

COMMUNITY ADVISORY NETWORK DEVELOPING ONSLOW
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 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 8:03 a.m. by CAN-DO Co-Chair Kristi Pitchford. Those in attendance were: Amelia Grissett, Barrett Kahl, Brian Fike, Christa Gunderson, Christy O'Daniel, Collis Niro, Craig Wagner, Cynthia Figueroa, Janice Graniero, Jason Klein, Jennifer Colley, Jon Johnson, Karol Davis, Kathleen Holbrook, Kelley Hamilton, Kristi Pitchford, Linda Graham, Melissa Balto, Pamela Brown, Phyllis Isenhardt, Rick Moser, Susan Pridgen, Trudy Murray, and William Keller.

Excused absences were received from: Chris Slater, Dan Joy, James Ross, Mike Fresia and Ursulla Ingram.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made of members and guests.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Susan Pridgen made the motion to approve the October 3, 2014 minutes. Jason Klein seconded the motion. The motion carried unopposed.

COORDINATED ASSESSMENT

Susan Pridgen and Brian Fike have been working to finalize the local plan for Coordinated Assessment (CA). Onslow County plans to adopt a de-centralized plan so that homeless individuals will have many points of entry within the county and its agencies. Susan announced that our local plan is due to the State by Monday, November 10, 2014 so we must vote upon it at today's meeting. The plan must be implemented no later than February 2015. Once implemented, the plan can be tweaked as necessary.

Susan shared that Theo McClammy from Onslow Community Outreach (OCO) has not yet agreed for OCO to be a point of entry as it would require the shelter intake person to ask clients 8 questions related to Prevention/Diversion. Theo stated that his board will have to approve his staff doing that. After much discussion, it was determined that Christy O'Daniel as OCO Board Member would contact Theo following this meeting to advise him of the deadline which is today and that if he fails to sign on, the local Coordinated Assessment plan will not include OCO. Signed MOUs are required from all participating agencies. Jason Klein made a motion to

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accept the Coordinated Assessment plan as presented with the contingency that if OCO fails to participate, they will not be part of the local plan. The CA plan would benefit shelters as it allows people to leave shelters more quickly and to be placed elsewhere. Bill Keller seconded the motion and it carried unopposed. While Coordinated Assessment is an unfunded mandate, data collection resulting from it may improve local funding. The goal of CA is to prevent and divert homelessness from occurring.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Solutions for Stability: Susan Pridgen announced that 138 people have been served to date. One household has been terminated and another intake is being done today.

Onslow County Schools: Jennifer Colley advised that 116 school-aged children have been identified as homeless since school began.

Shelter PLUS Care: Brian Fike announced that 13 vouchers are being utilized and that he is trying to add additional slots.

Family Endeavors: Barrett Kahl announced that their program is focusing its efforts on the literally homeless and less on preventive services.

ECHSA: Trudy Murray shared that they have served 69 homeless veterans and 132 prevention cases. Six vets are currently searching for housing. Trudy reported that the two SSVF programs are working well together.

Onslow Community Outreach: Christy O'Daniel reported that Oktoberfest was a success and that they have moved onto Christmas Cheer.

Tri-Counties Crusaders: Karol Davis reported serving 35 clients. They have 8 new intakes and are searching for board members.

Philippians Place: Phyllis announced that they are nearing status as a non-profit agency. They are currently looking for committee members.

Onslow Women's Center: No representative

Salvation Army: No representative

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Swansboro First Baptist: No representative

HOMELESS SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Brian Fike reported the housing meeting for landlords held on October 24, 2014 was well attended. They plan to repeat the workshop in 6 months. Linda Graham added that landlords were appreciative and that it opened some doors.

POINT IN TIME (PIT) COUNT

Kathleen Holbrook shared that HUD will hold its annual PIT Count from 6:00 pm on January 28 to 6:00 pm on January 29, 2015. The local PIT Coordinator needs to be voted upon at this meeting and the name submitted to NCEEH. Kristi Pitchford made a motion to nominate Kathleen Holbrook as Coordinator and Melissa Balto as Co-Coordinator. Karol Davis seconded the motion which carried unopposed. The timeline was shared with more planning to occur at December's CAN-DO meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kelley Hamilton shared that 13 people were served at the Cold Weather Gear event designated for homeless veterans held October 29th at the DAV building. Many people were in need of transportation. Jason stated that it was a great event!

Kelley announced there will be a Veterans Job Fair held at the Montford Point Association building on November 13th. She further stated that the Veterans Standdown will be held February 3, 2015 at the American Legion building.

Amelia Grissett announced that Veterans Services will be moving from Mill Avenue to the new County Building located in Burton Industrial Park. OUTS will provide transportation for those who need it.

Jason Klein reminded meeting attendees that the Wilmington VA has designated 14 HUD VASH vouchers for chronically homeless veterans in Jacksonville.

Susan Pridgen has received a fee waiver statement for homeless people allowing them to get a NC Identification card for no fee. She will email the example for agencies to put on their own letterhead.

Christy O'Daniel stated that someone had delivered homeless mats to OCO. Barrett Kahl agreed to store them at Family Endeavors.

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Christa Gunderson announced that the North Carolina Social Services Association (NCSSA) is hosting a pancake fundraiser at Helen's Kitchen on Sunday, November 16th. All proceeds to benefit teenaged foster children at Christmas.

The PEERS Bavarian Lawn Fest is being held tonight at 6:00 pm with all proceeds benefitting the Family Development Center.

There being no further business, Kristi Pitchford adjourned the meeting at 8:55 am. The next meeting of CAN-DO will be **Friday, December 5, 2014 at 8:00 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Holbrook, Co-Chair