North Brevard Coalition Of Human Services

"Providing a hand up, not just a handout"

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June 18, 2014 MINUTES

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I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Trey Gordon, Chair

II. **ATTENDEES:**

Catherine Mitchell	211 Brevard
A.H.C.A.	B.E.T.A.
B.T.A.C.	Brevard C.A.R.E.S.
Brevard Public Schools	Crosswinds Youth Services
Department of Children and Families	Devereux
Great Outdoors Church	Helping Hands, ACD
Hope for North Brevard	Housing for Homeless
Indian River City UMC	Literacy for Adults in Brevard
North Brevard Charities	North Brevard Senior Center
Repair & Sales Thrift	SHINE
St. Gabriel Episcopal Church	Steady Family
VITAS	Walk-About Ministry

III. **INVOCATION:** Steve Russo, Repair & Sales Thrift

IV. **INTRODUCTIONS/Welcome:** Trey Gordon, Chair

V. **MINUTES:** The May 21st, 2014 minutes were moved, seconded and approved as written.

VI. **FINANCE REPORT:** Mary Kofil, Treasurer: $1385.08 "guesstimate" balance. Chuckle provided by local bank with sign stating "We appreciate you, Bounce-a-Lot".

VII. **TOPIC: Ending Homelessness-Programs that are working**

- **Devereux Florida/Foster Care** - Laura Higginbotham – 321-752-3111, lhigginb@devereux.org. 118 homes, serving 200 children, contract 2011 113 kids has increased. 118 homes, always struggle finding homes in the north county
  120 are nor of cocoa and 12 in Tville, South county majority of homes. Our children removed from neighborhoods, schools,
  - Actively recruiting foster homes, will go anywhere to talk about foster care in a 15-20 minute presentation
    - Commitment explained: guardian ad litem, mentor therapist, tutoring appts and services based on the child you have in the home.
    - Offer Medical, Therapeutic and Extended Foster
    - "Normalcy" is the goal with each child to avoid labeling
  - Process includes: Pride training 30 hours (no cost) in Rockledge 5x/year evenings or Sat., 2 hour orientation, DCF licensing, background screening, home study, finances; very intensive.
    - What am I going to have to alter in my/our life in order to be successful as a 'parent'?
  - 111 Project (Polk Co.), church pastors are taking on the encouragement to consider fostering. No threat situation, select in or select out if not for you. Stats: 50% attendees turn out to be foster parents. Recruiting for teens and babies, now. 42% babies.

- Country Acres – Devereux has acquired.

- **Brevard Public Schools Homeless Liaison** - Sally Shinn – 321-633-1020, ext 321, shinn.sally@brevardschools.org
  - 2,202 homeless in Brevard, 1,404 last day of school the others are gone someone has taken them home with them. They need your support, taking risks for the kids, 117 unaccommpanied youth,
  - The effects of childhood homelessness: (see scanned documents and visit websites listed) http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/acestudy/
  - Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets® are concrete, common sense, positive experiences and qualities essential to raising successful young people. These assets have the power during critical adolescent years to influence choices young people make and help them become caring, responsible adults. http://www.search-institute.org/content/40-developmental-assets-adolescents-ages-12-18
  - Open Table: http://theopentable.org/ A Table is formed by 10-12 volunteers who bring their vocational and life experiences along with their personal networks to mentor an impoverished family for approximately one year. Together, with the brother and sister being served, the Table develops and implements a customized Life Plan to empower the family to live into their human potential God gave to them.
    - A faith-based program coming to Brevard County. Those who are homeless don't have connections, but church members do. This process gives everyone a chance to make a difference. It's all about relationships.

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

- Brevard Public Schools Rebecca Tagye, Madison Guidance Service Professional & Homeless Liaison now in Port St. John to get in touch with North Brevard County.
- ACHA- Charlotte Keller, Medicaid changing in August, Medical Managed Care for Medicaid. Snapshots 8/1/14; plans are for Area 7 (see scanned document).
- David Jeczela special outreach event for those who need assistance on site Friday 9/5/14 and 12/5/14 looking for venue 4-5 hours for 35 largest time, power internet, cannot predict who will come.
- Catherine Marshall in April 2014 fed 120 in the community: 92 at Salvation Army and 4-5pm at the Harry T. Moore Service Center on Thursday every other month.
- City of Titusville is holding a Community Meeting Monday 6/3014 at 5:30pm regarding the bids for the future use of the Harry T. Moore Service Center on S. Deleon Avenue.

IX. PASS THE HAT – $45.00, matched by The Rev. Steve Gross for total of $90.00.

X. MOTION TO ADJOURN- moved and seconded.

XI. CLOSING PRAYER- Steve Gross, Walk-About Ministry

XII. NEXT MEETING

- **Officers** –2nd Friday, August 1st, at Village Inn, 11am
- **General-** 3rd Wednesday, August 20th, at Harry T. Moore Service Center, Titusville, 10 am.