

COMMUNITY ADVISORY NETWORK DEVELOPING ONSLOW
MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2015



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, Bill Laughinghouse, Brian Fike, Chris Slater, Christa Gunderson, Christy O'Daniel, Collis Niro, Craig Wagner, Cynthia Figueroa, Dan Joy, James Ross, Jason Klein, John Brodie, Jon Johnson, Karol Davis, Kathleen Holbrook, Kristi Pitchford, Larry Person, Loretta Keelin, Melissa Balto, Mike Fresia, Pamela Brown, Patricia Kelly, Richard Skinner, Richard Smothers, Susan Pridgen, Ursulla Ingram, Virginia Hill, and William Keller.

Excused absences were received from: Deandra Stills, Harold Dunlop, Janice Graniero, and Jennifer Colley.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made of members and guests.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 7, 2014 were approved on a motion from Bill Keller which was seconded by Craig Wagner. The motion carried unopposed.

The minutes of December 5, 2014 were approved on a motion from Bill Keller which was seconded by Craig Wagner. The motion carried unopposed.

ELECTION OF REGIONAL LEAD & ALTERNATE

Susan Pridgen agreed to continue serving as Regional Lead. A motion to formally nominate Susan to continue serving in that role was made by Craig Wagner. The motion was seconded by Bill Keller. The motion carried unopposed.

Linda Graham has been serving as Alternate Lead; it was unclear whether or not she remained interested in continuing in that role. Ursulla Ingram had previously shared her willingness to serve as Alternate Lead. As neither woman was present at the time of this vote, a decision was made to send out an electronic vote after checking with Linda Graham. Following the meeting, contacts were made with Linda Graham and Ursulla Ingram. Ursulla nominated herself for the position of Alternate Lead. Kathleen Holbrook seconded the motion. An electronic vote was sent out to membership; responses to the affirmative were received from Amelia Grissett, Barrett Kahl, Chris Slater, Christa Gunderson, Christy O'Daniel, Cindy Williams, Collis Niro, Craig Wagner, Daphany Hill, James Ross, Janice Graniero, Jason Klein, Jon Johnson, Karol Davis, Kelley Hamilton, Kristi Pitchford, Laura Cate, Linda Graham, Loretta Keelin, Melissa Balto, Pamela Brown, Rick Moser, Susan Pridgen and Virginia Hill. There were no dissenting votes. The motion to elect Ursulla Ingram was unanimous.

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ELECTION OF CAN-DO OFFICERS

Due to expiration of term limits, Kathleen Holbrook is stepping down as Co-Chair and Kelley Hamilton is stepping down as Secretary. Brian Fike nominated himself for the Co-Chair position. Ursulla Ingram seconded the motion. The motion carried unopposed. Kathleen Holbrook nominated herself for the Secretary position; James Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried unopposed. Kristi Pitchford will remain Chair for one more year. Terms will begin February 1, 2015.

POINT IN TIME (PIT) COUNT JANUARY 28-29, 2015

Kathleen Holbrook announced that the PIT Count Webinar hosted by NCCEH was held the previous day, January 8, 2015, at the Family Endeavors office. The meeting was well attended and Team Leaders are prepared for the Count. Contacts have been made with area agencies seeking information on encampments and PIT posters distributed throughout the county. Membership was polled for their availability to volunteer for the 24 hour PIT event. Several members indicated interest. Members also volunteered to work at the VA Benefits Clinic scheduled for January 28-30, 2015 and at the Veterans Stand-down on February 3, 2015.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Solutions for Stability: Susan Pridgen announced that 151 people have been served to date representing 47 households.

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

Shelter PLUS Care: Brian Fike announced that 12 adults with 16 children are utilizing 12 vouchers at this time. He continues to advocate for additional slots.

ECHSA: No representation today.

Family Endeavors: Barrett Kahl and Jason Klein announced that the first HUD-VASH client has been housed. There are 3 more chronically homeless vets on deck to receive VASH vouchers.

Onslow Community Outreach: Deandra Stills was unable to attend the meeting but had shared information in advance: 288 homeless persons representing 6,048 nights were served by the OCO shelter during 2014.

Tri-Counties Crusaders: Karol Davis reported serving 61 clients through the end of 2014 to include one SOAR client. One of their offender clients has started 2 businesses. Electronic flyers were sent out following the meeting for No Limits Cleaning Service LLC and Remodeling Masters LLC.

Philippians Place: No representation today.

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Onslow Women's Center: No representation today.

Salvation Army: No representation today.

Swansboro First Baptist: Bill Laughinghouse stated that their homeless program is currently on hold as they have not had any clients to seek services.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amelia Grissett reminded everyone that the VA Mobile Benefits Clinic will be held at the American Legion on January 28-30, 2015 from 9:00-5:00pm each day. There will be 16 raters onsite along with the Winston-Salem VA director and assistant director to rate claims and provide assistance. They want to see homeless veterans and volunteers will be onsite to collect information for the PIT Count should homeless vets be identified.

The Veterans Stand-down will be held February 3, 2015 from 10:00-2:00 pm at the American Legion.

As the outdoor temperatures have dropped below freezing this week, a discussion of White Flag shelters ensued. Craig Wagner asked what progress to establish White Flag shelters had been made by the Basic Needs/Shelters Subcommittee. Christy O'Daniel advised that OCO has extended its hours and that OCO had explored allowing additional persons to stay there during the coldest nights. The City of Jacksonville Fire Marshall visited OCO and agreed to allow for only two more people to stay there expanding their capacity to 26 individuals. Christy stated that OCO board members donated their own money to pay for hotel rooms if needed during these cold nights.

Christy shared that following negotiations with the City of Jacksonville to receive a \$250,000.00 grant, OCO will eventually move into a larger space: the former Piggly Wiggly on Hargett Street. There will be a Day Shelter component and the new space will allow for additional beds to accommodate those on cold nights. However, this plan is still a few years away as renovations to the space will need to be made.

Pastor Richard Skinner stated that his church may be able to assist during cold weather. He runs a Gospel Rescue Mission located between Hubert/Swansboro and has a fellowship hall available to house people if necessary. He wants to convert a warehouse into a shelter but is encountering zoning issues.

Susan Pridgen stated that she is meeting with Trinity United Methodist Church next Monday, January 12, 2015 regarding establishing a warming station for homeless people during White Flag conditions. She also learned that volunteer fire stations often assist in such conditions but that each VFD is governed by its own board.

Karol Davis stated that St. Julia AME Zion Church will pay for hotel rooms during White Flag conditions. Bill Keller added that his church in Sneads Ferry would be willing to assist.

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The need for the Basic Needs/Shelters subcommittee to meet and put a formal plan in place was emphasized. Beverly Jackson and Richard Skinner agreed to join the subcommittee. Shelters are needed in all areas of Onslow County due to transportation issues.

There being no further business, Kristi Pitchford adjourned the meeting at 9:10 am. The next meeting of CAN-DO will be held on **Friday, February 6, 2015 at 8:00 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Holbrook, Co-Chair