

Homeless/Housing Taskforce
BC360 Task Force on Family/Women's Shelter

Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2017

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

The Homeless/Housing Taskforce/BC360 Task Force on Family/Women's Shelter met at the Beaufort County Health Department on this date (5/11/2017). The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Sally Love (Beaufort County Chairperson/Beaufort County United Way). Those in attendance were: Evan Lewis (attorney/BC360 representative), Melissa Eastwood (Trillium Health Resources), and Dot Moate (First Presbyterian church).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were sent out via email prior to today's meeting. No corrections noted.

FAMILY/WOMENS SHELTER

Sally and Dot provided an update regarding the Family/Womens Shelter. The group meets 2 times per month. There are 5 committees: Building/facility, administrative, fundraising/marketing, finance, and grants.

The group has not decided on a shelter location. The new location that was discussed at last meeting was ruled out (house with 4 bedrooms). Dot stated that hopefully a decision regarding location will be made soon. She stated the target date for the Family/Women's shelter is January. The group committed to having Curtis do a feasibility study (\$2500) at the original location (10th and Nicholson). Safety will be a priority. That building may only need a good alarm system which would be \$6000-\$7000. There are 3 codes that could possibly be used for the building inspection.

The subcommittee has approximately \$30,000.00 so far that has been committed to the Family/Women's Shelter. Dot reported that they have not started fundraising yet. Three grants are being written. The subcommittee is working on a brochure and logo.

COORDINATED ASSESSMENT

Beth Bordeaux met with representatives at the Zion Shelter on Friday 4/21/2017. She reviewed information regarding ESG/RR processes with staff at the shelter. Beth reviewed how to set up client files and went over the checklists (shelter/rapid rehousing). She reviewed all the forms that are required.

Sally has not spoken with anyone at ECU regarding an intern because she is waiting to see what Zion Shelter decides regarding Rapid Rehousing. They are supposed to decide today about whether they will do the Rapid Rehousing. If they decide not to do it, we can do a budget adjustment. We can reallocate the money somewhere else. The agency that administers the grant must match the funds. Sally stated that Zion is looking at 4 potential options:

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- Zion can do this in house which means they would hire a caseworker and do everything themselves.
- DSS could administer the Prevention and Diversion and the VI-SPDAT. They could use time to match funds. Sally has a letter from Laurel Miller (Supervisor at DSS) that states they would be happy to administer the prevention and diversion screenings and the VI-SPDAT. DSS is already an entry point.
- Greene Lamp-Sally reported Greene Lamp is not really interested. Employment is the primary focus of Greene Lamp.
- Metropolitan already assists with locating housing. They have their own housing options. If they did the rapid rehousing they would have to work with other landlords. Sally reported that Metropolitan gets a lot of grants. The housing they offer appears to be safe and stable. David Moore is the pastor of Zion church and he is president of Metropolitan Housing and Community Development Corporation, Inc.

We need to get policies in place for the Coordinated Assessment process. Sally discussed our entry points for prevention and diversion. Sally has a list of 10-15 agencies that will administer the prevention and diversion tool. She noted that a single point of entry would be optimal. Examples given: 211, Real Crisis, etc. The group agreed that finding a caseworker is one of the most important tasks.

Sally provided handouts with overview information about prevention and diversion, rapid rehousing, etc. She also passed out documentation regarding expectations for grants.

We discussed the upcoming grant cycle. We need to identify agencies that would be interested in applying for ESG funds. The grant process will be extremely competitive moving forward.

MISCELLANEOUS

The group discussed the recent conference on Homelessness (5/8 and 5/9). Sally facilitated discussion regarding some of the information obtained. Slides will be posted on the Balance of State website.

Sally provided information regarding a session that she attended on diversion. A community had a caseworker and provided that individual with \$5000 in diversion funds. Over 200 people were diverted from Homelessness in approximately 10 weeks. The group discussed the benefits of prevention funds for our community. We need to utilize an individual with mediation experience in our community. We discussed options for bringing grants and resources to our community.

Melissa provided information regarding groups attended (ex. Coordinated Assessment). She provided info about Charlotte using 211 for their entry point effective 7/1/2017. Melissa inquired about whether

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we can use this in our community. Sally reported the United Way owns 211. She will follow up to obtain information regarding whether this will be an option for our community.

The group discussed Charity Tracker and how it would be beneficial for the community. Charity Tracker will be active in Beaufort County. United Way will be the administrator. Sally reported they have 10-12 agencies participating in Beaufort County so far. They will get \$2000 level for the first year (Charity Tracker will let them have the bigger package for the smaller price during the first year). Sally encouraged everyone to go online and look at it (charitytracker.net). She reminded everyone that the system is only as good as the information put in. Sally has ordered more Charity Tracker brochures and will distribute them.

We need to increase attendance/participation at our monthly meetings. Lynn Alligood (Executive Director of MidEast Housing Authority) will start participating in our meetings. Ken Becker with Family Endeavors should be invited to our meetings as well. We will also invite Washington Housing Authority to participate.

The Region 12 Regional Committee meeting will be on 6/14/2017 at 9:00am at MidEast Housing Authority (NC Tele Center 415 East Blvd Williamston NC). There will be representation from all 5 counties in our Region.

Plan for next meeting:

Sally will follow up with the Zion Shelter to determine whether they will administer Rapid Rehousing funds.

Sally will find out if we can use 211 as an entry point for coordinated assessment in our community.

Sally and Evan will talk to representatives from the County about applying for housing rehab funds (grant with county support).

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Sally Love adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting: June 14, 2017 @ 9:00am

Regional Committee Meeting

NC Tele Center, 415 East Blvd., Williamston, NC