**North Brevard Coalition of Human Services**
***"Providing a hand up, not just a handout"***
**Website: www.nbbd.com/npr/nbchs**
**Email:** northbrevardcoalition@gmail.com
**416 Pine Street, Titusville, FL 32796**
**Phone: 321-631-9290, ext. 203**

**Agenda**
**Monthly Meeting 10:00 a.m. @ Harry T. Moore Social Services Center**
**March 15, 2017**
**PLEASE BRING A COPY OF AGENDA WITH YOU TO THE MEETING**

**I. Invocation** — **Volunteer**

***Opening Prayer from Nancy Oliver***

**II. Welcome – Introductions** — **Chair**

***Introductions: Attendance***

*Nancy Oliver, HNB, Episcopal Church, Mary Kofil--Parrish Med, St. Francis, Jennifer Taylor, IRCUMC, Jack Giordano, Leanne Cheney--Second Harvest, Bert Musco—BETA, Heather Trapp, Marie Hunsaker, Betty--Homeless Outreach, Salvation Saloon (see card) Helping Hands-7th Day Adventist, Trey Gordon, and Rob Cramp*

**III. Minutes Approval** — **Secretary**

***Minutes approved—all approved***

**IV. Finance Report** — **Treasurer**

**$1940.00; $500 set aside for directory**

*Discussion: Cold Shelter. How do we know it's up and open? Perhaps a sign is helpful. Is there a lock on the freezer yet?*
*The Grove Church is going to do Thursday Night.*
*Cold Night Notifications to everyone in the Coalition via email. Once Heather is notified, email will be sent out to email list.*

**V. Topic:** Rob Cramp—Homeless Coalition, Usage of 40 Days of Generosity Monies

*Representing "Housing for Homeless"*

*We have over 100 properties; we've been around for 27 years.*

*Housing for Homeless:*

*No one knew who we were. We are very dependent on public. We have some VA funding. But funding for Homelessness is under serious threat nationally speaking. Housing Authorities and rental support are going to be effected, so we are diligently for private funding.*

*Rob is on the board of the Brevard Homeless Coalition, and he stated a question:*

***"If we could get rid of homelessness by 2020, how would we do it?" Is this even possible? Or just theoretical?***

*The Coalition has made it a strategic goal to abolish homelessness. VA and HUD were faced with a huge problem; originally wanted to eliminate homelessness by 2015. We still have it. Since 2015, there was no criticism of the VA but more awareness of homelessness.*

*The reason we have eliminated VA homelessness because the VA was pumping in dollars to eliminate homelessness.*

*The goal is to get people thinking about it. Is it viable? Rob thinks we can.*

*Over three years, we reduced homelessness by 50%. Employment rates have reduced which means people are employed. Much of his homes are filled with people with other issues--- mental, health, etc. Now we have more individuals with other needs. The context has changed. (Five years ago, they had rules about using drugs or alcohol use; now if they had those rules no one would be in the housing).*

*The funding will keep going away; there is no plan or funding (nor will there be) about long-term mental and health issues with the homeless.*

*"We have to change people's minds about that".*

***Where do we go from here?***

*We take the numbers of homelessness based on the trends. We use trending as the standard to see where we are as a homeless populace. This will require a lot of coordination.*

*Collaborative leadership will be required. It doesn't limit people in the Coalition, and enables coordinated assessment. You help define standard assessment to help leadership assign people to the homes. Currently however, it is not a county-wide effort.*

*"We don't care how you do it. Do what is right by your area."*

*Whatever you want to do in Titusville is what you can do; we don't have a rule book on "how to eliminate homelessness". Brevard Homeless Coalition is expanding its reach as an organization; it will monitor our progress; it controls the public funding—identifying where the money can be best used. We need to remain flexible as a coalition. The end goal is that we have seen progress and improvement.*

***Questions:***

*The coalition will distribute public funding? Will there be agencies denied funding due to not following policy or rules? (HMIS—database on the trending count organizational funding; tracking how effective agencies are being)*

> ***Tara—Family Promise:*** *SPDAT—metrics from a federal mandate. You are taking the funds and agree to work as part of a coordinated system to end homelessness in the country. You use HMIS and the coordinated assessment system. There are boundaries on funding—you have to ask for funding, layout your strategy and goal to move the bar, then agencies are ranked and given funding. There are metrics—serve so many people per month, etc.*
>
> ***Rob:*** *The mini SPDAT is the easiest way to do the assessment. Send the score to the homeless coalition so they are prepared when the individual arrives. Everyone is scored and everyone is aware. People get into housing much quicker now than two years ago; what's preventing that is we don't have shelter capacity we should. We just opened a shelter on (……rd). We don't have drop-in shelters anymore.*

*We need affordable housing. When they leave a program like Family Promise, where do they go? Avg income is $1122/mo. Avg apartment is $884.*

*"What got me concerned is where are we going with all this stuff?"*

*It enables us to see where we should be going—we are building sustainability. We don't know what happens to people after they leave the program. If we are going to provide sustainable medical care, we are going to have to think about low income housing/low income assisted living? Community Treatment Center—success rate is 25%. How are we going to deal with this?*

*Open up a dialogue about long-term visioning. Over 50% of homeless population suffer from mental or developmentally disabled (autism, spectrum)*

***Raylene:*** *Are we going to do any workshops? To talk about specific problems? To collaborate?*

***Nancy:*** *75% of their homeless population in Orange County is mental and behavioral and developmental—is there anything in the works for transitional housing for people coming out of jail?*

***Rob:*** *HUDs goal wanted to end chronic homeless in 2017. What happened between 2000-2009? VA said they aren't going to fund medical costs; just housing. The local community is given this to handle. So now housing authorities have rules associated with how to get housing—anyone who has been on the street over a year, or 4 times in the past year. HUD didn't fund things like the VA did. HUD set the goal; local governments had to do it. HUD said in 2015 if you don't take in the chronically homeless you won't get funding? We have a homeless problem because they don't take people.*

***Raylene:*** *Peace Gap started having case managers they paid. None of the agencies have that. They were funded by the City of Melbourne. It lists the score, prioritizes the*

*crucial need of family or individual. In order to offer housing, it must accompany case management. So housing offers are limited by how many case managers are available. This is a weakness. The coalition chats offer a more collaborative environment. This is working! I've been doing this since 2009. "We are seeing people get out of the woods. They have hope in their eyes." These gaps are not insurmountable. Peace Gap is spiritually-based. Section 8 vouchers—that the Brevard Coalition has on hand—can be used for chronically homeless.*

***Betty: We all are important here.*** *What you're doing is important.*

***Trey:*** *We had 18 people in the cold shelter. There have been successes to see names come off that list.*

**VI. Agency Announcements/update (2-minute limit)**

*Anyone who needs has a job? Please don't overlook the disabled.*

- *Helping Hands—food bank in Cocoa, now at the Adventist Church, we'd like it to be at Titusville. I'd like to see health training—recipes to go with food. Health teaching how to use produce? Beth Shepherd, with Brevard County Agricultural Extension from the UF.*
- *Salvation Saloon—service projects and caring for people? We are a church in Clearwater—a Biker church in a bar. We have a mission trip that we do yearly. 30-40 people ride into town to serve. We spend five days in the area; random acts of blessings. We set up projects for our group to participate in. First week of November is the date. Staying at the Park Avenue Retreat Center. (see attached card for information)*
- *Fred Ball—downtown pastor frustrated with all these people with needs. Call 211. And then they come back. Food Pantry: 1-3:30 Friday afternoon Saturday mornings: 8-10am to help feed people*

- *Second Harvest—Leanne—trying to get kids café started—looking for summer food sites.*
- *Crosswinds—Runaway homeless kids 10-17. Great Brevard Duck Race 19th year, April 2nd at 1pm. GreatBrevardDuckRace.com to adopt a duck. Our only fundraiser. Raylene—Street Outreach*
- *Bert : Dental Day Free Extractions—additional dental care will be provided. 321-268-6333 x8565 Greg Smith is the contact.*
- *Outreach—moving donations as they come in to the cold shelter*
- *IRCUMC—Foster Family Appreciation Day, El Leoncito 7:30pm.*
- *Tara—Family Promise—"hand up" initiative, aftercare program, help households in housing crisis before they become homeless. Wrote a grant and got it; case manager four days a week. SPDATS. Emergency funds for back utilities and back rent. TANIF—temporary assistance for needy families. The goal is to connect them before they come homeless. January served 38 households.*
- *Indian River Festival: need volunteers, contact Cathy at GTR.*

**VII. Pass the Hat: for Project E.A.T.** **Treasurer**

**$34 Dollars collected**

**VIII. Motion to Adjourn**

**REMINDERS:**

**IX. Monthly Meetings**:

1. **Officers** – 1st Friday – Sunrise Bakery April 7, 2017 – Time: 8:30 a.m.
2. **General** – 3rd Wednesday – April 19, 2017, Harry T. Moore Social Service Center, Titusville.

# Mission Statement

The North Brevard Coalition of Human Services will serve to educate the community and individual agencies about existing services; to work cooperatively to develop services that fill unmet needs; and as a united group, act as a consultant to individual agencies in the preparation, review and submission of grant proposals or the development of new projects or programs.

# Mission

NBCHS's mission is education, coordination, and facilitation of community transformation through partnerships of community organizations. Together, the member organizations have found ways to assist many families and individuals who would otherwise have trouble meeting basic human needs including food, clothing, and shelter.

# History

The North Brevard Coalition of Human Services, "NBCHS" or "the Coalition", founded in 1994, is an unincorporated association of over one hundred community and faith-based organizations that has continually served as a grass-roots movement to successfully impact and improve the quality of life for families and individuals in need.