Neuse Trent Housing Alliance

September 4, 2013

United Way Board Room

Present:

Whitney Morton, Salvation Army Juliet Rogers, RCS

Lovay Singleton, Veteran’s Gardens

Marcee Lovick Community Rep

Jackie Jreisat, City of New Bern

Clayton Gaskins, Vidant

Richard Hansen, NC Commerce

Jeannine Ethridge, RHA

Kathy Hodge, RHA

Kelly Walker, CARTS

Chick Natella, Interfaith Refugees Ministry

Sandra Phelps, United Way

Karla Overby, City of New Bern

Beverly Heine, DSS

Christy Nowaczyk, Salvation Army

Daphne Drew, ECBH

Laurie Collier, Reviving Lives Ministry

Minutes approved without changes from August.

Whitney Morton from Salvation Army opened meeting.

1. Jackie Jreisat with the city of New Bern Utilities was on tap for our agency spotlight. Jackie brought the new payment plans that their customers can ask for to help bring down the costs of their utility bills. The customer service department can customize the right plan for the individual’s needs.

Jackie also brought Karla Oversby from the city to speak on the technical aspects of the cities implementation of the new meter system. The city also has a new meter service which will allow their technicians to read the meter from the streets, saving time and money.

Jackie also shared ideas on the importance of proper insulating in the homes and apartments to reduce heating and cooling costs.

1. Whitney Morton has been nominated as our Regional Lead to attend the Committee meeting of the Balance of State Continuum of Care. Juliet Rogers will fill in if she is absent from meetings. It was approved by unanimous consent that Juliet Rogers be named the official alternate for Whitney Morton in attending and participating in the Balance of State.

Neuse-Trent Housing Alliance will act as the Craven County Regional Committee for the Balance of State. If we are to receive funds we are required to attend these meetings, and the Emergency Shelter Grants will come out of the funds for the CoC. It will be important for Coastal Women’s Shelter and Religious Community Service to have input and understand guidelines to gain access to these funds, and Whitney will be the liaison to help facilitate the grants.

1. We then broke into committees to specifically work on areas of the homeless component that we were interested. Whitney asked us to meet off site and report back to the Alliance at next month’s meeting. It was not too late to sign up for the committees.
2. Time was allotted for member’s questions or concerns. Beverly Heine, Craven DSS, shared briefly on the state of Adult Care Homes in the area. She noted the various levels of screening involved with PASAR as well as the star ratings system for homes in the county.

Next meeting will be held on October 2, 2013 at the United Way office.

Respectively submitted,

Juliet Rogers

Secretary