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