

COMMUNITY ADVISORY NETWORK DEVELOPING ONSLOW

MINUTES

OCTOBER 14, 2016



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: Angelia Jones, Brian Fike, Charlie Knox, Charshae Phillips, Christa Gunderson, Christy O’Daniel, Cindy Williams, Collis Niro, Cynthia Figueroa, Elizabeth Fairbanks, Eric Myers, Isidro Carrero, Janice Graniero, Jenna Willis, Jennifer Colley, Jerrick Vernon, Jon Johnson, Joshua Eudy, Kara Desmarais, Kathleen Holbrook, Krystal Jefferson, Michelle Carver, Penni Ford, Prentis Campbell, Reginald Roy, Shantisha Williams, Susan Pridgen, Ursulla Gauthier, Valentina Burrola-Hekman, and Victoria Farrar.

Excused absences were received from Chris Slater, Craig Wagner, Jason Klein, and Pamela Brown.

Introductions were made of members and guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 9, 2016 were reviewed and approved on a motion made by Brian Fike and seconded by Krystal Jefferson. The motion carried without opposition.

POINT IN TIME COUNT

The Point in Time Count is mandated by HUD in every community. We must watch the 2017 PIT video by October 28, 2016 and must name our PIT Count Lead person. Krystal Jefferson agreed to be the lead and will be assisted by Eric Myers and Shantisha Williams. The NCCEH video was shown to CAN-DO membership in attendance. PIT Count is a snapshot of who is homeless in our local community and throughout the nation. It allows us to see whether we are making progress in housing people. PIT will occur on the night of 1-25-17 and will cover a 24 hour period. We will count literally homeless people who are in shelters, in transitional housing or who are unsheltered. We will also gather information on who is staying in rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing. Data will be submitted to NCCEH who will then share it with HUD. Should you need additional information, email bos@ncceh.org or call 919-755-4393.

In addition to Krystal Jefferson, Eric Myers and Shantisha Williams, PIT Count subcommittee volunteers include Cynthia Figueroa, Jason Klein, Kara Desmarais, Karol Davis, Kathy Horne, Kelley Hamilton, Lillie Gray, Lindsey Pasko and Pamela Brown. Krystal Jefferson will collate the data collected following the event.

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ONSLOW HOMELESS VET (OHVet) TASKFORCE

Reggie Roy, Co-Chair of the OHVet taskforce, stated that their meeting was rescheduled due to Hurricane Matthew so he will provide an update next time.

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT

At the September meeting, Brian Fike requested that if any agency intended to apply for these grant funds, to contact him by 9.16.16. The only agency to respond was the United Way for their Solutions for Stability (SFS) Program. A review committee composed of CAN-DO members with specific HUD-related experience reviewed the SFS application. Committee members included Charshae Phillips (federal grants), Liz Makley (Continuum of Care), Lillie Gray (federal housing), Krystal Jefferson (disaster relief) and Cindy Williams (HMIS). The review committee supported the United Way's Solutions for Stability Program applying for ESG funding. CAN-DO members voted today and were unanimous in their support of the recommendation made by the review committee for the SFS Program to receive ESG funding in Onslow County.

BALANCE OF STATE UPDATE

Susan Pridgen advised members that officers from CAN-DO and Neuse Trent will be attending a Restructuring meeting in Greenville on October 20, 2016 and will create a 100 day plan.

Susan shared that there will some changes to the local Street Sheet. Le Chris in Jacksonville is closing their Psycho -Social Rehab (PSR) Day Program; Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency's SSVF Program is ending; and First Baptist Church has asked to be removed.

COORDINATED ASSESSMENT

Christa Gunderson stated that the quarterly report is due tomorrow, 10.15.16, for the first quarter ending 9.30.16. There is a new form with two changes to include the standard score ranges. The quarterly report reflects housing placements for all Onslow County agencies making it imperative for all agencies to be giving all of their VI-SPDATS to Susan Pridgen. A paper trail is necessary for accountability. This data directly correlates with our local future funding. If there have been any difficulties completing the form, please provide feedback. If you'd like to learn how to complete the form, contact Christa at 910-219-4827. There is a 90 minute online tutorial. The scoring for the VI-SPDAT is divided into 1. No housing is warranted 2. Rapid Rehousing 3. Permanent Supportive Housing. People must be literally homeless to qualify.

Susan Pridgen announced that the state is coming to the United Way office on 10.25.16 to pilot a new HMIS program entering VI-SPDAT scores.



Shantisha Williams discussed Prevention and Diversion which is more cost efficient than housing someone. Christa shared the need for agencies to be sharing their data regarding requests for assistance e.g. payment for utilities.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joshua Eudy is a hairstylist originally from Charlotte who is providing haircuts to the homeless. First Baptist Church reached out to him about doing a local event. Joshua then spoke with Theo McClammy at Onslow Community Outreach and the event will occur this Monday, October 17th from 1-5pm at the new OCO building located at 1210 Hargett Street, Jacksonville. Flyers were distributed. Joshua is formerly homeless, super motivated and discussed how a haircut can change your life and your attitude. He is available to attend other events to include in other counties. Contact him directly at 910-333-5433. He has Facebook and Instagram and his own website: www.joshuaeudy.com

ECHSA: Jerrick Vernon announced that their SSVF Program has ended. However, they have are passionate and adaptable and have received a grant to administer the *NCServes-Coastal* Program which will use technology to enhance service delivery to veterans and their families. They are starting this program from the ground up and expect to launch mid-November 2016.

Recovery Innovations International: Eric Myers, Outreach Coordinator, stated that RII is funded by Trillium to provide peer-centered education groups in Onslow and Carteret Counties. Eric is now certified in Anger Management should you wish to make referrals. Contact Eric at 252-340-5768 with questions or referrals.

NCWORKS: Reggie Roy announced their job fair to be held at the American Legion from 10-2pm on November 15, 2016. Planning is underway from the Veterans Standdown to be held in early February 2017.

Tri Counties Crusaders: Shantisha Williams announced they will be offering free tax preparation again in the coming months. Contact her at 910-353-3119.

Onslow Community Outreach Shelter: Cindy Williams shared that the shelter recently housed 16 families with 27 children and 8 veterans. The shelter is in need of healthy snacks, bed pillows with plastic covers, paper products and antibacterial soap. Cindy thanked Susan Pridgen, SFS, and Kathy Horne, VA, for housing the shelter's clients. Cindy announced that the Food Bank has changed their food distribution to the second Monday at 1210 Hargett Street (the new OCO building). The Christmas Cheer schedule will be released the first week of November. Free flu shots are being given at the shelter today.

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Onslow County Schools: No report

Onslow Women's Center: No report

If clients have been affected by Hurricane Matthew and its aftermath, they can call the United Way for possible assistance.

SUBCOMMITTEES

AS another group needed the meeting room at 10:00 am, there was no time for the groups to meet today. Add Collis Niro to the employment subcommittee.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Brian Fike adjourned the meeting at 9:50am. Given the Veterans Day holiday in November, the next CAN-DO meeting will be held at Trillium Health Resources on **FRIDAY, December 9, 2016 at 8:30 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Holbrook, Recording Secretary