



HOMELESS SERVICES NETWORK MINUTES

September 22, 2016 / 8:30am – 9:30am

Hope Haven Conference Center

ATTENDANCE

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

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| 1) Melissa Morgan | Anuvia |
| 2) Ron Clark | Cardinal Innovations |
| 3) Davena Mgbeokwere | Charlotte Family Housing |
| 4) Julia Hanson | Charlotte Mecklenburg Library |
| 5) Branden Lewis | Community Link |
| 6) Kim Scholtz | Community Link |
| 7) Joy Crosby | Crisis Assistance Ministry |
| 8) Pat Krikorian | Florence Crittenton Services |
| 9) John Burns | Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont |
| 10) Jen Grenier | Hope House Foundation |
| 11) Shamara Knotts | Lutheran Services of the Carolinas |
| 12) Andrea Gut | Mecklenburg County Community Support Services |
| 13) Courtney Morton | Mecklenburg County Community Support Services |
| 14) Meg Robinson Arnold | Mecklenburg County Community Support Services |
| 15) Erin Schroeder | Mecklenburg County Community Support Services |
| 16) Helen Lipman | Mecklenburg County Community Support Services |
| 17) Peter Safir | Mecklenburg County Community Support Services |
| 18) Carmen Hubert | Mecklenburg County Sherriff's Office |
| 19) Liz Clasen-Kelly | Men's Shelter of Charlotte |
| 20) Kathy Gauger | Safe Alliance |
| 21) Chanda Scott | Safe Alliance |
| 22) Harry Mack | Salvation Army Center of Hope |
| 23) Karen Bennett | Shelter Health Services |
| 24) Kelly Lynn | Supportive Housing Communities |
| 25) Kelly Albertson | Supportive Housing Communities |
| 26) Shakira Clarke | Time Out Youth |
| 27) Ashley Williams Clark | UNCC Urban Institute / ISC |
| 28) Caroline Chambre Hammock | Urban Ministry Center |
| 29) Justin Markel | Urban Ministry Center HHH / Housing Advisory Board |

GUESTS PRESENT:

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| 30) Dimitri Cheatham | ARISE, LLC |
| 31) Shalakee Edwards | Carolinas Hierarchy of Needs |
| 32) Jan McNeely | Changed Choices |
| 33) Nicole French | Charlotte Bridge Home |
| 34) Sara Dereberry | Charlotte Bridge Home |
| 35) Gabrielle Valentine | Charlotte Bridge Home / NC Serves |



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| 36) John Trotter | Charter Properties |
| 37) Annie Timmons | Family Endeavors |
| 38) Alexis Culbertson | Family Endeavors |
| 39) Adrianna Jewell | Family Endeavors |
| 40) John Porter | Greater Charlotte Apartment Association |
| 41) Unitie Mance | HomeCare for the Carolinas |
| 42) Rosalind Muller | HomeCare for the Carolinas |
| 43) Stephen Valder | Mission Gathering |
| 44) Steven Tilley | Mission Gathering Charlotte |
| 45) Susan Woodyard | SocialServe.com |
| 46) Brandie Meekins | The Harvest Center of Charlotte |
| 47) Phyllis Finch | Victory Christian Center |

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & AUGUST MINUTES

- Meeting called to order by HSN Chair, Liz Clasen-Kelly, at 8:30am
- August meeting minutes were approved by vote.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG STRATEGIES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Ashley Williams Clark, UNC Charlotte Urban Institute

Courtney Morton, Mecklenburg County Community Support Services

- Courtney and Ashley presented the recently released report, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Strategies for Affordable Housing Development (slide deck attached)
- Following the presentation, four groups were formed and worked through the following four questions.
 - 1) What new information did you learn today that you think is important for the work to close the gap around affordable housing?
 - 2) Which strategy or strategies most resonate with you? Why?
 - 3) What role can you play in implementing the strategy or strategies?
 - 4) What other information do you need to know in order to play an effective role?
- Each group reported back their responses to questions 3 and 4, which are summarized below:

HOW TO IMPLEMENT STRATEGIES	INFORMATION NEEDED
Make the business case.	How do we make the business case?
Partner with employers who pay a living wage.	How can the various pots of money be accessed? It seems like an opaque process.
Partner with employers who will work with shelters.	List of contact information for legislative representatives



Find ways to bring things up to code that developers can recoup.	Who are the developers of affordable housing?
At candidates for City Council their stance on Affordable Housing at the Candidates Forum on October 5 th .	Who are the right people to talk to? Who are the decision-makers?
Orchestrated advocacy across agencies for policy change.	Clear definition of affordable housing.
Provide education	What is the income breakdown of the overall need (Ex. For 34,000 units)?
Tell the story. Humanize the data.	Developers are often unsure of the role they can play.
Amend Fair Housing Act to not be able to reject vouchers out of hand.	
Increase education on financial incentives for developers.	

UPDATES FROM HSN AND NON-HSN COMMITTEES

HSN Advocacy Committee

- Date for HHH Candidate’s Forum will be October 5, 2016 @ UNCC Center City @ 5:30pm.
- HSN passed a resolution support the upcoming HHH Candidates Forum. This is scheduled for Oct. 4, 5:30-7 at the UNCC center-city campus. Please support HHH - Mark your calendar!
- Planning a showing of the “Generations Found” movie on substance abuse. As soon as the date and venue are firmed up, they will help publicize this educational session.
- A request was made for US House Representative Alma Adams to address an upcoming HSN meeting. They are awaiting a response – she is busy with the present election cycle, but they expect to hear back soon.

HSN Treasurer’s Report

- Treasurer report – Majority of members have paid dues. The balance on the account is \$11,419.09

HSN Coordination of Services in Housing (COSH)

- No update

Housing Advisory Board of Charlotte-Mecklenburg: Continuum of Care (CoC) Committee

- No update

ADJOURN

- Meeting adjourned at 9:30am.
- Minutes submitted by HSN Secretary, Courtney Morton.

Next Meeting – Thursday, October 27, 2016