

COMMUNITY ADVISORY NETWORK DEVELOPING ONSLOW
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2015



The Community Advisory Network Developing Onslow (CAN-DO) met at Northwoods United Methodist Church on this date. The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by CAN-DO Co-Chair Kristi Pitchford. Those in attendance were: Amy Modlin, Beverly Jackson, Brian Fike, Chris Slater, Christa Gunderson, Christy O'Daniel, Cynthia Figueroa, Cynthia Watson, Dana Painter, Darlene Hagerman, Deandra Stills, James Ross, Jason Klein, Joan Silvis, Junie Christian, Karol Davis, Kathleen Holbrook, Kelley Hamilton, Kristi Pitchford, Linda Graham, Melissa Balto, Michelle Carver, Pamela Brown, Phyllis Isenhardt, Richard Skinner, Rick Moser, Susan Pridgen, Ursulla Ingram, and Virginia Hill.

Excused absences were received from: Amelia Grissett, Collis Niro, Craig Wagner and Jennifer Colley.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made of members and guests. Amy Modlin from ECBH was observing today from another county.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 9, 2015 were approved on a motion from Chris Slater which was seconded by James Ross. The motion carried without opposition.

POINT IN TIME (PIT) COUNT JANUARY 28-29, 2015

Melissa Balto gave a brief, unofficial update on identified numbers and requested that agencies submit their data ASAP. So far the numbers are: 29 unsheltered and 35 sheltered (down from 2013 and 2014). Not all numbers are in so data is subject to change. The deadline for data submission to NCCEH is February 20th. Agencies utilizing CHIN will have to wait to submit their numbers until CHIN data is available from the State. This will most likely be after the February 20th deadline.

MOBILE BENEFITS CLINIC JANUARY 28-30, 2015

James Ross reported that 1050 veterans were served at the American Legion over the course of 3 days. Based upon the tremendous local response, the Mobile Clinic hopes to return within the year.

VETERANS STAND DOWN FEBRUARY 3, 2015

James Ross reported the annual event went well. Of the 49 resources registered, 4 did not show up. A total of 101 individuals were served to include 74 veterans. Of those vets, 9 were homeless. Jason Klein praised the Onslow Stand-down stating that it was the best event out of all area stand-downs.

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PROGRAM UPDATES

Coordinated Assessment: Susan Pridgen announced that Onslow is one of 3 NC proposals that passed.

Solutions for Stability: Susan Pridgen announced that 168 people have been served to date representing 52 households comprised of 68 adults and 100 children. Susan shared that serving families with mental health issues has become very challenging and that more than half of the available funds have been expended.

Onslow County Schools: Jennifer Colley was not present today to report.

Shelter PLUS Care: Brian Fike announced serving 11 households representing 24 people at this time. He continues to advocate for additional slots.

ECHSA: Linda Graham stated that of the 14 HUD/VASH vouchers awarded to Onslow County, one chronically homeless veteran has been housed with 8 more in the works. Linda shared that the program is taking 6-7 veteran referrals per day.

Family Endeavors: Dana Painter announced that Barrett Kahl recently resigned and his position remains vacant. Their program is seeing about 6 veterans per week.

Onslow Community Outreach: Deandra Stills shared that the shelter served 34 clients during January 2015. Due to the extra cold temperatures, they were allowed by the Fire Marshal to add 2 extra beds. OCO is currently seeking Day Shelter Services to assist with counseling and money management. The Caring Community Clinic is now open 5 days per week with a Nurse Practitioner on staff.

Deandra staffed a situation involving an 8 months pregnant female staying at the OCO shelter. She has no income. What will she do and where she will go upon delivery of her baby? Linda Graham asked for a referral to her program and Junie Christian advised he would explore whether OWC can re-admit her. This case represents the power of agency collaboration!

Tri-Counties Crusaders: Karol Davis announced a Job Fair on 2-17-15 at St. Julia's AME Zion Church downtown. Flyers have been sent out electronically. Resume writing will occur on 2-10-15 from 10:00am-1:00pm at the same location.

Philippians Place: Phyllis Isenhardt shared that their first client is exiting the program at the end of this month. Their second client will exit within 6-8 weeks. They are seeking permanent funding for their program. Phyllis stated that they are starting a budgeting class and to call if interested.

Onslow Women's Center: Junie Christian stated that they have served 80 clients since July 2014 to include many children. They are working closely with other agencies to serve the homeless as many calls are related to homelessness versus Domestic Violence or Sexual Assault. The need for counseling is a

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critical issue and they have 2 local counselors on contract. Another challenge is very young adults, elderly men and those struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues. Transitional housing is needed. Junie gave kudos to the SFS Program. Junie stated that their Thrift Shop in its new location within New River Shopping Center is earning \$15,000-\$20,000.00 per month.

Salvation Army: Darlene Hagerman discussed the emergency services and provisions available via her program. Lowes Foods and two Food Lions have been donating bakery items, produce and flowers. The rental and utility assistance funds have been depleted. The Jones County Thrift Store is re-opening today.

Swansboro First Baptist: No representation today.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ursulla Ingram presented the **Severe Weather Shelter Response Plan** and Manual. A few copies were distributed to membership in attendance and the rest were sent out electronically following the meeting. The manual/plan was the result of work done by the Basic Needs/Shelters Subcommittee consisting of Ursulla Ingram, Christy O'Daniel, Richard Skinner, Virginia Hill, Beverly Jackson and Cynthia Figueroa. The plan will need to be approved by CAN-DO and Jacksonville City Council. **CAN-DO membership was requested to read and review the manual and to provide feedback at the next meeting.** Membership praised and applauded the work done by this subcommittee since the January meeting.

Kristi Pitchford announced that the United Way is hosting their signature *Vine & Dine* fundraiser on April 10, 2015. Proceeds will benefit the Solutions for Stability Program so all CAN-DO members are encouraged to support this event.

There being no further business, Kristi Pitchford adjourned the meeting at 9:00 am. The next meeting of CAN-DO will be held on **Friday, March 6, 2015 at 8:00 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Holbrook, Secretary