



**Piedmont Regional Committee**

**Case Conferencing**

Date: May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Location: Conference Call

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Facilitated By: Teresa Robinson

Attendees:

Angela Houston	Family Crisis Council of Rowan	Case Manager
Kristen Armstrong	Community Shelter of Union County	Client Services
Sonia Gibbs	Family Crisis Council of Rowan	Transitional Housing Manager

**Agenda**

- 4 RRH Openings
  - Household selection will be from the community combined waitlist
- Community Conversation on Housing
  - Housing Authorities
    - Union County- set up a meeting with staff, build rapport, keep contact open and take small steps to progress
      - Formulate a landlord engagement workshop
      - Break the stigma
    - Rowan- lack of available resources, consistent communication is beneficial, specific contact with staff that can help and provide assistance
      - Transitional housing grant obtained by agency for 4 months. Assists in and out of shelter clients
      - Having a job is required for sustainability
      - Landlord block party
      - Recent meet and greet for landlords, housing agencies, and service providers
      - Building up transitional housing will help move clients to permanent housing in the future
  - Private Landlords
    - Rowan- education (housing laws), constant contact by phone or in person meetings
      - Positive word of mouth is key in accessing more landlords
    - Union- constant communication and in-person visits
      - Tailor the conversation to the specific client
      - Incentives/gifts to show thanks
      - Extra \$ on security deposit
      - Open lines of communication so that both tenant and landlord feel support
      - Use other community meetings/forums to reach out to landlords (i.e. veteran agencies)
    - As a region: have an event to communicate to the region who Community Link is and what we offer and rebuild those relationships in the community
      - Find presenters (RRH, PSH, transitional housing, veterans (VRP?)), poverty, median income stats, other real current data, the benefits of renting
      - Location
    - Section8.com and real estate books to find new possible landlords

- Often when you do find landlords, they don't understand the guidelines of the programs we offer and what's required of them
  - Brochures or other visual materials for potential landlords
- Grants
  - Union- local donors and community partners
    - 4 major fundraisers annually
  - Rowan- transitional housing, going after RRH \$
- Acquiring Properties
  - Union and Rowan- not a conversation in their agencies at this time, but would be beneficial and would be something to work on in the future
- Land Developers
  - To be determined. Data from our region could help to influence change makers in this area

**Webpage**

<http://www.ncceh.org/box/region 5/>

**Next Meeting**

June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - Davidson County- 12-2pm