**Neuse Trent Housing Alliance**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**8 AM**

**November 4, 2015**

**United Way Building, New Bern**

Present:

Mike Avery, NRCDC

Larry Baldwin, Cornerstone Church

Patricia Benefield, Coastal Community Action

Rebecca Bright, STAFF House

Terry Brubaker, DSS

Robin Callahan, American Red Cross

Jackie Dees, City of New Bern

Indy Dixon, Cornerstone Church

Carol Elam, Crossroads

Ron England, CarolinaEast Health System

Jeanine Ethridge, RHA/RLM

Brian Fike, Trilliium

Penni Ford, Family Endeavors

Linda Godette, NBPD

Beverly Heine, DSS

Rich Gorton, DWS NC Works

Tharesa Lee

Susan Lucas, Coastal Women’s Shelter

Sandra Phelps, United Way

Glenda Riggs, Carteret County DV Program

Lynn St. John

Rosemary Stark, Faith Connection

Sue Steinhauser, City of New Bern

Reeshema Walker, DWS NC Works

* Juliet was unable to attend; Jackie opened the meeting.
* September minutes were approved (1st Ron, 2nd, Reeshema). There were no October minutes to approve.
* Introductions were made.
* Rebecca Bright, Executive Director of STAFF House was the speaker for this meeting. STAFF stands for Shepherds That Attend Father's Flock. The target populations in girls 18-29 with low self esteem and making problematic decisions, girls that are aging out of foster care and need life skills. The goal is to try and address problems holistically. The house had shut down briefly in 2014 to re-assess what they were doing and to c hart new directions. It reopened in 2015. They have room for 6 women but prefer to take 3. Each woman has a highly individualized care plan and can stay 9-12 months. They take no federal funding. The house is at 409 Metcalf.
* Nominations are needed for co-chair. The election will be in December.
* Cornerstone Assembly is hosting a “”Salute To Our Veterans.” It is Wednesday, November 11 at 7 pm. Free meals and showers will be provided to any homeless, disabled, and/or unemployed veteran.
* Department of Social Services Low Energy Assistance Program will start taking applications December 1 for people 60 years and older.

**\*\*\*\*\*NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 2--8 AM\*\*\*\*\***