

COMMUNITY ADVISORY NETWORK DEVELOPING ONSLOW
MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2014



The Community Advisory Network Developing Onslow (CAN-DO) met at Northwoods United Methodist Church on this date. The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m. by CAN-DO Co-Chair Kristi Pitchford. Those in attendance were: Amelia Grissett, Barrett Kahl, Beverly Jackson, Brian Fike, Chris Slater, Christa Gunderson, Cynthia Figueroa, Harold Dunlop, James Ross, Janice Graniero, Jason Klein, Junie Christian, Karol Davis, Kathleen Holbrook, Kelley Hamilton, Kristi Pitchford, Melissa Balto, Mike Fresia, Rick Moser, Susan Pridgen, and Ursulla Ingram.

Excused absences were received from: Christy O'Daniel, Cindy Williams, Craig Wagner, Deandra Stills, Jennifer Colley, Loretta Keelin, Pamela Brown, Richard Smothers, Theo McClammy and William Keller.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made of members and guests.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Secretary Kelley Hamilton could not find her notes from the November meeting, therefore, no minutes were prepared or voted upon.

POINT IN TIME (PIT) COUNT

Kathleen Holbrook announced that a Team Leader meeting would occur on December 19th at 8:00 am at Northwoods UMC. The annual PIT Count webinar hosted by NCCEH will be held on January 8, 2015 at 9:30 am. Barrett Kahl will host this meeting at his Family Endeavors office.

COORDINATED ASSESSMENT

Susan Pridgen has been appointed to the Coordinated Assessment Council at the State level. Susan announced that she and Brian Fike continue to work on CA. The MOUs were sent out in anticipation of CA starting in February 2015.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Solutions for Stability: Susan Pridgen announced that 144 people have been served to date representing 44 households.

Onslow County Schools: Jennifer Colley was not present today to report.

Shelter PLUS Care: Brian Fike announced that 12 vouchers are being utilized and that he is trying to add additional slots.

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ECHSA: No representation today.

Family Endeavors: Barrett Kahl announced much activity has occurred with regard to evictions and utility payments.

Onslow Community Outreach: No representation today.

Tri-Counties Crusaders: Karol Davis reported serving 43 clients to date. They had 7 new clients in November, 3 clients gained employment and 2 clients are being released from prison. Karol shared that they are holding an event on January 17, 2015 for which she will send out a flyer.

Philippians Place: No representation today.

Onslow Women's Center: Junie Christian reported 22 clients in the shelter. December 13th will represent 6 months since a domestic violence fatality occurred in Onslow County.

Salvation Army: No representation today.

Swansboro First Baptist: No representation today.

HOMELESS SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Access to Safe, Affordable Housing: Brian Fike reported no activity since the housing meeting for landlords held on October 24, 2014 which was well attended

Basic Needs/Emergency Shelters: No report

Employment/Education: No report

Income Supports/Resources: Melissa Balto announced that they will have a street sheet available by the Team Leader meeting on December 19th

Awareness/Prevention: No report

MEMBER ANOUNCEMENTS

Election of Regional Lead & Alternate in January 2015: Susan Pridgen is willing to continue serving as Regional Lead.

Election of 2 of 3 CAN-DO Officers in January to start terms February 1, 2015: Kathleen Holbrook is stepping down as Co-Chair and Kelley Hamilton is stepping down as Secretary.

Amelia Grissett announced that Veterans Services is moving on December 15th to their new office on Northwest Corridor within the new Onslow County Complex. Amelia shared that the VA-Winston Salem

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mobile vet unit is coming to the American Legion on January 28-30, 2015. They want to see homeless veterans. As this date falls at the same time as the PIT Count, it is great timing for making referrals! Flyers for the event will be sent out electronically. Amelia further shared that the new VA Clinic under construction on Henderson Drive is to be enlarged as the building was not large enough. In the meantime, a clinic had been opened in Brynn Marr.

Kelley Hamilton announced their sock drive is underway in anticipation of the Veterans Standdown to be held February 3, 2015 at the American Legion.

Karol Davis plans to bring a formerly homeless person to serve on CAN-DO.

Jason Klein reminded meeting attendees that the Wilmington VA has designated 14 HUD VASH vouchers for chronically homeless veterans in Jacksonville. So far, 4 vouchers have been utilized with 10 vouchers remaining.

Barrett Kahl has a church willing to provide food for 10 families at Christmas. He was seeking referrals.

Christa Gunderson stated that DSS is accepting applications for LIEAP which will pay utility bills in February 2015.

Karol Davis shared her concern about there being a gap in available drivers to VA medical appointments. Mike Fresia stated that he will address with DAV. Karol would like an All Call to go out for drivers. Perhaps the United Way's Volunteer Onslow Program would be appropriate.

There being no further business, Kristi Pitchford adjourned the meeting at 8:58 am. The next meeting of CAN-DO will be held on **Friday, January 9, 2014 at 8:00 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Holbrook, Co-Chair