



#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

### NC Balance of State Continuum of Care Region 4 Committee

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## **DISSY Meeting Minutes**

**Date and Time**: 04/16/2024 at 11:30am

### Those in attendance:

Sherry Ingalls- Fifth Street Ministries	Robin Martin- The Shepherds House
Jessica Stevens – The Shepherds House	Mary Williams – Fifth Street Ministries
Lisa Reynolds- Family Promise of Davie County	Michelle Knapp- Fifth Street Ministries
Fleisha Brewton- Fifth Street Ministries	Polly Simmons – The Shepherds House
Laurenn Singleton - The ARK	Pamela Hinton – Partners
Karisa McDaniel – Partners	Jana Elliott – The Shepherds House
Linda Haney- Fifth Street Ministries	Lynn Blevins- Hope of Mooresville
Brenda Forbes- Positive Wellness Alliance	Jacob O'Neal- Mt. Airy Therapy & Consulting Services
Alan Bagshaw- ESUCP ACTT	Austin Love- Surry County Health & Nutrition Center
Bonnie Harper- Partners	Bubba Killgo
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#### Call to Order - Introductions and Welcome:

Pamela Hinton called the meeting to order

### **Agency Updates:**

- Jana- Helping Hands' new garden project is installed and complete. It has fresh produce to supplement their food pantry and will teach gardening skills to clients.
- Laurenn- Nothing new with The Ark, they are staying full. The shower project is turning into a night shelter project. Their next meeting is April 30<sup>th</sup> at Yadkin Valley Chamber Heritage Center at 5:30pm.
- Alan- Homeless Solutions Group's Citizens Safety Academy starts April 23<sup>rd</sup> and runs through May, every Tuesday from 4-8:30pm.
- Lisa- No major updates at Family Promise. They are working towards building a facility to serve more families in shelter.
- Michelle- Single men and women shelters are full and have a waiting list. Partners is doing training sessions (Persaud, Question, and Refer and Narcan) for the unsheltered homeless population first and then shelter residents. The first training is May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Goodwill Workforce Center in Statesville.
  - Memorandum of cooperation: Fifth Street is writing a federal grant to provide services to people coming out prison that are homeless in Iredell County. The goal is to provide transitional housing and intensive case management/life skills while working towards permanent housing, which will reduce recidivism and homelessness. They are asking community partners to sign on and support this project.
- Pamela- Partners' landlord resource event in Mooresville was very well attended.

#### **Discussion:**

- In-person meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30am-1pm
  - o Yadkin Valley Chamber of Commerce: 257 Standard St. Elkin, NC
  - Lunch provided
  - Partnership discussion with a local property manager hoping to expand into Yadkin and Surry counties.
- Create a short summary of "Why Join DISSY"
  - Collaborative group of housing agencies
  - Collaboration, education, resource sharing, and advocacy allows us to better serve our clients and those experiencing homelessness in our communities
  - $\circ$  Karissa to create an elevator pitch  $\rightarrow$  "educate, provide, advocate."

# **Review of Minutes from March meeting:**

Fleisha made motion to accept the minutes and Robin seconded.

## **Upcoming meetings & reminders:**

- <a href="https://www.ncceh.org/bos/steeringcommittee/">https://www.ncceh.org/bos/steeringcommittee/</a>
- BoS Steering Committee: Tuesday, May 7th, 2024, at 10:30am
- Case Conferencing: Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9:30am
- DISSY Meeting: Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, at 11:30am followed by case conferencing

Pamela Hinton adjourned the meeting to start case conferencing.