

# Regional Housing Continuum Meeting

## Iredell/Yadkin Counties

September 7, 2012

Present:

Scott Loudermelt: Executive Director of Statesville Habitat for Humanity

Ginger Dowdle: Dixieland Development/Shepard's Watch

Teena Willis: Housing Coordinator, Central Region

Patti West: Executive Director 5<sup>th</sup> St. Ministries

Teresa Gaither-Goode: PATH Team Leader

Lorenzo Debose: Daymark Recovery Services

Tameka Williams: Outreach Worker for the VA

Michele Steele: Housing Coordinator, Northern Region

Scott opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to Habitat for Humanity. The group introduced themselves and we gave a brief overview of our services and our agency.

Scott began by talking about raising funds for the home builds and preparing for one of the annual fundraisers. He stated that the elderly renovations were sustaining the workforce at Habitat. He spoke of hopefully applying for a CDBG grant with the city and county of approximately ½ million dollars and Habitat will administer. He also stated that 10/1 was International Habitat day.

Ginger Dowdle spoke to the group about her Level II group home that was currently full. She also talked about her summer camp that she, her husband and one staff manage. She stated that they currently have built duplexes that they would like to assist with accommodating the over 18 age group that has "aged out" of foster care. She is hopeful that at some point they can apply for a Youth Build grant that will assist with teaching teens a job trade and various living skills.

Patti West spoke to the group and stated that they have been full but fortunately have not had to turn anyone away that was homeless. She also stated that residents have diverse issues and not all have a MH/SA diagnosis. She also stated that they had family skills training. She also spoke about a couple of fundraisers coming up soon.

Teresa Gaither-Goode stated to the group that her team worked closely with the service providers in order to ensure that consumers become engaged in treatment. She also stated that some of their consumers could not be referred to service providers for a long period of time due to trust issues.

Tameka Williams spoke about an upcoming Stand Down that is to be held in Greensboro in September. She stated that she worked in the shelters and provided education to veterans. She also stated that the HUD VASH Program turnaround time was 2-3 months.

Teena Willis spoke about the IMD situation and that folks may be discharged from facilities or possibly lose their Medicaid. She also talked about Homeless Awareness Week coming up in November.

Lorenzo Debose spoke about providing MH/SA services and working closely with northern region housing coordinator. He stated that Daymark continues to provide IOP/Group Therapy and Psychiatric Services. He also stated that he administers urine drug screens for consumers who are in the housing program as well as keep the housing coordinator informed if a consumer is not following through with recommended services.

Michele Steele spoke to the group regarding the HUD Housing Programs and that there were vacancies in both programs. Michele also reminded the group that the consumer must be homeless and disabled or pending disability.

Next meeting set for October 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00

Meeting adjourned