

Neuse Trent Housing Alliance
August 7, 2013
United Way Board Room

Present:

Whitney Morton, Salvation Army

Juliet Rogers, RCS

Theresa Lee, Neuse River

Ron England, Carolina East Crossroads

Terry Jordan, CARTS

Landa Gaskins, Neuse River CDC

Erica Jefferson, Community Member

Lovay Singleton, Veteran's Gardens

Marcee Lovick Community Rep

Jackie Jreisat, City of New Bern

Laurie Collier, RLM

Stacy Kendall, New Bern Unemployment Group

Patricia Benefield, CCA

Richard Hansen, NC Commerce

Terry Brubaker, DSS

Linda McAllister, Catholic Charities

Daphne Drew, ECBH

Kathy Hodge, RHA

Kelly Walker, CARTS

Sandra Phelps, United Way

Chick Natella, Interfaith Refugees Ministry

We did not meet in July, no minutes to approve.

Theresa Lee called the meeting to order and reviewed the comprehensive approach to housing for everyone as a refresher after the summer break.

Mark Best from Craven Community College opened the meeting. He shared that there will be a series of new classes provided at RCS focused on helping folks apply for and keep employment. These much needed courses will begin soon and will be free of charge to program participants.

Whitney Morton from Salvation Army then spoke. Whitney discussed the anti-trafficking program that the Army is rolling out throughout the United States. She gave the following statistics:

- North Carolina is in the top 10 states for trafficking.
- Craven County specifically has had an increase in human trafficking.
- 27 million people are being trafficked.
- Slavery has become a 132 billion dollar industry.
- Mafia is involved due to the fact that the person can be sold numerous times.
- North Carolina is the only state that has housing for minor males in trafficking.

The Army is currently involved in assisting in intensive case management for the victims of slavery. The Army's rapid response team will help catch those who participate and rescue those involved.

Whitney stated that she would be happy to speak to anyone requiring more information and ideas on how to raise awareness. The month of October is yellow rose month and will be used to signify those trapped in the horrible life of human trafficking.

Currently, the Army operates a food pantry for families Monday, Thursday, and Friday for Craven residents, as well as rent and utility assistance. Clothing vouchers are available through the family store.

The Army is heavily involved in offering solutions to those in need of food in Pamlico County. They are meeting with DSS who provides intake to assist in identifying needy families.

The Army has short range plans for after school care for the 2014-2015 school year, which is much needed for our community.

2. Follow up to PASAR screenings and DSS involvement in adult day care homes from Terry Brubaker. They closed the Harbor View nursing home in Morehead City, resulting in the displacement of 50 units. No solutions were imminent.

3. Whitney and Juliet attended Balance of State in Greensboro. Learned that Whitney must review RCS's and Coastal Women's application for ESG service grant before submitting.

Agencies in the Balance of State will be working towards 211 for homeless people to contact shelters. This is in its earliest stages. Coalition will be streaming intake form for all agencies that work with homeless. CHIN licenses will be offered at a lower cost for additional agencies.

4. Neuse Trent needs to have our committees formed by August of 2014. Committees need to be reporting to our group as soon as possible. Please sign up for your area of interest.

Next meeting is September 4th at United Way.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Juliet Rogers
Secretary