North Brevard Coalition Of Human Services

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February 15, 2017 Minutes

I. Attendance:

2-1-1 Brevard	1st UMC	B.E.T.A.
Crosswinds	Division of Blind Services	Grace Baptist Church
Helping Hands, ACD	Hope for North Brevard	Hospice of St. Francis
IRC UMC	NVHS	Salvation Army
Second Harvest	St. Gabriel	Staywell Health Plan
Walk-About-Ministry		

II. Invocation given by Pastor Fred Ball — Trey Gordon

III. Welcome/Introductions — Trey Gordon

IV. January 2017 Minutes approved as written — Trey Gordon

V. Finance Report: Checking Acct. $1873.00 (Project EAT= $1373; Directory=$500) — Mary Kofil

VI. 2017 Directory: available online at website and hard copies are available for $5 — Mary Kofil

VII. Election of Officers: nomination of Heather Trapp was made by Trey Gordon for Recording Secretary. No other nominations made. Current officers are willing to stand for same positions except Marie Hunsaker is stepping down from Recording Secretary and willing to stand for Membership Secretary. Ballots were distributed and then collected. Election results:

Chair	Trey Gordon	
Vice Chair	Nancy Oliver	
Treasurer	Mary Kofil	
Recording Secretary	Heather Trapp	welcome Heather!
Membership Sec.	Marie Hunsaker	

Officers meet the first Friday of the month @ 8:30am at Sunrise Bakery. All are invited.

VIII. Topic: **Cold Night Shelter** (CNS) with **Christina Elleman** a volunteer with both National Veterans Homeless Support (NVHS) and Disabled American Veterans (DAV). Christina, her husband Brian and DAV's representative Eric Akler are the core of the CNS and we are supporting their efforts. They know many of the homeless men, women and families in our community.

a. Current operating rules: open at 40 degrees factoring in wind-chill
   i. It was moved and seconded that we change that to 45 degrees and remove the wind-chill factor. Members approved this change.
   ii. Team Leaders are recommended to monitor www.weather.gov to anticipate openings
   iii. Emergency Management also alert 2-1-1 and other agencies for inclement weather conditions
b. Still have 4 Teams that are opening, closing and providing meals and socialization.



i. Pastor Fred Ball is hoping to encourage other UMC pastors to have Teams.
    1. He expressed grave concern with the activity at two motels in downtown Titusville where families are currently being housed

c. NVHS and DAV have a system worked out with assisting the guests to shower with toiletries & towels, get cots & blankets and other sundry items: clothing, boots, backpacks, etc. as available and needed.
    i. It is helpful to have Team Leaders contact info and the schedule.
    ii. NVHS/DAV maintain a list of resources in the county they can refer guests to.
d. Bingo Nights of Sat. & Sun. the guests and volunteers gather in the Lobby until 9:00-9:30pm
    i. Food is available during that interim time
    ii. This provides opportunity to interact with guests
    iii. After Bingo, many volunteers help to clean up and get the room settled
e. Red Cross blankets are not washable so these are 'saved' on consecutive nights for use by the same person and then given to the guest on the final night.
    i. Currently have enough washable blankets
    ii. Volunteers have been laundering them

IX. **Family Shelter Discussion**: During 40 Days of Generosity $42,000 were rasied toward a joint venture with Salvation Army. These funds would have helped to remodel an existing building. The Salvation Army currently has no way to fund the ongoing operation of a family shelter.
a. North Brevard Sharing Center is/has a 4 unit temporary shelter underway (2 for families) and they also have a system in place to help get individuals and families housed.
    i. Once in a short-term shelter that family can be evaluated using the SPDAT then work toward permanent housing
b. Housing for Homeless now has program to shelter men for 60 days with case management (see attached)

X. **Pass the Hat**: $17 Project EAT; $50 Directories

XI. **Agency Announcements**:
a. Nancy Oliver is now a Chaplain at the Brevard Co. Jail and part of the Task Force for Re-Entry.
b. Good News Jail Ministry offers Bible study, Chaplains, having a banquet 3/23/17 Thursday evening.
c. April 8th will be another Dental Day.
d. 1st UMC has been having their Saturday morning breakfasts for 5 years now!
e. Second Harvest is still looking for sites for Kids Café in North Brevard area (see attached).
f. The World's Greatest Baby Shower is May 13th for mothers and infants up to 2 years old.
g. Family Promise is holding the Emerald City 5K March 10th.

XII. **Adjourned** Trey Gordon

Reminder:
Officer Planning Meeting: 1st Friday – March 3, 2017 @ 8:30am Sunrise Bakery (upstairs)



General Members Meeting: 3rd Wednesday – March 15, 2017 @ 10:00am Harry T. Moore Social Service Center, 725 S. Deleon Ave.