Chatham Housing Coalition

June 25, 2014

Present: Nickie Siler

 Ada Rey

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**Minutes from Previous Meetings**

We have not met in several months.

Nickie has talked with DSS and the Health Department about new participants.

**RRH Referrals**

Criteria: Must be truly homeless—not doubled up

 Should be in a housing crisis, not chronically homeless

 Should be able to sustain the housing after 3-6 months on their own.

Referral guidelines—Nickie has created a referral form to gather some of the basic information.

Screening—Nickie will screen for eligibility, and look at their income and their prospects. She has found that clients should have $1200-$1400 at least in income to be able to sustain housing. Less than that and she probably cannot help them with this program and will refer to other housing options—income-based housing, housing authorities, shelters, etc.

**Balance of State Update**

Nickie participates in the monthly calls. This call is with programs across the state.

We did not submit for additional housing funds

Nickie needs to identify an alternate for the balance of state regional lead, since Spencer has left the group.

**Chatham Park**

We talked about whether Chatham Park would have any affordable housing requirements. Nickie will follow up with Nora.

**Who should be at the Table**

We suggested that Nickie contact the County Manager’s Office. And she will follow up with the Chatham County Schools. Nickie will also talk with Piedmont Health about whether they have someone who would be interested in participating.

Agency Updates/ Announcements

* Habitat, Empowerment and Chapel Hill Realtors are sponsoring a Housing Expo on Saturday, June 28 at the Roadhouse. It is free and lunch is provided. Child care is provided as well. It will have a presentation as well as tabling and informal discussion.
* Chatham County Housing Authority is launching a website: Chathamcountyhousingauthority-nc.org. They will be able to update all information through this. This will have applications on-line when the wait list is open. They have moved to Siler City—13450 US Highway 64 W, Siler City. They are working on improving their signage. They are planning an open house for the new office. She will let us know when it gets set.
* Nickie has taken a new role at FVRC as the Child Advocate/Trainer with a new project at FVRC. The Rapid Re=Housing Program will be transferred to another staff member, which will be determined in the next few weeks. Nickie will still be participating in the housing coalition.

Next Meeting: July 23rd at 10 am.