



CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

The Community Advisory Network Developing Onslow (CAN-DO) met at Trillium Health Resources on this date. The meeting was called to order at 8:47 a.m. by CAN-DO Co-Chair Brian Fike. Those in attendance were: Alyssa Brock, Angelia Jones, Barrett Kahl, Carmella George, Charlie Knox, Christa Gunderson, Christy O’Daniel, Cindy Williams, Collis Niro, Cynthia Figueroa, Dan Whitten, Derek Arnold, Elizabeth Fairbanks, Elizabeth Negron, Gail Horn, Janice Graniero, Jennifer Colley, Jerrick Vernon, Jon Johnson, Junie Christian, J.V. Sloan, Karol Davis, Kathleen Holbrook, Kathy Horne, Krystal Jefferson, Landa Gaskins, Lillie Gray, Lindsey Pasko, Pamela Brown, Penni Ford, Raquel Johnson, Reginald Roy, Richard Smothers, Teoletta West, Theresa Lee, Trammell Davis, and Valentina Burrola-Hekman.

Excused absences were received from Ayrien Davis, Bayani Dilag, Charshae Phillips, Chris Slater, Craig Wagner, Jason Klein, Kelley Hamilton, Patty Kotora, Susan Pridgen, and William Keller.

Introductions were made of members and guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 5, 2016 were reviewed and approved on a motion made by Barrett Kahl, and seconded by Karol Davis. The motion carried without opposition.

PROGRAM: LOCAL ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE

Elizabeth Fairbanks is a registered dental hygienist and an intern at the Onslow County Health Department. Oral diseases have serious medical/health and social/cognitive consequences. Across the nation and among adults, 164 million work hours are lost each year due to dental issues. The rates are higher among Blacks and Hispanics. Homeless individuals have unique challenges with food/nutrition and brushing their teeth. Elizabeth’s role as intern is to go to homeless locations/encampments and distribute toothbrushes, provide information and instruction. Also, to train other volunteers e.g. Charlie Knox with Phillips Park Ministry. The long-term goal is to improve access to dental care. She hopes to have a dentist on board to look in mouths. She plans to partner with CCCC which already conducts \$5.00 teeth cleanings in their dental hygiene program. Clients will need transportation vouchers to get to the dentist. The “super long-term goal” is to have a dental bus in Onslow County that can drive around to different locations. Elizabeth has a 7 question survey for clients that can be translated into Spanish. She distributed the survey to CAN-DO membership.



Contact for Elizabeth is 910-989-3966. Christy O'Daniel stated that OCO used to have a dental program but the willingness by dentists to volunteer dried up. Elizabeth acknowledged the same thing happened in New Bern. Dentists are required to do pro bono work each year. It was suggested that she contact the UNC-CH dental school.

POINT IN TIME (PIT) COUNT TENTATIVE RESULTS

Brian Fike shared that two numbers are still missing so the final numbers have yet to be tallied. Agencies using HMIS had to wait for their data to be generated by the State. The final numbers will be available online the latter part of May.

Shelter Data: Onslow Women's Center- 15; Onslow Community Outreach- 28

Rapid ReHousing/Permanent Supportive Housing: Solutions for Stability-0; Shelter PLUS Care-?; ECHSA- ?; Family Endeavors-2

Transitional Housing: Second Chance Mission of Hope-12; Philippians Place-0

Unsheltered Data: 52 people including 17 veterans and 21 chronically homeless

ONSLow HOMELESS VET TASKFORCE

Reggie Roy, Co-Chair of the OHVet taskforce, stated the local goal is to house 12 veterans in 100 days (which is May 25th). Since the group's return from the Raleigh boot camp, 7 veterans have been housed (3 with HUD VASH vouchers - Kathy Horne stated that all local VASH vouchers have now been spoken for). One vet is pending so Reggie is confident the group will meet its goal. The hope is to house 15 vets in 100 days and to have a combined community directory. The 2-1-1 system is the designated resource where everyone needs to go to seek help. Reggie encouraged all CAN-DO agencies to join the OHVet taskforce and stated the taskforce will not dissolve after 100 days. Contact Reggie at 910-347-2121 extension 207 or Susan Pridgen/Craig Wagner at the United Way.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING RECAP

Cindy Williams stated that the goal was to bring together landlords and the agencies providing financial assistance and/or housing vouchers. At their recent meeting held on Friday, March 18, 2016, 25 landlords attended and all agreed to assist. There were 20 agencies in attendance as



well as interns and volunteers. They received great feedback and are considering a separate meeting for referring agencies to learn about available services.

RESOURCE GUIDE

A current copy of the guide was distributed to all in attendance to look for errors, make changes and suggestions. The list is being used to update 2-1-1. Jennifer Colley requested that agencies regularly update their information due to frustrations experienced by families seeking services and assistance. Updates and changes can be submitted to 211onslow@uwonslow.org

PROJECT CONNECT/SUMMER PIT COUNT

Brian stated that the January PIT Count is impacted by winter weather so we desire a summer PIT Count to gather more accurate data about Onslow County. The proposal is to pair a summer count with a Homeless Connect event similar to a Veterans Stand-down. They have been talking with Kim Crawford, Regional Lead for Alamance County, and soliciting her ideas and assistance. The event will probably occur in July. Volunteers to plan this event include Barrett Kahl, Brian Fike, Cindy Williams, Cynthia Figueroa, Jon Johnson, Kathy Horne and Kelley Hamilton. While the location is yet to be determined, the United Way's parking lot or the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church across from the United Way office have been discussed. Planning for this event will be on every CAN-DO agenda until then.

BALANCE OF STATE RESTRUCTURING

Members from the Neuse/Trent BoS committee were invited to attend today's meeting. Landa Gaskins and Tharesa Lee were present. The plan is to join together Onslow with the 4 counties represented by Neuse/Trent to form a regional committee. New executive leadership composed of both groups will be needed. How do we coordinate the meeting/travel logistics of 5 counties? Tharesa Lee asked how we will manage where it remains advantageous for both groups; Onslow County is significantly larger than the other counties. Penni Ford stated that Family Endeavors serves these same counties. Karol Davis suggested that we meet as a large group collaborative a couple times per year and separately the rest of the time. We need to join forces to maximize funds. Lillie Gray asked how the currently combined counties manage. Perhaps we should travel to other counties to inquire. We need to have a plan in place by 7-1-15 and the regional committees must start meeting by January 2017.



MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Onslow Women's Center: Junie Christian introduced Renea Verrett, the new Finance Director for Onslow Women's Center. Junie shared that April is *Sexual Assault Awareness Month*. There will be a Candlelight Vigil on April 28th and *Cocktails & Talent* will be held at Courthouse Caffe on April 30th.

Onslow County Schools: Jennifer Colley shared that that since school started on 8-24-15, 214 students have been identified as homeless under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act. The reasons for their homeless status are as follows: 48 evictions/foreclosures; 40 economic hardships; 20 house fires; 12 condemned/unfit housing; 33 kicked out or abandoned; 6 runaways; 2 awaiting foster care; 46 Domestic Violence or Child Abuse; and 3 Natural Disasters.

SUBCOMMITTEES

Brian Fike requested that members break into their subcommittees. Additional members can join those committees already formed.

Access to Safe, Affordable Housing

Current Members: Angelia Jones, Brian Fike, Charshae Phillips, Christa Gunderson, Cindy Williams, Cynthia Watson, Dana Painter, Jason Klein, Jennifer Colley, Kathy Horne, Lillie Gray, Penni Ford, Robert Hudson, Shantisha Williams, Susan Pridgen, Teoletta West

They reported on 3 goals: 1). Have a landlord luncheon and establish relationships with landlords (completed); 2). Create a working database of landlords/rental information that can be updated quarterly/semi-annual; 3). Explore resources that offer a type of landlord rental insurance that covers damages caused by renters that are in housing assistance programs.

Basic Needs/Emergency & White Flag Shelters

Current Members: Amelia Grissett, Charlie Knox, Christy O'Daniel, Cynthia Figueroa, Shantisha Williams, Tameka Tallie

No report today.

Employment/Education

Current Members: Andre White, Collis Niro, Karol Davis, Kelley Hamilton, Reggie Roy, Ursulla Ingram, Valentina Burrola-Hekman

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No report today.

Income Supports/Resources

Current Members: Christa Gunderson, Janice Graniero, Karol Davis, Krystal Jefferson, Melissa Balto, Patty Kotora, Trammell Davis, Yani Bilag

They reported on 3 goals: 1). Add to and update CAN-DO Resource Guide and 2-1-1; 2). Develop Program Guide for DSS to include program requirements, annual limits and eligibility; 3). PSA for 2-1-1 on channel 10 and radio.

Awareness/Prevention

Current Members: Barrett Kahl, Cathy Jackson, James Stokes, Jim Platingos, Pamela Brown, Susan Pridgen

No report today.

FUTURE MEETINGS

There being no further business, Brian Fike adjourned the meeting at 10:10am. The next CAN-DO meeting will be held at Trillium Health Resources on **Friday, MAY 13, 2016 at 8:30 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Holbrook, Recording Secretary