



HOMELESS SERVICES NETWORK MINUTES

January 26, 2017 / 8:30am – 10:00am

Hope Haven Conference Center

ATTENDANCE

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

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| 1) Rita Rabie | Carolinas Care Partnership |
| 2) Julia Hanson | Charlotte Mecklenburg Library |
| 3) Tony Marciano | Charlotte Rescue Mission |
| 4) Branden Lewis | Community Link |
| 5) Tameka Gunn | Community Link |
| 6) Joy Crosby | Crisis Assistance Ministry |
| 7) Adena Bethea | Florence Crittenton Services |
| 8) Pat Krikorian | Florence Crittenton Services |
| 9) Phyllis Pickens | Hope Haven |
| 10) Natalia Botella | Legal Services of the Southern Piedmont |
| 11) Sydney Johnson | Legal Services of the Southern Piedmont |
| 12) Shamika Murray | Mecklenburg County Community Support Services |
| 13) Erin Schroeder | Mecklenburg County Community Support Services |
| 14) Christina Heggins | Mecklenburg County Community Support Services |
| 15) Barbara Cross | Mecklenburg County Community Support Services |
| 16) Liz Clasen-Kelly | Men's Shelter of Charlotte |
| 17) Chanda Scott | Safe Alliance |
| 18) Shaketa Wright | Salvation Army Center of Hope |
| 19) Deronda Metz | Salvation Army Center of Hope |
| 20) Pamela Jefsen | Supportive Housing Communities |
| 21) Mike O'Sullivan | Unitarian Church Universalist Church Advocacy Group |
| 22) Justin Markel | Urban Ministry Center HHH / Housing Advisory Board |

GUESTS PRESENT:

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| 23) Dimitri Cheatham | ARISE, LLC |
| 24) Shalakee Edwards | Carolinas Hierarchy of Needs |
| 25) Janice McNeely | Changed Choices |
| 26) Gabrielle Valentine | Charlotte Bridge Home / NC Serves |
| 27) Tracey Questell | Healing Vine Harbor |
| 28) Addie Rising | SHARE Charlotte |
| 29) Phyllis Finch | Victory Christian Center |



WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Meeting called to order by HSN Chair, Pam Jepsen, at 8:30am

VICTORIES

- Liz Clasen-Kelly will be joining the board of North End Partners. She hopes to enlist support for revitalization of the Men's Shelter.
- The City of Charlotte has committed to affordable housing on surplus land off of Tyvola Road.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Partnership won the bid for the former Camp Greene property off of Freedom Drive, and will use the property to develop affordable housing.

UPDATES

- **HSN Treasurer's Report**
 - Tameka Gunn shared that the HSN budget currently has \$11,219.09.
 - She plans to check on dues and review how money was spent since 2013.
- **Next HSN Meeting will feature U.S. Congresswoman Alma Adams**
 - Prior to HSN full meeting, the HSN Executive Team will meet with Congresswoman Adams to discuss funding for homelessness services and the role HSN can play.
- **COSH Committee** (Deronda Metz)
 - Deronda shared that COSH has not been needed with the work done at Coordinated Assessment. The elements that were valuable including sharing resources, training and encouraging CoC attendance will be transferred to other places. Continue to review ways to offer training to HSN members.
- **HSN Advocacy Committee** (Mike O'Sullivan)
 - Mike shared that they need HSN members to be present for 3 – 4 key meetings in the coming year.
 - Next meeting will be on 2/21 at McCreesh Place.
- **Housing Advisory Board: Continuum of Care Committee**
 - CoC members voted to administer the VI-SPDAT assessment and prioritization tool with persons who present for homeless assistance at 14 days after they enter the shelter.
- **Housing Advisory Board: CoC Committee: Coordinated Assessment Oversight Committee**
 - The Oversight Committee is currently working with United Way to figure out how to utilize 211 as part of the Coordinated Assessment system. Persons who are literally homeless would continue to use Coordinated Assessment sites.
- **Housing First Charlotte-Mecklenburg**
 - Original end date of 12/16 has changed to 12/17.
 - 445 persons experiencing chronic homelessness have been housed.
 - 81% have retained their housing.



- Urban Ministry Center’s expansion of 120 units will not be enough to end chronic homelessness.; more units are needed.
- **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing our Heroes**
 - 541 veterans have been housed.
 - 61 veterans remain on the registry in need of housing.

2017 HSN PLANNING SESSION

Facilitated by HSN Executive Team

- Meeting attendees divided up into 3 groups and discussed responses to three questions. The responses are listed below, organized by question.

QUESTION 1: WHAT TOPICS ARE WE MISSING?
Race issues
How do we address homelessness from the business and corporate perspective?
Human trafficking
Mental health
Substance abuse
Healthcare
Economic opportunity and advancement
How do we help people who need housing gain income and maintain their housing?
Resources for single women experiencing homelessness.
How do we deal with potential future changes to federal funding?
Services for women and children experiencing homelessness when shelters are full.
Landlord Tenant Law
Land use & zoning and advocacy opportunities
Employment & Financial Resources

QUESTION 2: HOW COULD HSN GO DEEPER WITH THE TOPICS?
Population aging out of foster care
We are not able to keep families together within the homeless services system.
How do we serve single fathers with multiple children?
Can we form more subgroups with action items to help us move the needle?
What role can light manufacturing and semi-skilled work play in addressing the gap in wages?
We need more facts about the LGBTQ population experiencing homelessness.
Homelessness Funding
Evaluation & Outcomes: Are resources in the community matching the services needed?
Hold a new agency member meeting to provide information about HSN.



QUESTION 3: WHAT SPEAKERS AND RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

Developers
Elected Officials
Time Out Youth
Charlotte Mecklenburg Housing Partnership
Charlotte Housing Authority
Continuum of Care
Courtney & Ashley
National Alliance to End Homelessness
The Relatives
Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-housing providers

ADJOURN

- Meeting adjourned at 10:00am.
- Minutes submitted by HSN Secretary, Courtney Morton and Pam Jefsen.

Next Meeting – February 23, 2017