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Davie-Iredell-Stokes-Surry-Yadkin (DISSY) Regional Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 - 10:00 AM

Location: Partners Behavioral Health, 200 Elkin Business Park Dr. Elkin, N.C. 28621

Those present were:

Kevin Hege - Veteran's Service Rep

Gail Pieropan - The Ark

Brian Smith - SHAHC

Joshua Edwards - Shepherd's House (on conference)

Debbie Owen - Fifth Street Ministries, DISSY Rapid Rehousing Coordinator

Bonnie Harper - GHCCM (on conference)

Donna Martin - Stokes DSS (on conference)

Alan Bagshaw - Easter Seals ACT

Kevin called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He made a motion to accept the minutes from January 15th. Brian seconded the motion and it was approved.

We then received updates from the following agencies that provide services to the homeless within the five county region:

- ***Diakonos, Inc. dba Fifth Street Ministries*** - The shelter is almost to capacity. There are 3 families in the family area, and 2 families in women's transition. There are 3 family rooms currently available. The Veteran's Transitional Housing Program is full.
All services offered by Fifth Street Ministries are available to anyone within the five county region.
HOME of Mooresville currently is currently serving 2 families. They have one opening. They serve single women and children from Mooresville.
- ***DISSY Rapid Rehousing*** - There are currently 7 families in housing. One family will graduate the end of February, and another the end of March. There are current openings in the program. Please send in the VISPDAT before filling out the full application. Rapid Re-Housing is also open to individuals on a case by case basis.
- ***The Ark*** - Has single openings. They are currently repairing a family room which will be available in the future. They serve families and single women who are not victims of domestic violence. For those who are DV victims, they provide referrals to other resources.
- ***Shepherd's House*** - Served 227 individuals in 2018. 455 were turned away due to lack of space. Continuing to work toward the men's shelter in Mt. Airy.
- ***DSS Stokes*** - Has LEIAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) funding available.

- **SHAHC** - Permanent Supportive Housing is full. Working on placing a family in transitional housing.
- **Easter Seals** – The ACT team is continuing to serve numerous homeless individuals. Alan will be attending the SOAR training in March. He can assist with disability applications on the days he is interning at Easter Seals.
- **GHCCM** - Has a current opening in Iredell County.
- **Veteran's Service Rep** - Continuing to assist with widow's pensions and other benefits. In January, assisted a veteran with transportation and placement through the VA. Currently assisting another client with a move to a safer living situation, which will be more conducive to his health issues, possibly assisted living. According to the latest numbers, Surry Co. had 41 million spent on veteran's benefits in 2018.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. at Partners BHC, Elkin, NC 28621.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah W. Owen