**Neuse Trent Housing Alliance**

**April 5, 2014**

**United Way Board Room**

**Present: Tharesa Lee, Neuse River CDC**

**Juliet Rogers, RCS**

 **Laurie Collier, RLM**

 **Cpt. Whitney Morton, Salvation Army**

 **Patricia Benefield, CCA**

 **Rick Hansen, NC Commerce Veterans**

 **Terry Brubaker, DSS**

 **June Dunleavy**

 **Terry Kostiur, Port**

 **Christy Nowaczyk, Salvation Army**

 **Frenchena Ganus, Community Advocate**

**Lovay Singleton, Veteran’s Gardens**

 **Daphne Drew, Port Human Services**

 **Sue Steinhauser, City of New Bern**

 **Richard Hansen, NC Commerce**

 **Vickie Glover, Veterans’ Services**

 **Franchena Ganus, Community Advocate**

 **Ron England, CarolinaEast**

**Deidra Moore, Water Oak Manner**

 **Sandra Phelps, United Way**

 **Barrett Kahl, Family Endeavors**

 **Mike McMillan, RCS**

**Tharesa Lee opened meeting and minutes from last month were approved with exception**

1. **Vicki Glover from the Veterans’ Service Office came and spoke on the many services that her organization provided.  Her office acts as liaisons between veterans and their families in obtaining benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs.   She assists veterans in filing service-connected disability claims with the VA.  They also assist veterans in obtaining benefits relative to vocational rehabilitation, VA home loans, education, insurance, burial benefits and non-service connected pension benefits.   They can also assist widows of a veteran of a wartime period with benefits from health care to entering a nursing homes  Ms. Glover’s  office can take care of veterans’ needs from their date of discharge until their date of death, and in many instances they provide assistance to eligible dependents long after the veteran passes.**
2. **Veterans’ Stand down will take place June 10th at Stanley White Recreation Center. Lovay Singleton and Rick Hansen will be leading the event with the focus on Homeless Veterans. Volunteers will be needed and appreciated.**
3. **Point-in-Time count:  BoS Point-in-Time Count (PIT) and Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) submitted to HUD on April 18. Sheltered count increased slightly (2%) and unsheltered count decreased significantly (41%). View all NC PIT Count data:** [**http://www.ncceh.org/PITdata/**](http://www.ncceh.org/PITdata/)

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|  | **2014 Total** | **2013 Total** | **# Change Since 2013** | **% Change Since 2013** |
| **All People** | **3195** | **3625** | **-430** | **-12%** |
| ***Sheltered*** | **2508** | **2467** | **+41** | **+2%** |
| ***Unsheltered*** | **687** | **1158** | **-471** | **-41%** |
| **Families with Children** | **1168** | **1502** | **-334** | **-22%** |
| **Chronically Homeless** | **415** | **636** | **-221** | **-35%** |
| **Veterans** | **183** | **209** | **-26** | **-12%** |

1. **No committee reports, committees to be in compliance for funding to local homeless and domestic violence shelters. If you are not on a committee we will be sending out info via email to sign up for committee.**
2. **Nominations were held and Juliet Rogers accepted the position of Co-chair for Neuse Trent and Jeanne Ethridge was accepted the position of Secretary. Juliet will also be the liaison between Balance of State and Neuse Trent.**
3. **Tharesa Lee gave housing scenarios for two people trying to gain access into housing with difficulties that they face and the barriers that must be overcome. Please fill out and return to next meeting.**

**Next meeting will be determined at a later date on May 7, 2014**

**Meeting Respectfully Submitted,**

**Juliet Rogers**

**Secretary**