



**Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, August 19, 2015**

Board Members in Attendance:

David Nash, *Chair*
Brian Alexander
Allison Bond
H.L. Carlisle
Celeste Collins

Lance Edwards
Dan Garret
Brooks Ann McKinney
Robin Merrell
Sabrahn n’haRaven

Angela Pittman
Chuck Rosenblum
Micheal Woods

Staff in Attendance:

Christiana Glenn Tugman
Jonathon Jones

Guests:

April Burgess-Johnson
Travis Duyck
Sioux Free
Sarah Lancaster
Scott Parker

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brian Alexander noted that his name was spelled incorrectly. The minutes from the 6/17/2015 meeting were approved with the requested correction on Dan Garrett’s motion and Sabrahn n’haRaven’s second on a 15-0 vote.

2. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES AND REVIEW

a. Youth and Family Sub-committee

Christiana Glenn Tugman noted that with many school districts back in session, the case load is expected to increase. In the interim, there will be continued hypothetical case reviews.

b. VA Sub-committee

Allison Bond reported that the group last met in June. Work will continue on developing the community plan and the coordinated assessment process.

c. Advocacy Sub-committee

Brian Alexander stated that the group met and discussed the issues raised at the last HIAC meeting regarding plans for the sub-committee. The next meeting would take place in September.

d. Chronic Homelessness Sub-committee

David Nash informed the Committee that the Chronic Homelessness Sub-committee had been re-categorized as workgroup. He reported that chronic homelessness continues to be an important topic at the National Conference. The recent spike in chronic Point-in-Time Count (PIT) numbers has been due to a lack of available units and system changes at the Housing Authority during the PIT. The goal is to get chronic veteran homelessness to functional zero by end of 2015 and end overall chronic homelessness by 2016 or 2017. There was a brief discussion of the coordinated assessment process focused on reducing the possibility of people remaining chronically homeless due to a low VI-SPDAT score.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN NEXT STEPS

Christiana Glenn Tugman shared that space for the Strategic Plan Retreat had been reserved for October 21st from 11:00 – 3:30pm to coincide with the regular HIAC meeting. She would attempt to secure a moderator, continue to make arrangements, and provide updates.

6. NCHMIS GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Christiana Glenn Tugman was appointed as the CoC representative to the NCHMIS Governance Committee and Jonathon Jones as an alternate on Celeste Collin’s motion and Brian Alexander’s second which passed on a 15-0 vote.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Christiana Glenn Tugman noted that a Funding Sub-committee would be needed to review CoC and ESG funding applications. A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) has been anticipated since May and expected to be published soon. Celeste Collins made a motion to create a Funding Sub-committee consisting of Robin Merrell as Chair, Celeste Collins, Allison Bond, Micheal Woods, Brooks Ann McKinney and David Nash as an alternate and to issue a request for letters of intent for ESG and CoC funds. This was seconded by Robin Merrell and passed on a 15-0 vote.

8. AGENCY UPDATES

- a. Agency representatives announced a number of upcoming events.
- b. David Nash noted that the Housing Authority had no waiting list on four bedroom units. Three bedroom units moving fast and a six month wait for 2 bedroom apartments.
- c. Micheal Wood reported that Western Carolina Rescue Ministries would be implementing a photo ID card system mid-September for services at the agency in order to maintain safety. The ROI would mirror the format used by Bowman Systems in HMIS. Meals would continue to be served to the public, but would require an application and agency issued ID. There would be some flexibility during Code Purple and with referral from other agencies.
- d. Christiana Glenn Tugman would present the Homeless Coalition priorities for the Strategic Plan at the next HIAC meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING

Date: September 16, 2015
Time: 2:00pm
Location: Housing Authority Board Room

10. ADJOURN