

Alamance County Interagency Council for Homeless Assistance
Minutes for October 1, 2012 Meeting
Habitat for Humanity

Attending: Jackie Sheffield, BPD; Anna Keery, Elon University; Lynn Rousseau, FAS; Meredith Peffley, Cardinal Innovation; Clara Trollinger, Volunteer; Donna Hodges, Allied Churches; Leo Welsh, Allied Churches; Robin Wintringham, Habitat for Humanity; Heidi Norwick, United Way; Claire Dixon, Alamance Community College; Jashella Sessoms, PSI; Jan Bowman, ABSS; Nikki Ratliff, BHA/BDC and Elizabeth Lockley, CHIN

Approval of minutes will be tabled until next meeting.

Claire Dixon reported that ACC has just received work that the GED Test is changing and that the price will go up Jan. of 2013 and again Jan. of 2014. She recommends that anyone interested in getting started with GED to go ahead and do it now because the cost is only going up and the testing will increase in difficulty. A social work intern is working on a resource fair for next spring, more information to come later.

Jan Bowman reported that the school system has identified 360 students who are unaccompanied, homeless, double-ups or living in substandard housing. This number is twice what it was last year at this time. The school system held their McKinney Vinto night and fed 218 people.

Nikki Ratliff reported that BHA has a waiting list of about 6 months. HOPE/STEPS APRs have been submitted, STEPS has 1 slot available and HOPE has 1 slot available.

Lynn Rousseau reported that the Court Navigator Program has 2 volunteers trained and assigned to clients. They will follow them through both civil and criminal court. The electronic filing will probably not be up and running until sometime this spring.

Meredith Peffley reported that PBH will change the name to Cardinal Innovations as soon as the signs go up and the projected date for that is Friday or maybe Monday. PBH is hoping to get a standardized mental health inquiry form ready for Jan. 1 to roll out to several pilot sites. The plan is to give it about 6 months to determine any alterations to the program before going public to nonprofits, law enforcement, school system, etc. in June.

Leo Welsh reported that the shelter has about 75 nightly with 13 youth this week. They fed about 200 a day at lunch this past week. Thanksgiving will be partnered with Apple St. Baptist Church again this year.

The Centralized Intake subcommittee met. Training sessions on how to complete the new intake form has been discussed to all agencies. Leo reminded the group that the idea is to help for 12-18 months and focusing on the worst of the worst situations. The money we received will probably be able to help 12-13 families for a year. S+C is ready to move forward and has 7

clients waiting for inspections. The MOUs and/or contracts need to be signed for the inspections to be done by GHA. The process seems to be very paper intensive and Allied Churches is looking at Elon students and the Plus 62 program for help. He said that he had just received an email stating that grantees could date any contracts October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013. They are working hard to make it possible.

Shawna Tillery sent reminders that the community block grants are due in Nov. and Leo said Allied Churches is going to ask for assistance with the foundation and parking lots this year.

Elizabeth Lockley had CHIN reports and mentioned that there is some room for improvement with some agencies. Some of the problems may be with the new report format that they are working on and will be in the near future. Bed inventory needs to be done in another manner in order to be more accurate. CHIN is waiting for the Feds and the State to determine exactly what type of reports they are going to want.

A committee was named to look at the application for non-profit status for ACICHA and to review the by-laws. Maseta Dorley, Meredith Peffley, Jackie Sheffield and Heidi Norwick are going to meet 11:00 am October 15th at the United Way Office.

Leads for the new committees for BoS were named.

Permanent Housing: Kim Braxton

Rapid Re-Housing: Donna Hodges

CHIN: Nikki Ratliff, Kim Braxton, and Leo Welsh as grantees will attend these calls.

PIT: Heidi Norwick and Jackie Sheffield

Leo Welsh will talk with the executive committee with some recommendations for goals and objectives to present to the group at the next meeting.

Thank you to Robin Wintringham for her hospitality.