**Neuse Trent Housing Alliance**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**8 AM**

**December 08, 2016**

**United Way Building**

Present:

 Ken Becker, Family Endeavors

 Jackie Dees, City of New Bern Electric

 Ron England, CarolinaEast Health

 Brian Fike, Trillium

 Landa Gaskins, City of New Bern Community Development Coordinator

 Tova Hairston, Coastal Women's Shelter

 Debbie Hodges, Homeless Liaison, Craven County Schools

 Kelley Walker, CARTS

 Juliet Rogers, RCS

Teresa Lee, Chamber of Commerce

 Reeshema Walker, DWS NC Works

Rebecca Sotirkys, NC works

* Jackie called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.
* Juliet announced that this was our last official meeting under the Neuse-Trent Housing Alliance, and thanked Teresa Lee, the founder of the NT Housing Alliance 15 years ago.

As of January 2017, our meetings will be conducted on quarterly basis with our regional committees HAAC. (Craven, Carteret, Jones, Onslow and Pamlico).

* Ken Becker, with Family Endeavors, a Supportive Services for Veterans Families helps veterans who are soon to be homeless. They are certain criteria to meet in order for them to assist veterans, such as bad conduct or honorable discharge. This process takes 90 days to house them. There are 35 to 40 veterans from the Jacksonville area.

With all the programs available, lot of Veterans are not aware of these programs, or they choose not to get involve in the system.

* Rebecca reported that there are no shelters for single female Veterans in Carteret County due to lack of resources. She also reported the Elk Lodge have funded a Weather distribution program where they blankets, clothes to at least 9 Veterans.
* Susan P. reported Onslow started pilot program for the HMIS. All the coordinated assessment will come to her and she enters in the HMIS.
* Family Endeavors is doing a master list for our regional VA. 13 region in the state will be creating a by **name list** so they can identify and track who comes to the shelter and often. Also, during the Balance of State on December 12 2016, they are going to have a veteran’s outreach and restructuring program from the HAAC. Brian Alexander who is in charge of the coordinated assessment will meet with them and talk about the restructuring and conducting assessment as well.
* Resheema reported the **PIT-will be on January 25**, from 10-4. PIT count for 2016, will be different this year, we have designated spots where the homeless will come to us. There will be 2 locations in Craven County, Walmart and books a million and Piggly wiggly in Pamlico County. PIT numbers will be collected locally and combined for reporting. All counties will be doing their own count. Linda Godette is our Liaison with our police department.
* Susan Pridgen reported that on **January 13,** is the HAAC Executive meeting with Brian Alexander from 10:00 am till 11:30.
* Next meeting will be January 4th, 2017 at the United Way Building.

 Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year