

August 26, 2015

- Sign in sheet sent around (those present initialed)

Where will meetings be held?

- Marc Recko: stated "Why don't we meet at Eagle Wings for the remainder of time?"
- Ann-Marie Montague: stated "That's fine as the office is closed during the time of the meeting anyway."
- Those present agreed.

Harlan MacKendrick: questioned "How many people can live in a house?" Marc Reco replied "It depends on the size and if the occupants are adults or children. Referred him to North Carolina Housing website for clarification.

Housing symposium:

- Homeless Shelter monies from USDA/Apartment Complex on 264 where so many of the units were devoted to women coming out of the DV Shelter. Ginger is checking into this.
- Thank you notices are going out this week. About 75 people came out to support the endeavor.
- Event costs \$1100.13 (\$198 rental of the building; \$189 miscellaneous; \$698 food; and \$14 banners).
- As of today, only \$200 in donations have been received
- Everyone has been paid
- Final account will be available hopefully at next meeting
- Thank you to Trillium Health Resources especially Amy Modlin and Sharon Gray

VENUE IS ALREADY ARRANGED AT A RATE OF \$198. Marc has this rate booked as a civic event.

Recommendations:

1. Reach out more to the public
2. Advertise more (i.e. include newspapers, radio, television)
3. First South and other banks would like to be co-sponsors for next year.
4. Sound system improvements as you could not hear in the back what was being said
5. Start planning in January/February 2016 meetings

DHHS:

- All Key and Targeted Programs: More subsidized units in 24 counties = 305 units, 115 are not filled based on Pasquotank September 15 new properties. This is due to

transitioning off or died. The Head of Household should have a disability and have income of at least \$300 per month.

Are there any units in Beaufort County and how does one apply? See the map. Applications can be completed at the one of the following: Trillium Health Resources, Department of Social Services see Andrea Starkie or Maureen Davis.

Marc Recko also stated that units in Hyde County are being redeveloped as he is instrumental in putting together finance package. Four (4) units would be available to these individuals.

WAITLIST IS CONTINGENT UPON LOCATION OF THE UNITS - DEMAND

Zion Shelter:

Johnathon Gaskins reports that ESG was completed and passed in April 2015.

- 120 Day rule must be upheld as it relates to transitioning.
- He will be moving to Durham area in January 2016 as he just got married.
- Individuals must have income however they don't most of the time.
- Does not have requirements in writing, nor do they check for substance use/abuse.

Recommendations:

Marc Recko

- If known abuser then report that individual to DSS and try to get more assistance from DSS with these concerns.
- Keep providers informed of the 120 Day rule: 1 entrance into the facility then they must leave for 6 months before they can re-enter. This is a 12 bed facility.
- Request additional funding to secure more beds, renovations such as stairway on the outside being repaired, entryway and other areas.
- Mid-East has 5 units each year set aside for homeless individuals. There are four (4) slots currently opened now.
- Beaufort Housing has 4 units each year set aside but currently all have been allotted for this year. Will open back up in January 2016 with 1 unit per month until 5 have been filled.

FOR ANY HOMELESS PERSON. INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT HAVE TO BE A VICTIM. WAITLIST DONE BY TIME AND DATE OF APPLICATIONS. MUST HAVE VERIFICATION, NON-EMERGENCY, NO MINIMUM INCOME.

TRANSITIONING UNITS CRITERIA: MUST BE GOING TO SCHOOL, ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT AND BE SELF SUFFICIENT.

- WELLS FARGO BANK HAS GRANTS THAT HAVE FINANCIAL ITERIARY, DSS BEING AVIALABLE (I.E. FOOD STAMPS, APPLY FOR BENEFITS) AND JOB TRAINING FOR SHELTERS. Johnathan questioned: Tried to get assistance from DSS but was told that it's the individual's choice to do what they want with their benefits. Therefore how can we capture the data? Hours of operation are from 10pm to 7am therefore lunch time there is a monthly board meeting held each month. Dream Provider Care is my biggest problem as they won't even come to the meetings or be on the board.
- Is there any other fundraising ideas?

Homeless Applications

- What is the status of the applications? Applications has been approved. Need training on the intake form that Amy Modlin completed. More information will be available at the next meeting.

United Way

- English tutoring for one hour @ Beaufort County during the week. School District will be trained. Applies to grades 4 - 8. Still seeking funding.

Eagle Wings

- Completed stats for new fiscal year. High percentage rate for food assistance each year; 20% per month comes for food have limited support system gave out over 5500 hundred pounds of food. Interviews are conducted each month.

Ruth's House

- Over capacity for the past couple of months, normal stay is 60 days, reclaiming their lives by finding housing, jobs, medical and other available resources to sustain themselves.
- Now have two laptops so individuals could complete job searches/ budgeting
- The biggest barrier is transportation! Follow up for at least 3-6 months.

Washington Housing

- Ross program: grant for residents self -sufficiency program with 5 year. Put money (portion of rent) in a savings then they have the money at the end of that term. Amy Modlin will be contacted regarding resources that these people could utilize. Due next month (see attached).
- Washington Housing Authority/Mid-East Regional Authority may possibly be separating. Meeting will be held sometime next month in which to discuss. More information will be forthcoming.

How will this impact the residents? At this time unsure.

Questions that DHHS has:

Georgia Ensley stated “concerned that the clients on the program” therefore Monica Jones inquired to

- How do you prioritize the waitlist?
- What happened to the clients that Port had?
- Would like to know status updates?

Daphne Drew responded:

- Currently no new applicants will be accepted. Waitlist will be handled based upon date and receipt of the applications. Diligent efforts to contact those on the waitlist as well as the group will be notified. Inquires can be made to Amy Modlin if there are question specific to individuals.
- Trillium has received all of the open cases (clients) that were Port Human Services. Written correspondence had been sent to all of the clients informing of the changes and new Housing Coordinator’s information.
- Cases were divided amongst four (4) employees and given to the call center.