

**Cabarrus County Homelessness Task Force Meeting**  
**Nov. 8, 2017 @ 10:30 am**

Present: Ed Hosack, Joe LaSalle, Marcella Beam, Tiffany Brown, Amaha Sheferaw, Sheryl Gray, Tiffany Settles, Darlene Dessauere, Sherry Gordon, Stephanie Bynum, and Tonya Lawrence, Debbie Wilkinson, Howard Layson, Tracy Ginder, Shatara Kellam, Princess Gray, Mikayla Gaspary, Kaitlyn McEachern, Allison Starnes, Dennis Brown and Carole Grady.

Meeting was called to order at 10:35 am by Chair, Ed Hosack. Introductions were made.

**Business/Reports:**

**Preview Homeless Population Dashboards Data** – Marcella Beam provided a chart with Cabarrus Homeless Indicators for January – June 2017. Discussion on which agencies and other information needed to be added such as the Salvation Army and information about Veterans. Also discussed how to get the attention of County/City leaders.

Ed stated that in researching and discussing with local housing agencies information show no truly “affordable” housing in Cabarrus County. New information provided by Task Force members; Cabarrus County averages 102 evictions per month and 40 foreclosures per month.

The group identified 3 primary goals for this CCHTF Initiative;

1. Expand awareness in the community using the dashboard data being developed.
2. Establish an organizational structure for the Task Force to facilitate progress.
3. Develop action plans to increase our community’s ability to respond to homeless populations.

**Review Shelter & Housing portion of Network of Care** – Mikayla Gaspary provided handout on Housing and Shelter and information on how to make changes to information.

**Point-in-Time Count** – Paula Yost will coordinate the count which will take place on January 31, 2018. Training will be held on January 10, 2018. Ed shared reports and information regarding our PIT Count history.

**Agency Reports/Service Update –**

Stephanie Bynum – Cabarrus Partnership for Children distributed flyers regarding 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Cuddle Up Coat Drive which is underway. Agencies can contact Cabarrus Partnership with request for coats. They also have free books for children birth to five available as a part of Dolly Pardon’s Imagination Library project. Sign up online at [www.smartstart.org/dpil](http://www.smartstart.org/dpil)

Darlene Dessaure – NC Works will host a job fair on next Tuesday & Wednesday. They also have resources for training homeless and exoffenders. For more information she can be reached at [Darlene.dessaure@rescare.com](mailto:Darlene.dessaure@rescare.com)

Joe LaSalle – Salvation Army is moving forward with plans for a new shelter. They have purchased (3) parcels of land and the plan is to construct a 2-story building with the first floor housing (8) families and the second floor being dormitory style with 19 rooms on one side for men and 19 on the other side for women. Capacity will increase from 28 to 62 individuals. Plan for completion will be 3 years.

Dennis Brown – The Aya House distributed brochures regarding their program for men who have completed 15 to 30 day treatment for substance dependence. For more information email him at [dacdev12@gmail.com](mailto:dacdev12@gmail.com).

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 am