North Brevard Coalition Of Human Services

"Providing a hand up, not just a handout"

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May 21, 2014 MINUTES

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I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Trey Gordon, Chair

II. ATTENDEES:

211 Brevard
A.H.C.A.
B.E.T.A.
Crosswinds Youth Services
First United Methodist Church
Family Promise of Brevard
Great Outdoors Church
Hope for North Brevard
Housing for Homeless
Housing Authority of Brevard Co.
Literacy for Adults in Brevard
North Brevard Charities
North Brevard Senior Center
Salvation Army
SHINE
St. Gabriel Episcopal Church
Steady Family
Walk-About Ministry

III. INVOCATION: Leah Smith, North Brevard Charities

IV. INTRODUCTIONS/Welcome: Trey Gordon, Chair

V. MINUTES: The April 16th, 2014 minutes were moved, seconded and approved as written.

VI. FINANCE REPORT: Mary Kofil, Treasurer: $1871.08 balance.

VII. TOPIC: Ending Homelessness-Programs that are working

- Steven Dicks- Salvation Army. Contact: Cathy Quesinberry, caseworker, cathy_quesinberry@uss.salvationarmy.org, 321-269-3110 or 321-567-4932. Located at 1218 W. Main Street, Titusville, FL 32796. Valerie Calderone will be attending future meetings.
  - W. Main St. location serves lunch 11:30-12; dinner 5pm M-F; Sat, Sun lunch only.
  - Building new soup kitchen, and expect to feed 3000-3500/month in the new facility which will seat 60. There are no criteria or cost for feeding. Meals are still being served while under construction.
  - Currently have 6 male and 6 female beds for shelter and hope to double that amount with new construction. Only requirement: photo ID. Shelter hours: 5:00pm to 6:30am. Caseworker begins check-in at 5:30-6pm, must be in by 10pm. All backpacks are checked for food, drugs, alcohol. Once in cannot leave. Breakfast is serve then all leave about 6:30am. Unable to house if on register for criminal or sexual offenses.
  - Families may be accommodated in the women's section if there are no women.
  - Next door is old social service building hopes to be renovated into temporary shelter for 3 days maximum stay. Extensions are possible.
  - Inclement weather stays, there are no limits.

- Not all beds are filled every night.
- Coordinate with North Brevard Charities for qualifying for Transitional Housing.

- Joe Robinson- North Brevard Charities- Executive Director 18 years, nbcsc@cfl.rr.com, 321-269-6555 or direct number, 321-383-3026. Office at 4475 S. Hopkins Ave, Titusville, next to the Thrift Store.
  - Unique housing programs in FL. Only program that can take family from homelessness to homeownership without leaving the organizational umbrella. Own and operate 42 different buildings. All housing is respectful of their neighborhoods.
  - Leah Smith is cas manager, an essential piece to educating and reeducating individuals and families to be back on track toward self-sufficiency. Not an easy job and often thankless. Goal is to offer a hand up, not a hand out.
  - Food pantry M-F.
  - Do conduct background checks and drug testing prior to placement. In order to place in housing, must have history of their situation and that takes time. Why are they homeless? Situation could be the result of poor/bad choices. Mental illness plays a big role in the homeless problem.
  - Purchasing building on S. Deleon Ave. and will renovate for housing needs; possibly a men's recovery program.
  - Some concern regarding individuals who are seeking housing report not getting calls back. If that is a concern of someone you are working with, Joe encourages contacting him directly.
  - Emergency purchasing of medications/prescriptions up to 30 days depending on the cost and partnership with pharmacies.
  - No shower facilities at this time.
  - Biggest gap still emergency shelters. Best resources would be churches, but thoswe sho have opened their doors once or twice and see the condition afterwards, don't want to do it again.

VIII. ACTIVE LISTENING/STRATEGIC PLANNING: Where are the Gaps? See attached worksheet.

IX. AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS: ***(Please submit your flyers and brochures for scanning and emailing)***

- **Natasha VerBrugge,** Literacy for Adults in Brevard: Kristin Tinker, Director, Adult education, serve 1:1 tutoring.
- **Summer Resource Guide:** Youth Services Council. For all activities for youth in No. Brevard.
- **Summer Camps:** Hope for North Brevard including breakfast, lunch, excursions incentive reading program. Hire kids for the summer.

X. PASS THE HAT – $64.00

XI. MOTION TO ADJOURN- moved and seconded. Adjourned at 11:25 am.

XII. NEXT MEETING

- **Officers** –2nd Friday, July 11, at Village Inn, 11am
- **General-** 3rd Wednesday, July 16th, at Harry T. Moore Center, Titusville, 10 am.