



**Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 20, 2016**

Board Members in Attendance:

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| David Nash, <i>Chair</i> | Dan Garret | Sabrah n’haRaven, <i>Secretary</i> |
| April Burgess-Johnson | Jay Lively | Chuck Rosenblum |
| HL Carlise | Brooks Ann McKinney | Amy Upham |
| Lance Edwards | Rachael Nygaard | Micheal Woods |

Staff:

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| Christiana Glenn Tugman | Heather Dillashaw |
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Guests:

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| Ben Many | Amy Cantrell | Lisa Freeman |
| Dr. Ameena Batada | | |

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the 3/15/2016 meeting were approved unanimously on Micheal Woods’ motion and Dan Garret’s second.

2. Sub-Committee and Agency Updates

Christiana Glenn Tugman provided reports from the Veteran Sub-committee and the Family & Homeless Youth Subcommittee. She also noted that the HIAC recommendations for County membership vacancies were all approved by the County Commissioners.

Amy Upham requested guidance on behalf of the Advocacy sub-committee regarding the possibility of a proposal to the County to fund a Work Incentives Planning Assistant to help those receiving benefits in leveraging resources while going back to work. It was suggested that the sub-committee reach out to the Pisgah Legal SOAR program for feedback.

David Nash shared that HUD has notified the Housing Authority that it may apply for 10 additional VASH vouchers.

3. Community Survey Data

Dr. Ameena Batada presented a summary of the Draft Community Homeless Survey. Members provided feedback and recommended additional questions for analysis in the final report.

4. Strategic Planning

Christiana Glenn Tugman reported that she had been in touch with Anne Cope as a facilitator for the Strategic Plan process. It was suggested that coordinated assessment, veterans, and chronic homelessness will continue to be broad components of the new plan.

In addition to the existing sub-committees for veteran and chronic homelessness, temporary sub-committees would be formed to develop strategies related to coordinated assessment and families with children. Each group will submit a 1-2 page report to the HIAC for consideration in the planning process.

David Nash volunteered for the Chronic Homelessness sub-committee and noted that and Emily Ball had previously expressed interest. Sabrah n'haRaven agreed to participate in the Coordinated Assessment sub-committee.

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For more information on the Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee, please contact Christiana Glenn Tugman at ctugman@ashevillenc.gov.