

Neuse Trent Housing Alliance
October 2, 2013
United Way Board Room

Present:

Whitney Morton, Salvation Army
Lovay Singleton, Veteran's Gardens
Marcee Lovick Community Rep
Jackie Jreisat, City of New Bern
Clayton Gaskins, Vidant
Richard Hansen, NC Commerce
Jeannine Ethridge, RHA
Kathy Hodge, RHA
Kelly Walker, CARTS
Chick Natella, Interfaith Refugees Ministry
Sandra Phelps, United Way
Karla Overby, City of New Bern
Beverly Hein, DSS
Monica Kazan, Promise Place
Michael McMillan, RCS
Stacey Kendall, New Bern Unemployed and Underemployed Group
Terry Brubaker, DSS
Tharesa Lee, Neuse River CDC
Christy Nowaczy, Salvation Army
Juliet Rogers, RCS

Minutes approved with changes from September correcting attendance.

Tharesa Lee from Neuse CDC opened meeting.

1. Balance of State

CHIN licenses will be available to agencies that provide housing and or services to the homeless. Please contact NCCEH (North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness) at <http://www.ncceh.org> to let them know if you will be renewing licenses or need additional licenses by October 31st.

Neuse Trent Alliance will represent the Balance of State and make State Funds available to the agencies represented. Changes in the technical aspects of funding, heading into next funding cycle is somewhat ambiguous. A formal request for Technical Assistance will be submitted to the Housing Specialist with NCDHHS for further clarification.

In accordance with our Balance of State Regional Committee obligations the Neuse Trent Housing Alliance needs to elect one representative to the BoS Scorecard Committee, and a representative to the Project Review Board. We are looking for volunteers who are not receiving Bos or ESG funds, and a technical knowledge of how the grant process works would be preferred, although not required. Time commitment depends upon the representative's working knowledge of the process and the number of projects to be review.

Scorecard Committee: Determine criteria and scoring guidelines for new and renewal project scorecards.

Project Review Committee: Review and rate project applications according to the Scorecard.

Please contact Whitney Morton if you are interested in either one of the committees. It is vitally important that we send 1 person to each committee.

2. Point in Time Count

Whitney recently attended the Point in Time Count for Hendersonville, NC and saw how they went about interviewing the homeless in that county. We now have a better understanding of how to tackle PiT counts for Craven. We are asking for subcommittees to prepare for this count which will take place in January of 2014. NT need's 5 to 7 people to volunteer. Jackie Jreisat, Theresa Lee, Stacey Kendall have offered their time to committee. On the day of the Count we will need 30 members.

A sock and water drive will take place to pass out during PiT count. Terry Brubaker mentioned DSS could participate in the sock drive.

3. Committee work

Juliet Rogers shared her work on the finance committee that Jeanne Ethridge would undergo SOAR training. The training begins in January. Juliet also mentioned that a local bank was trying to encourage checking accounts and would have further details.

We will again send out committee's for members to sign up and report back to group. Meetings need to happen before the November 2013 meeting.

4. Upcoming Events

Neuse Trent Alliance has the opportunity to increase our awareness in the community. It was decided that we host a Human Services Day with NT as the sponsor. There will be a Human Services Roundtable to discuss relevant topics, mainly the Affordable Care Act. This will allow local and state officials to come together to see the many agencies represented by our group.

Sandra Phelps suggested we pull our resources into getting a banner made for our event and would look into pricing.

Terry Brubaker suggested a flier with our NT's mission and all of our agencies information and websites. Tharesa Lee suggested emailing a paragraph on "who we are and what we do" to her and she would put together a flier.

This event will be opened to the public and likely to happen at the beginning of next year.

5. Agency Announcements:

Patricia Benefied from CCA shared with the group of the ongoing concern over the shutdown of the government. Many people calling her office still had to go to work although they would not be receiving a paycheck. Financial concerns are on the forefront of most of our clients.

Rick Hansen from the VA sent information via email as to what VA agencies would be opened or closed. Most hospitals and clinics will remain open.

Whitney spoke of the importance of getting the Craven County School liaison for homeless kids involved in our group. She would reach out to her.

Sandra Phelps was asked to bring information on United Way's 211 programs to use during times of disaster. She will report back at next month's meeting.

Mike McMillan from RCS stressed the importance of using CHIN for each of our agencies to be able to communicate with each other and to see who was utilizing the resources in Craven County.

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting will be held November 6th at the United Way.

Respectfully Submitted,

Juliet Rogers
Secretary