

Neuse Trent Housing Alliance
March 6, 2013 at the United Way Board Room

Present:

Tharesa Lee, City of New Bern
Juliet Rogers, RCS
Teresa Hays, Community Advocate
Clayton Gaskins, Vidant Health
Stacy Kendall, New Bern Unemployment Group
Susan Lucas, New Choices
Richard Hansen, NC Commerce
Jan Hood, Promise Place
Pam Taylor, DVR/Individual Living
Kathy Moran, Easter Seals, UCP
Kathy Hodge, RHA
Pam Taylor, DHHS
Patrick Flanagan, ECC
Martha Glenn, Phoenix House
Sandra Ruger, New Bern Housing
Anne Ocorr, Wellness City
Clayton Gaskins, Vidant Health
Sandra Phelps, United Way
Lt. Linda Godette, New Bern Police Department

Meeting called to order by Tharesa Lee.
Minutes reviewed and accepted by Martha Glenn.

New Business

1. Tharesa Lee opened meeting and again asked for MOA from all agencies
2. Richard Hansen spoke on his role at Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program. Rick works to find vets work and also provides them with paperwork that they may be missing. He is a valuable resource for our agencies to use and provided websites that will help as we look for employment for our population
3. .Again Tharesa urged agencies to get involved in the TCC planning for upcoming transportation issues.
4. We will skip the meeting in April in order to participate in Terry Brubaker's child abuse prevention.

Meeting adjourned by Tharesa Lee

Old Business

1. Terry Brubaker asked for awareness of the prevention of child abuse which is in the month of April. More information can be found at www.preventchildabusenc.org .
2. Our main speaker was Patrick Flanagan who is the Community Planner with ECC. ECC serves to plan transportation for rural transportation and develops processes to implement the needs of transportation in our communities. Patrick asked us to get involved in the Technical Advisory

Committee (TCC). The TCC collects and maintains data for transportation planning. Neuse Trent could bring valuable information to the TCC strategy meetings, and we still have time to get involved in planning. Patrick stated that the next 5 years of federal funding, as New Bern becomes an MPO, will help with the ever increasing need for affordable and easily accessible public transportation.

3. Theresa Lee was asked to write New Bern's housing policy and comprehensive housing plan. She asked for input into the project from other agencies. She addressed the need for permanent supportive housing. She will let us know when the commitment period will begin and asked for our representation. It is wonderful to have such a great advocate.
4. Captain Whitney reporting on BOS stated that the point in time count should be directed to Mike McMillan at RCS. Whitney stated a need for ongoing after care to follow up on people from the shelter who gain housing. Wanted to explore what supportive services the homeless needed to keep them in housing. Suggested we go to the NC homeless website at NCCEH.ORG to find out what other regional members are doing in North Carolina.
5. Follow up on Adult Care Situations. Terry Brubaker reported that the Good Sheppard Nursing Home was on the IMD list. No major changes have been reported in of coming up with safety nets for people kicked out of homes by the State when dealing with the Federal requirements.
6. Governor McCroy's office has asked for suggestions and feedback per his website. Linda Hayes suggested a position paper on the displacement of mentally ill citizens in North Carolina. This will allow us to speak with one voice.
7. Kathy Hodge brought the problem of sexual predators becoming payees to teenagers. They will take kids in and give them homes in exchange for sexual favors. Wanted to shine the light on the problem and make alliance members aware of the situation.

Next meeting will be March 6th, 2013 at the United Way.

Respectfully submitted,

Juliet Rogers