent Diversion training, it was well attended, and everyone seemed to enjoy Ed Boyte as the facilitator.

There being no other business, Robin made a motion to adjourn, April Seconded the motion, all members present unanimously agreed.

**9. Next Meeting: Thursday Oct 8 3:00pm / City Hall**

***ACICHA meets monthly to discuss current community issues surrounding homelessness***