**MINUTES**

**FOR THE April 18, 2013 MEETING**

**THE TWIN COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING COMMITTEE**

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| **Minutes** | **April 18, 2013** | **3:30 PM** | **United way – Tar River Region** |
| Meeting called by | Tilda Whitaker, SWIM |
| Type of meeting | THE TWIN COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING COMMITTEE (TCRHC) |
| Facilitator | Chris Battle/Tilda Whitaker |
| Note taker | Cristina Trantham, The Salvation Army |
| Timekeeper | Cristina Trantham, The Salvation Army |
| Meeting called to order at | 3:40pm |
| Attendees | Chris Battle (UCM), Leonard Tillery (UCM), Tilda Whitaker (SWIM), Daniel Joyner (UWTRR), Becky Landrum (Redeemer’s Inn), Archie Jones (CRM), Judy Adams, Matt & Cristina Trantham (The Salvation Army) |
| **Agenda Topics** |
| Discussion | **Greeting and Introductions** |
| Tilda Whitaker (SWIM) opened the meeting and all attendees present introduced themselves. Daniel Joyner (UWTRR) was given thanks for allowing us to meet in the new United Way facility. |
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| Discussion | **Reading and Adoption of Minutes of March 2013 Meeting** |
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| Minutes from March 2013were read. Motion to approve made by Matt Trantham (The Salvation Army), seconded by Daniel Joyner (UWTRR), minutes were approved. |
| While reviewing the minutes from March 2013 it was noted that Matt & Cristina Trantham work with The Salvation Army, not the American Red Cross, and that Cristina’s name does not have an “h” in it. It was also noted that Becky Landrum or Redeemer’s Inn should be added to the list of attendees for that meeting. |

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| Discussion | **Appoint Regional Lead Contact Person** |
| A motion was made to approve Chris Battle (UCM), and Tilda Whitaker (SWIM), as regional lead contact persons. Motion to approve made by Becky Landrum (Redeemer’s Inn), seconded by Daniel Joyner (UWTRR), motion approved.Chris Battle (UCM), noted that the responsibilities of regional lead contact includes correspondence with state contacts, ensuring deadlines are met, and participating in steering committee meetings. |
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| Discussion | **Program Update – The Salvation Army** |
| Matt & Cristina Trantham (The Salvation Army) reported on services offered world-wide and locally by The Salvation Army. Local services include assistance with food, clothing, furniture, rent, utilities, and life sustaining medications. The Salvation Army also provides weekly programs for senior citizens and youth, and traditional church services on Wednesday and Sunday.Becky Landrum (The Redeemer’s Inn) agreed to give a program update at the next meeting. |
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| Discussion | **UCM Rapid Rehousing Update** |
| Chris Battle (UCM) gave the Rapid Rehousing Update. To date, 2 families have been helped with this funding. The first case, a single mother, was helped with rent and a security deposit. She had been at the Bassett Center for 6 months and with the help of this funding is now on her own with the Rapid Rehousing support ending in March. The second case, a married couple with 2 children who had spent less than 30 days at the Bassett Center. They were provided with a security deposit and will have rental assistance for the next 3 months to help them move forward. This is the first time we have accessed this grant and we want to ensure that it is spent well, thus families are being selected carefully to ensure a high success rate.Becky Landrum (Redeemer’s Inn) asked if the grant money would be available in the case of family reunification. Chris Battle (UCM) stated that that he did not believe so but that he would check. He stated basic criteria for qualification is 1)must be an in-tact family, 2) lives at 30% below poverty level, and 3) documented as homeless. Chris also stated that once a family is in the “program” that if they cease to comply with the necessary requirements to receive funding, the funding will stop immediately. |

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| Discussion | **Other Business** |
| Daniel Joyner (UWTRR) – The new digital sign will be up and running at the United Way soon. Please let him know if you would like anything advertised on the sign. Also, let him know if you are interested in information about “Outreach Inc.”, which includes the production of 6-serving macaroni bags at a low cost.Chris Battle (UCM) – Again stressed the importance of C.H.I.N. (Carolina Homeless Information Network), and indicated that through the ESG application, grant money may be applied for to cover the cost of software and hardware for C.H.I.N. As it relates to ESG applications, it is unknown when they will be available, but Chris will let the group know. Chris also mentioned the National Homeless Conference in Washington, D.C. and will have more information at the next meeting. Additionally, he will work on providing a list of helpful acronyms for all meeting attendees at the next meeting.Tilda Whitaker (SWIM) – SWIM will soon be launching an internship program at the library. They have contacted Community Colleges for applicants. They will work at the library to help people fill out applications for the Benefit bank. Tilda also mentioned that SWIM may be relocating in the future and will keep the group updated  |

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| Discussion | **Future Meeting Dates** |
| Date: May 23, 2013 Location: United Way, 2501 Sunset Ave |
| Date: June 20, 2013 Location: United Way, 2501 Sunset Ave |
| NO MEETING IN JULY TENTATIVE DATE FOR AUGUST: August, 29, 2013 Location: United Way |

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| Meeting was adjourned | 4:30 pm |
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