Chatham Housing Coalition

Minutes

September 13, 2013

Present: Nora Esthimer

 Nickie Siler

 Kathy Hodges

 Clintess Barrett

New meeting time

We discussed setting up a new standard meeting time and date. Nickie will send out a doodle on Monday to try to find the best date.

Grant update

Kathy reported that she has submitted the new ESG grant for the new year. We will have about $15,000 for rapid rehousing services, but may be able to access funds left over from this year.

Balance of State Update

State is reviewing Balance of State applications for ESG.

We are being asked to elect a Regional Lead Alternate to participate in Balance of State meetings and help facilitate the monthly coalition meeting if Nickie is absent.

Rapid Rehousing Client Update

Nickie provided an overview of the persons she has helped through the Rapid Re-housing program. See attached sheet.

Housing Task Force

The Housing Task Force presented to the Board of Commissioners about their process for applying for the funds. After the presentation, the board awarded up to $450,000 to Family Violence and Rape Crisis Services, $300,000 to Chatham Trades and the remainder to Habitat.

Announcements

Empowerment has hired and trained a housing counselor. She has held a couple of classes who were well-received. She may be available to come to Chatham to meet with clients about housing issues.

Clintess reported she has started a home-ownership academy, with sessions in Siler City at CCCC on Tuesday evenings from 5pm – 7pm the sessions will be held through October.

The Housing Authority is applying for funding from the March of Dimes risk reduction project with Health Department to work to help minorities receive prenatal care and to reduce risk around birth defects and premature birth. Focus will include healthy eating, smoking reduction, nutrition, transportation.

Chatham Community Development Corporation is hosting a workshop at CCCC in Siler City on reducing energy bills.

Other folks to reach out to

Habitat for Humanity

Debbie Warren from the Economic Development Corporation

JOCCA

DSS—replacement for Nakia Bland (who is in a new position at DSS)

Nickie will also reach out to some of the members who have not attended in a while.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:11.