



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 8:35 a.m. by CAN-DO Co-Chair Brian Fike. Those in attendance were: Amelia Grissett, Andre White, Angelia Jones, Charlie Knox, Christa Gunderson, Christy O’Daniel, Collis Niro, Dan Whitten, Diana DeVusser, Elizabeth Fairbanks, Gail Horn, Haleigh Apple, Jennifer Colley, Jon Johnson, J.V. Sloan, Kathleen Holbrook, Kathy Horne, Kelley Hamilton, Krystal Jefferson, Laura Hagerman, Lillie Gray, Lindsey Pasko, Penni Ford, Prentis Campbell, Reginald Roy, Shantisha Williams, Shari York, Shirley Woodard, Susan Pridgen, Valentina Burrola-Hekman and Victoria Farrar.

Excused absences were received from Charshae Phillips, Chris Slater, Cindy Williams, Craig Wagner, Janice Graniero, Jason Klein, Pamela Brown, Patty Kotora, Richard Smothers and William Keller.

Introductions were made of members and guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 8, 2016 were reviewed and approved on a motion made by Lillie Gray, and seconded by Jon Johnson. The motion carried without opposition.

ONSLOW HOMELESS VET TASKFORCE

Reggie Roy, Co-Chair of the OHVet taskforce, recapped for new members that the various regions convened in Raleigh in February for Boot Camp and set a local goal to house 12 veterans in 100 days (which ends May 25th). Since the group’s return from Raleigh, 9 veterans have been housed with HUD/VASH vouchers, 2 are pending and 1 has become housed with another type voucher. While OHVet has met its goal, Reggie stated the taskforce will not dissolve after 100 days. We need to house veterans to increase funding dollars to Onslow County.

BALANCE OF STATE UPDATE

Susan distributed Written Standards regarding ESG-funded agencies to all members present. This document provides guidelines on administering assistance and the Coordinated Assessment process. It creates a baseline for holding all programs to a specific standard of care

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and creates consistency across BoS. The standards will determine the percentage or amount of funding to be spent on financial assistance or housing stabilization services.

Susan advised that she received 13 responses regarding BoS restructuring and Onslow joining forces with Neuse/Trent (4 counties) to form a regional committee. Susan added that Neuse/Trent has a White Flag shelter which could assist Onslow with overflow and has a food bank. The benefit of joining with Neuse/Trent is that it would increase collaboration in the region. The downside is coordinating meeting dates, times and travel between 5 counties. Susan stated that a restructuring meeting will be held in Raleigh on May 26th and that a merger is imminent. We need to have a plan in place by 7-1-15 and the regional committees must start meeting by January 2017.

Susan Pridgen advised that we need to elect a Scorecard Representative. Tammy Rogers from Trillium Health Resources was elected on this date.

With regard to PIT Count results, Susan Pridgen shared that the local sheltered count had decreased since 2015 while the unsheltered count increased to 52 people including 17 veterans and 21 chronically homeless. Susan stated that we are unsure what Onslow County's final numbers are because Trillium and ECHSA submitted their numbers directly to the state versus locally to CAN-DO and we have no access to that information until such time as it is released on the NCCEH website.

PROJECT CONNECT/SUMMER PIT COUNT

Susan Pridgen distributed a handout and advised members that several other NC counties are doing a summer PIT Count e.g. Raleigh/Wake, Charlotte/Mecklenberg, Alamance and their summer numbers make the winter PIT Count much easier to accomplish. Like with the Veterans Stand-down, homeless people know where to go. The proposed date for Onslow County is July 27th and to hold it in the parking lot of the United Way office on Bayshore Blvd. Information would be distributed well ahead of time versus searching the woods for homeless. This event would allow agencies to meet individually with people and to complete VI-SPDATS. We would be able to identify, count and serve the homeless at one time. Susan requested that agencies sign up that can immediately provide a service, jobs or education that day. Members will need to join the subcommittee currently composed of Barrett Kahl, Brian Fike, Cynthia Figueroa, Cindy Williams, Kathy Horne, Kelley Hamilton, and Jon Johnson. Planning will occur during

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future CAN-DO meetings. Instead of meeting in July, CAN-DO members are encouraged to participate in Project Connect.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Phillips Park Ministry: Charlie Knox announced a clothing drive to be held at Trinity UMC on Saturday, May 21 at 10:00am.

Oxford House: Effective June 1, two new houses will open in Wilmington: one for males and one for females.

Tri-Counties Crusaders: Their free tax service benefitted 175 people and saved those individuals \$17,500 in tax preparation fees. Taxes will be done until October 1 by appointment only.

Family Endeavors: The next Outreach event will be May 19th from 8:30am to noon. All are welcome to join is.

NCWORKS: Their summer job fair will be held June 14th at the American Legion. Veterans can be served at 10:00am and the general public at 11:00am.

Onslow Community Outreach Shelter: They are currently serving 20 clients to include 2 veterans, 3 females and 2 families with 6 children between them. The Star Club of the Tuesday noon Rotary Club has volunteered to make improvements within the shelter. Underwear for male and female residents are needed.

Onslow Community Collaborative: A countywide mental health day will be held in July 2017

Onslow County Schools: Since school started on 8-24-15, 240 students have been identified as homeless under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act. The reasons for their homeless status are as follows: 54 evictions/foreclosures; 43 economic hardships; 20 house fires; 15 condemned/unfit housing; 37 kicked out or abandoned; 6 runaways; 6 awaiting foster care; 54 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, Jason Klein, Jennifer Colley, Kathy Horne, Lillie Gray, Penni Ford, Robert Hudson, Shantisha Williams, Susan Pridgen, Teoletta West

- 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-annually;
- 3). Explore resources that offer a type of landlord rental insurance that covers damages caused by renters that are in housing assistance programs;
- 4). Review City Ordinances

Basic Needs/Emergency & White Flag Shelters

Current Members: Amelia Grissett, Charlie Knox, Christy O'Daniel, Cynthia Figueroa, Laura Hagerman, Lindsey Pasko, Shantisha Williams

- 1). Visit RCS shelter in New Bern;
- 2). Visit Good Shepherd shelter in Wilmington;
- 3). Trinity UMC has household items for those setting up households;
- 4). Need a faith-based meeting to ensure that people are not double dipping

Employment/Education

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

- 1). Identify employers who hire the homeless;
- 2). Identify resources and sources of education for the homeless

Income Supports/Resources

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

- 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). Wrote a PSA for 2-1-1;
- 4). Developed a list of radio/television stations that accept PSAs

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Awareness/Prevention

Current Members: Barrett Kahl, Dan Whitten, Elizabeth Fairbanks, James Stokes, Jim Platingos, Pamela Brown, Susan Pridgen

- 1). Start a petition to the State to update the definition of homelessness and to provide more help and assistance;
- 2). Stop the stigma of Homelessness

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Brian Fike adjourned the meeting at 10:00am. The next CAN-DO meeting will be held at Trillium Health Resources on **Friday, JUNE 10, 2016 at 8:30 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Holbrook, Recording Secretary