

Poverty Coalition of Union County

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 13, 2019

Location: New Covenant Baptist Church, 5114 Rogers Road, Monroe, NC

Meeting Facilitated By: Melissa McKeown

Attendees

First & Last Name	Agency	Contact Information
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David McQueen	Boys & Girls Clubs	David.mcqueen@uss.salvationarmy.org

Mission Statement: To create and maintain an environment where our entire community collaborates to alleviate poverty and increase economic mobility.

Vision Statement: To build a sustainable community where everyone can thrive.

Values: Small group breakout to discuss/brainstorm original suggested values.

Accountability – Safe space, follow up

Integrity - Ethical principles

Intentionality – Goals/focused

Inclusivity – Everyone (the individuals who need services as well as agencies) has access to resources; representation of all sectors and classes

Collaboration – Access to resources all can use, coordination but personal

Empowerment – easy to assist rather than empower, we want to step beyond assistance

Subcommittee Recommendations – Steering Committee made recommendations for subcommittees and attendees notated which subcommittees they would be interested in serving on. The results are below.

1. Identify Gaps –
 - a. Cara Steele
 - b. Lisa Cooper
 - c. Lori Spruiell
 - d. Karis Manus
 - e. Crystal Wright
2. Duplication of Services
 - a. Kristen Armstrong
 - b. Gloria Barrino
3. Community Engagement
 - a. Daryl Oliver
 - b. Mary Garceau
 - c. Ashley Burts
 - d. David McQueen
 - e. Heather Gardner

Meeting Calendar sign ups with agency presentation – *Updated calendar attached to minutes.*

Agency Reports:

Safer Communities – Expanded ministry to include a juvenile’s program in UC jail.

Charities Awareness - There are resources which may be useful to your clients on PhilsList.org. As new information comes in pertaining to the non-profit community, I include it at the blog here: <https://philslist.org/blog>. Events are listed on our Facebook Page at [this link](#). Please check it out and “like” it.

Operation Reachout – Planning a September Dental Bus outreach event. More details to come.

Common Heart – Poverty Simulation on March 8, 2019. 9am-11:30am @ SPCC. *Flyer attached.*
Bridges out of Poverty workshop on April 12, 2019. *Flyer attached.*



Union County Crisis Assistance Ministry – 8th Annual Crisis Run is Saturday, April 6, 2019 @ 9am at Wingate University. *Flyer attached.* Fostering Financial Wellness is May 16, 2019, 12p-2p. This program is designed for “Financial Wellness for Service Providers”.

Boys & Girls Club – reported that 250-300 students served each fiscal year. Currently serving in two locations, Walter Bickett Elementary and East Union Middle School.

Union County Community Action – HeadStart and Early HeadStart now accepting applications for enrollment. Eligibility based on income.

Union County Health Department – Recently hosted Hepatitis A clinics in partnership with the Community Shelter of Union County. Reported that Dental Clinic will reopen soon, dentist recently hired.

David’s Backpacks for the Homeless – March 23, 2019 Annual Plant Sale @ Food Lion on Independence in Monroe. The Garden Project prep day is scheduled for April 6 and planting day is April 13. Volunteers opportunities each Saturday following April 13.

Union County Public Schools – Title I schools are hosting Fam Fest on May 4, 2019 at Monroe Middle School. This event is to engage families and share resources.

Next Union County Partners meeting: March 13, 2019. Location TBD.





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Community Action Poverty Simulation[®]

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Event Details

Where South Piedmont Community College
4209 Old Charlotte Hwy, Monroe, NC 28110

When Friday, March 8, 2019
9:00 - 11:30 am

Register Poverty.CommonHeart.org
704-218-9060

Hosted By

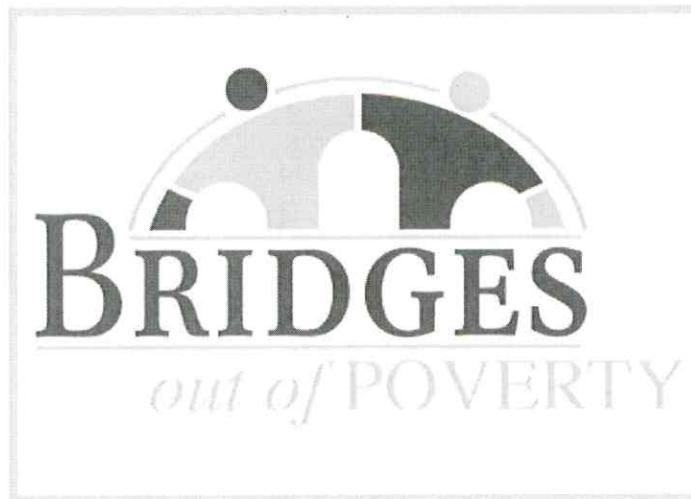


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Building Resources for a Better Life & Community

Bridges workshop for Professionals, Community Leaders & Volunteers

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- Workshop provides the framework for understanding the dynamics that cause and maintain poverty from an individual, to a systemic level.
- Bridges Out of Poverty presents concrete tools for the community to prevent, reduce, and alleviate poverty. Materials used and strategies developed will create better outcomes:
 - Moving individuals from poverty to self-sufficiency
 - Reducing social costs related to crime, poor health, and welfare
 - Strengthening educational attainment and job skills
 - Improving on-the-job productivity
 - Revitalizing neighborhoods
 - Building a sustainable community where everyone can live well
- Topics including a mental model of social class, four main areas of research, understanding of the hidden rules of poverty, resources necessary to change, how language and family structure works in social classes. We will briefly introduce the Getting Ahead workshop for those in poverty and Common Heart's Advocates for Change program.

April 12th 9am - 4pm

5114 Rogers Rd, Monroe, NC 28110

Continental Breakfast, Snacks and Lunch will be provided

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8th ANNUAL *crisis*RUN

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SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

9:00 AM

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