

Neuse Trent Housing Alliance
February 6, 2013 at the United Way Board Room

Present:

Cpt. Whitney Morton, Salvation Army
Amy Modlin, ECBH
Theresa Lee, City of New Bern
Juliet Rogers, RCS
Terry Brubaker, DSS
Teresa Hays, Community Advocate
Clayton Gaskins, Vidant Health
Mike McMillan, RCS
Stacy Kendall, New Bern Unemployment Group
Susan Lucas, New Choices
Chick Natella, Interfaith Refuge Ministries
Richard Hansen, NC Commerce
Jan Hood, Promise Place
Pam Taylor, DVR/Individual Living
Kathy Moran, Easter Seals, UCP
Kathy Hodge, RHA
Pam Taylor, DHHS
Patrick Flanagan, ECC
Martha Glenn, Phoenix House
Sandra Ruger, New Bern Housing
Anne Ocorr, Wellness City
Clayton Gaskins, Vidant Health
Sandra Phelps, United Way
Lt. Linda Godette, New Bern Police Department

Meeting called to order by Theresa Lee. Prayers were extended for Captain
The minutes for January and February will be reviewed at the March meeting.

Old Business

1. Theresa Lee opened meeting explaining the need for a memorandum of agreement signed by all agencies participating in Neuse Trent. She would work on and present at next meeting. We will begin work on our 10 year plan.
2. Teresa Hayes spoke in depth on the questionnaire findings. Only 5 people turned in their survey and she was hoping for a better turn out. It was still not too late to turn in results. Ms. Hayes presented action plans, gaps in service, and questioned the need to create new resources or add to existing resources. Ms Hayes needed information on each group attending so that we could get a better handle on the group's resources.
3. Lt. Godette presented at our meeting on the relationship between the New Bern Police Department and our homeless population. She spoke on the good works that the NBPD facilitates when vetting homeless people into the shelter. Lt. Godette added the areas of homeless people gathering outside of NBPD jurisdiction and the need for that area to be counted in the PIT group.

4. It was agreed that Patrick Flanagan will speak on transportation in Eastern North Carolina.

New Business

1. Terry Brubaker asked for awareness of the prevention of child abuse which is in the month of April. More information can be found at www.preventchildabusenc.org.
2. Our main speaker was Patrick Flanagan who is the Community Planner with ECC. ECC serves to plan transportation for rural transportation and develops processes to implement the needs of transportation in our communities. Patrick asked us to get involved in the Technical Advisory Committee (TCC). The TCC collects and maintains data for transportation planning. Neuse Trent could bring valuable information to the TCC strategy meetings, and we still have time to get involved in planning. Patrick stated that the next 5 years of federal funding, as New Bern becomes an MPO, will help with the ever increasing need for affordable and easily accessible public transportation.
3. Theresa Lee was asked to write New Bern's housing policy and comprehensive housing plan. She asked for input into the project from other agencies. She addressed the need for permanent supportive housing. She will let us know when the commitment period will begin and asked for our representation. It is wonderful to have such a great advocate.
4. Captain Whitney reporting on BOS stated that the point in time count should be directed to Mike McMillan at RCS. Whitney stated a need for ongoing after care to follow up on people from the shelter who gain housing. Wanted to explore what supportive services the homeless needed to keep them in housing. Suggested we go to the NC homeless website at NCCEH.ORG to find out what other regional members are doing in North Carolina.
5. Follow up on Adult Care Situations. Terry Brubaker reported that the Good Sheppard Nursing Home was on the IMD list. No major changes have been reported in of coming up with safety nets for people kicked out of homes by the State when dealing with the Federal requirements.
6. Governor McCroy's office has asked for suggestions and feedback per his website. Linda Hayes suggested a position paper on the displacement of mentally ill citizens in North Carolina. This will allow us to speak with one voice.
7. Kathy Hodge brought the problem of sexual predators becoming payees to teenagers. They will take kids in and give them homes in exchange for sexual favors. Wanted to shine the light on the problem and make alliance members aware of the situation.

Next meeting will be March 6th, 2013 at the United Way.

Respectfully submitted,

Juliet Rogers