

Union County Partners Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date: December 7, 2018

Location: Daymark, 1190 W Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC

Meeting Facilitated By: Melissa McKeown

Attendees

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Nicole Gomez	Little Gerald Services	ngomez@glservicesnc.org
Sandra Clarke	Community Shelter	Sandra.clarke@unionshelter.org

Open Discussion

The attendees voted to move forward with group and to meet monthly. Goals include selecting new name for group, create stronger collaboration opportunities, and to research idea of creating a common application that could be used by multiple agencies. A subcommittee will be formed to begin work on group goals. Volunteers for subcommittee are Lillie Seals, Keith Adams and Melissa McKeown.

Agency Reports

Little Gerald Services – Peer Support/Substance Abuse/Mental Health services including housing and building independent living skills. Agency services individuals 18 years and older. Agency accepts Medicaid and self-pay participants. *Agency pamphlet included in attachments.*

Union County Crisis Assistance -

Crisis Intervention – provides rent/mortgage/utilities assistance. No income guidelines. Participants referred through DSS or other partner agencies. Food Pantry – for participants who do not receive food stamps.

Breaking Cycle of Poverty – Mandatory program for participants who've received crisis intervention assistance three times in last five years. Other community members can attend as needed. This program offers community workshops as well. Next Community Workshop will be held on January 14, 2019.

Daymark Recovery – Provides outpatient substance abuse and/or mental health services. Serves participants age 3 and up. Participants must meet criteria for diagnosis for treatment options. Walk in hours are Monday – Friday, 9am – 8pm. Agency serves uninsured, Medicaid/Medicare and private insurance (with criteria) participants.

Common Heart – Agency operates three food pantries as well as 4 mobile sites. Agency also conducts Bridges Out of Poverty training workshops, Getting Ahead workshops, Transitions workshops and Advocates for Change workshops. *Agency pamphlet included in attachments.*

Head Start – Serves pregnant mothers through school aged children. Operates daycare, preschool and home-based services.

Alliance for Children – Serves children birth to 5 years old as well as teen moms who are still in enrolled in school.

Community Action – Operates Head Start, Early Head Start in three counties including Union. Operates self sufficiency program where motivated individuals learn skills to rise above poverty levels. Services include job search assistance, career planning and budgeting. Agencies receive referrals primarily through DSS and Union County Crisis Assistance and are open to other agencies making referrals.

David's Backpacks for the Homeless – A grassroots, faith-based ministry meeting the needs of our neighbors living in the tent communities, on the streets or less fortunate. The mission is to meet the needs of our homeless and less fortunate friends and to rebuild dignity, self-worth, faith and to give them a purpose.

The Garden Project – A place where love is given, hope is found and faith will be restored.

Next Union County Partners meeting: January 22, 2019, Common Heart, 116 Business Park Drive, Indian Trail, NC 28079.

