

COMMUNITY ADVISORY NETWORK DEVELOPING ONSLOW
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 6, 2015



The Community Advisory Network Developing Onslow (CAN-DO) met at Trillium Health Resources on this date. The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by CAN-DO Co-Chair Kristi Pitchford. Those in attendance were: Amelia Grissett, Andre White, Ayrien Davis, Brian Fike, Charlie Knox, Christa Gunderson, Christy O'Daniel, Cindy Williams, Craig Wagner, Cynthia Figueroa, Darren Powell, Deandra Stills, Heather Black, James Ross, Janice Graniero, Jason Klein, Jennifer Colley, Jerrick Vernon, John Kerr, Jon Johnson, Junie Christian, Karol Davis, Kathleen Holbrook, Keith Gibson, Kelley Hamilton, Kristi Pitchford, Krystal Jefferson, Melissa Balto, Penni Ford, Reggie Roy, Rommie Parker, Shantisha Williams, Shirrie Brandenburg, Susan Pridgen, Trammell Davis, Ursulla Ingram, Valentina Burrola-Hekman, William James, Jr. and William Keller.

Excused absences were received from Carol Long, Chris Slater, Collis Niro, and Pamela Brown.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made of members and guests.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 2, 2015 were reviewed and approved on a motion made by Bill Keller which was seconded by Jason Klein. The motion carried without opposition.

PRESENTATION ON TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES

Deanna Campbell, Southern Regional Director, explained that CoastalCare merged with Eastern Carolina Behavioral Health Services effective July 1, 2015 to form Trillium Health Resources, which encompasses 24 counties. The Southern Region is composed of Onslow, Jones, Carteret, Pender, New Hanover and Brunswick Counties. Brian Fike is our liaison. Trillium manages the Medicaid provider network and is not a direct service provider. Trillium receives all Medicaid dollars and is responsible for the quality of providers. One can locate or complain about a provider 24/7 by dialing 1-877-685-2415.

Deanna shared their Compassion Reaction programs which includes Rachel's Challenge (now in all Middle and High Schools for 3 years) and Mental Health First Aid for Adolescents. She shared that they provided a grant, possible through Medicaid Reinvestment dollars, for Inclusive Playgrounds at Onslow Pines Park and Swansboro Municipal Park. The need for inclusive parks to serve children and adults with disabilities was identified through a community needs/gaps survey sent out to community members. Trillium is building a 200 bed facility in Pitt County and a 300 bed facility in New Hanover County to mimic Healing Transitions in Raleigh, an 18 month program, which is a Wet Shelter (do not need to be sober to enter), Detox Center and Long Term Residential Care for those with drug and alcohol issues (although it is not a medical detox for opioid users). It is a great alternative for homeless people who bounce around between hospital-shelter-jail. This would create a big cost savings to hospitals and jails. Trillium will build the building but a 501C3 needs to run it. An RFP is on the Trillium website right now searching for an architect. Both buildings will be constructed at the same time. If anyone needs to access a bed at Healing Transitions, call the Trillium hotline listed above, 1-877-685-2415, as Trillium purchases the beds.

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Deanna shared that Trillium is currently working to re-open the former Onslow County Youth Shelter in the now closed Detox building located behind RHA. And as it is difficult to access mental health care in Onslow County, Trillium is installing kiosks in high traffic areas such as DSS to allow residents to take a mental health screening assessment. There will be a phone attached that immediately connects to a clinician. The kiosks can be moved around once per year. Trillium is offering lots of exciting programs and partnerships in our community!

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT

The ESG grant in the amount of \$62,403 available to Onslow County this year, was submitted to Raleigh this week. It will help fund the *Solutions for Stability* Program. This amount is reduced by more than \$25,000.00 from last year. The contract period will start 1-01-2016. We should hear something in mid-December.

WHITE FLAG SHELTERS/WARMING STATIONS

Abundant Life Church has agreed to become a White Flag Shelter in the event of inclement weather. Trinity United Methodist Church is presenting the idea to their church council. CAN-DO supports the Emergency Shelter Plan which was approved earlier this year.

NC 2-1-1

Heather Black from United Way NC/NC 2-1-1 was in attendance and shared that they are cleaning up/ updating the data contained in the 2-1-1 system via a 10 day blitz conducted at their Durham Call Center. This is being done in partnership with NCCEH and Balance of State. Heather provided handouts to membership instructing on how to update your agency's information. Craig Wagner praised Melissa Balto and Janice Graniero for their efforts in updating local 2-1-1 information. He encouraged all members to look at their own agency data and ensure its accuracy especially with regard to holiday resource information. Due to a technical glitch today, Melissa Balto will conduct a live demonstration at December's CAN-DO meeting.

POINT IN TIME COUNT

Kristi Pitchford announced that Chris Slater will be the coordinator of the next PIT Count scheduled for January 27-28, 2016. More information to be shared at the December meeting.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Coordinated Assessment (CA): Brian Fike stated that a quarterly report has been sent to Balance of State. A Coordinated Assessment Committee meeting is held every two weeks to review VI-SPDATS, wait lists and to link families with services. There is an upcoming meeting with DSS and Onslow Memorial Hospital.

Shelter PLUS Care: Brian Fike shared that Trillium Health Services had been awarded \$170,000 grant for these services. This will provide support for 10-12 families in Onslow County. Brian may be able to "borrow" slots from other counties.

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Balance of State Restructuring Survey: Susan Pridgen announced that our county wants to remain Status Quo and remain independent as we are a robust group although the State would like to link us with surrounding, lesser functioning counties. To be continued...

Onslow Community Outreach: John Kerr shared that their recent major fundraiser, *Oktoberfest*, was very successful! They also have a new permanent home in the former Piggly Wiggly building on Hargett Street. This will allow for long term planning and can store supplies for disasters. They have partnered with Sandy Run Missionary Baptist Church. Christmas Cheer has already moved into the new building and is taking applications Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. They will add 5:00-7:00pm in a couple weeks. For those seeking volunteer opportunities with Christmas Cheer, see www.VolunteerOnslow.org

Onslow Women's Center: Junie Christian announced that their major fundraiser, *Dancing Stars of Jacksonville*, was very successful as was their Candlelight Vigil recognizing fatalities resulting from Domestic Violence held on October 29, 2015.

Valentina Burrola-Hekman, student intern/ Case Manager shared that they have started an education program for businesses in our community on what to watch for and how to respond to domestic violence. They plan to present again in 6 months. They need for middle managers to reach out to the OWC to request training.

Junie stated the OWC currently has 4 women staying in the shelter and they are training volunteers to respond as advocates to DV and sexual assault. Junie further shared that they are in the planning stages for creating a Justice Center with the assistance of Governors Crime Commission grant funding.

Veterans Stand-down: Kelley Hamilton reminded all that the Veterans Stand-down will occur the week following the PIT Count on February 2, 2016. They have started a sock drive to collect new socks and are collecting cans of food. Cold Weather gear is still available. They are holding a job fair on November 24th at DAV.

Tri-Counties Crusaders: Shantisha Williams advised membership that they will be offering free tax preparation between January-April at their office located at 99 Village Drive, Suite 15. While they are targeting low income, anyone can get their taxes done.

Phillips Park Homeless Ministry: Charlie Knox shared that on Saturday, November 21 at 10:00 am, there will be a clothing giveaway for the homeless at Trinity United Methodist Church (across from The Kettle Diner). From 8-10am, there will be a bible study and breakfast provided to the homeless and at 10:00am, the clothing giveaway begins. This is a joint venture between Phillips Park Homeless Ministry and Philippians Place of First Baptist Church. Charlie is the coordinator for Phillips Park Homeless Ministry. His email is cpk1971@embarqmail.com and his cell is 330-5226.

Onslow County Schools: Jennifer Colley shared that since school started on 8-24-15, 99 students have been identified as homeless under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act. The reasons for their homeless status are as follows: 27 evictions/foreclosures; 17 economic hardship; 6 house fires; 4 condemned/unfit housing; 14 kicked out or abandoned; 1 runaway; 1 awaiting foster care; 26 Domestic Violence or Child Abuse; and 3 Natural Disasters.

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MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian Fike announced that there will be a Housing/Landlord meeting in December. Lunch will be provided. Subcommittee members are needed to assist. The subcommittee members who have assisted with such meetings in the past are: Susan Pridgen, Brian Fike, Lillie Gray, Jennifer Colley, and Linda Graham.

Kathleen Holbrook announced that she had 5 large boxes of books available without charge to members to take back to their agencies to share with their clients. See Ayrien Davis after the meeting to load the books. More will be available at future meetings.

Shirrie Brandenburg, representing Building Bridges Church, announced their *Breaking Chains Crusade* on Saturday, November 28th starting at noon. It will be held at the Salvation Army located at 535 Bell Fork Road. A hot meal will be provided along with free coats, shoes and blankets will be distributed to low income families and people in need.

There being no further business, Kristi Pitchford adjourned the meeting at 9:48 am. The next CAN-DO meeting will be held at Trillium Health Resources on **Friday, December 4, 2015 at 8:30 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Holbrook, Recording Secretary