

**COMMUNITY ADVISORY NETWORK DEVELOPING ONSLOW
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 7, 2012**



The Community Advisory Network Developing Onslow (CAN-DO) met at the Northwoods United Methodist Church on Friday, September 7, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by CAN-DO Co-Chair Kathleen Holbrook. Those in attendance were: Angela Keith, Commissioner Bill Keller, Brooke Nagy, Craig Wagner, Cynthia Figueroa, Dan Joy, Daniel Freyburger, David Graves, Deandra Stills, Donna Grady, Harold Dunlop, Jennifer Colley, Junie Christian, Karin Hudson, Karol Davis, Kathleen Holbrook, Katie Swanson, Lauren Welch, Peggy Bayless, Rick Moser, Tim Parkhurst, and Vernon Zinnerman.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made. Several guests were present today who expressed interest in joining CAN-DO.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2012

Junie Christian made a motion to approve the minutes. Cynthia Figueroa seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Tim Parkhurst, an active duty marine representing SHEEP DOG Impact Assistance (SDIA), provided a PowerPoint presentation and handouts regarding his program. The program was started 3 years ago in Arkansas and received its non-profit status 2 years ago. Tim recently started the Crystal Coast Chapter of SHEEP DOG (SDIA) which now has 34 members. SDIA serves men and women in the military, law enforcement, fire/rescue, and EMS; "a community of people (known) as sheep dogs." All members of SDIA must be current or former members of the military or the aforementioned public safety organizations and have a willingness to give back and serve others during periods of hardship, particularly during a disaster. To learn more, the website is www.sheepdogia.org Tim announced SDIA's inaugural Patriot Day event to be held the following day at Northside High in Jacksonville with displays from the military, Jacksonville Police, Jacksonville Fire, EMS, etc. CAN-DO members were encouraged to attend.

GRANTS & FUNDRAISING

Craig Wagner made the exciting announcement that CAN-DO has received \$85,000.00 in Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) funds. Of those funds, \$40,000.00 have been designated to Onslow Community Outreach for the VET S.T.A.R. Project and the remaining \$45,000.00 to CAN-DO for the Solution-Focused Coordinator position. The grant requires a 100% match although in-kind will be allowed. CAN-DO is awaiting notification on another grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 which could serve as match. There will be a conference call on 9-18-12 to review the specifics of the ESG funds. Craig announced that relationships with DSS and Onslow County Schools will now need to be formalized.

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In the event that the \$50,000.00 grant is not received, it will be necessary to do some fundraising to raise the matching funds. CAN-DO members brainstormed some possible ideas. Daniel Freyburger reminded members that Onslow County's demographic is very young (26 years old) so that traditional fundraisers e.g. golf tournaments and wine tastings may not be appealing. Lauren Welch agreed to chair the Fundraising Subcommittee. Volunteers include Karol Davis, Daniel Freyburger, and Jennifer Colley.

POINT IN TIME COUNT

The annual HUD Point-in-Time Count has been scheduled for January 30-31, 2012. We will need to establish a subcommittee to begin planning and coordinating our local event. Subcommittee volunteers include Cynthia Figueroa, Karin Hudson, Peggy Bayless, Dan Joy, Angela Keith, David Graves, and Christy O'Daniel. Pastor Rick Moser offered the use of Northwoods United Methodist Church to stage the event. Dan Joy agreed to prepare the evening meal for volunteers. A date for the subcommittee meeting will be forthcoming.

Karin Hudson showed off a plastic sleeping mat that can be distributed during the PIT Count. Each mat is fashioned out of 800 brand new plastic grocery bags. Some church ladies are currently making the mats which take 50 hours each; they plan to donate 100 mats for the PIT Count. Karin requested donations of new plastic bags and volunteers to cut the bags into strips. It was recommended that it be posted on Volunteer Onslow.

While Loretta Keelin could not be present today, she had called Kathleen Holbrook earlier on this date to advise that she would be talking with Social Work students at the UNCW Extension Program about assisting with the PIT Count in January.

UPDATES

Craig Wagner announced that the Strategic Planning Subcommittee had recently completed its assigned tasks but that they would soon become involved in the hiring process for the Solution-Focused Coordinator to include development of implementation and oversight of the SFC position.

Jennifer Colley announced that more than 60 children had already been designated as homeless on Day Nine (9) of the new school year. Personal hygiene items and school supplies, particularly flash drives, are needed for these students.

Angela Keith reported on the Shelter PLUS Care Program. Of the 10 designated units, 4 are filled, 3 are searching for housing and 3 were no shows.

Rick Moser reported that the Family Promise Program will host Cardboard Box City on November 16, 2012 at Trinity United Methodist Church.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karin Hudson reminded members about the Homeless Veterans' Summit scheduled for September 11, 2012 from 10 am to 12 noon at First Presbyterian Church. The VA will be presenting and they plan to discuss Onslow becoming a Continuum of Care. Kathleen Holbrook responded that Onslow is a Balance of State/Continuum of Care community and already belongs to the 79 county State Continuum of Care so it would be redundant. As we are a Balance of State (BoS) county, we achieve the same things as a Continuum of Care (CoC) and are eligible to receive the same federal funding so there would be no advantage to switching.

Karin further announced *Oktoberfest*, the annual fundraiser for Onslow Community Outreach, to be held October 27, 2012 at Riverwalk Park.

Harold Dunlop from CoastalCare talked about his role in assisting consumers with employment. He partners with Employment Security Commission and Vocational Rehab.

Craig Wagner announced the *Grapes on the Green* fundraiser for the United Way to be held at the Jacksonville Country Club on October 19, 2012. Tickets are \$40.00 each or 2 for \$70.00.

Craig also announced that the United Way will be hosting 12 community forums to be held between September 25 and November 3, 2012 at locations throughout Onslow County.

There being no further business, CAN-DO adjourned at 9:33 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Holbrook