



HOMELESS SERVICES NETWORK MINUTES

March 23, 2017 / 8:30am – 10:00am

Hope Haven Conference Center

ATTENDANCE

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

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| 1) Melissa Morgan | Anuvia |
| 2) Tawanna Denmark | CarolinaCare Partnerships |
| 3) Davena Mgbeokwere | Charlotte Family Housing |
| 4) Julia Hanson | Charlotte Mecklenburg Library |
| 5) Tony Marciano | Charlotte Rescue Mission |
| 6) Branden Lewis | Community Link |
| 7) Tameka Gunn | Community Link |
| 8) Pat Krikorian | Florence Crittenton Services |
| 9) Phyllis Pickens | Hope Haven |
| 10) Debbie O'Handley | Hope House Foundation |
| 11) Jen Grenier | Hope House Foundation |
| 12) Ted Fillette | Legal Aid of North Carolina |
| 13) Courtney Morton | Mecklenburg County Community Support Services |
| 14) Helen Lipman | Mecklenburg County Community Support Services |
| 15) Peter Safir | Mecklenburg County Community Support Services |
| 16) Deronda Metz | Salvation Army Center of Hope |
| 17) Harry Mack | Salvation Army Center of Hope |
| 18) Brittany Brown | Salvation Army Center of Hope |
| 19) Ashley Williams Clark | UNCC |
| 20) Justin Lane | UNCC |
| 21) Mike O'Sullivan | Unitarian Church Universalist Church Advocacy Group |
| 22) Kevin Edwards | Urban Ministry |
| 23) Kirsten Sikkelee | YWCA Central Carolinas |

GUESTS PRESENT:

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| 24) Deborah Albritton | Another Choice for Black Children |
| 25) Dimitri Cheatham | ARISE, LLC |
| 26) Janice McNeely | Changed Choices |
| 27) Adrianna Jewell | Charlotte Bridge Home |
| 28) Richard Klamm | Disability Rights & Resources |
| 29) Rosalind Muller | HomeCare for the Carolinas |
| 30) Alicia Towler | Mecklenburg County Public Defender's Office |
| 31) Sara Derebery | NC Serves Metrolina / CharlotteBridge Home |
| 32) Susan Woodyard | SocialServe.com |
| 33) Annette Moton | Ultimate Horizon Foundation |
| 34) Michelle Goodwin | UNCC MSW Student |



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| 35) Cawetha Mitchell | UNCC MSW Student |
| 36) Tony Peek | UNCC MSW Student |
| 37) Phyllis B. Finch | Victory Christian Center |

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & FEBRUARY MINUTES

- Meeting called to order by Chair, Pam Jefsen, at 8:30am.
- February 2017 minutes were approved by vote.

VICTORIES

- Supportive Housing Communities (SHC) and Men's Shelter of Charlotte (MSC) were each awarded \$500,000 in Housing Trust Funds. SHC will develop a 32-unit Permanent Supportive Housing project and MSC will use the funding toward its shelter renovation (Pam Jefsen).
- Hope House Foundation is part of multiple agencies in the North Mecklenburg County area that will have improved access to Coordinated Entry (Debbie O'Handley).
- YWCA was approved for a supportive services grant to provide case management services to families at Renaissance West (Kirsten Sikkelee).

GENERAL UPDATES

- **2017 National Conference on Ending Family & Youth Homelessness**
 - HSN Members who attended the conference provided a brief update on major takeaways from the conference that was held in Houston in February. A handout is attached that summarizes the key points.
- **HSN Treasurer's Report**
 - Tameka Gunn reported that there is \$10,439 in the HSN account.
 - In April, the HSN Executive Team will discuss ways to use the funds that can benefit all HSN Members. If you have ideas you want to share with Pam, email her at pamela@aplacetoliveagain.org

FAMILY HOMELESSNESS IN CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG

Ashley Williams Clark, UNCC Urban Institute: Institute for Social Capital

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Courtney Morton, Mecklenburg County Community Support Services

- A presentation was made on the report released in March: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Family Homelessness Snapshot 2014-2015. A slide deck of the presentation and handouts are attached.
- Following the presentation, HSN members discussed possibly follow up from HSN members and HSN as a group. Comments are summarized below:
 - Consider making education a recurring agenda item at HSN.
 - Invite CMS staff and other education-related providers to participate in HSN.
 - Form a special workgroup focused on the intersection of homelessness and education.
 - Present the report to the CMS Board.



COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **HSN Advocacy Committee** (Mike O’Sullivan)
 - Mike O’Sullivan reported that they are currently focused on funding at the federal level that impacts housing efforts locally, including CDBG and HOME Funds. Mike shared that the committee participated in an Affordable Housing Tour.
 - Mike invited everyone to the meetings – 3rd Tuesday of the month at 3:30 pm at McCreech Place.

- **Housing Advisory Board: Continuum of Care Committee**
 - No update.

- **Housing Advisory Board: CoC Committee: Coordinated Assessment Oversight Committee** (Helen)
 - The oversight committee is planning for the implementation of a 211 system to be used in conjunction with coordinated entry; they will share more information before this launches, which is tentatively scheduled for July 2017.

- **Housing First Charlotte-Mecklenburg**
 - No update.

- **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing our Heroes**
 - Branden Lewis reported that the group has shifted to meeting 1 time per month and are focusing on those veterans who have been on the list the longest. Since July, they have housed 68 veterans. 84 veterans remain on the active registry.

ADJOURN

- Meeting adjourned at 10:00am.
- Minutes submitted by HSN Secretary, Courtney Morton.

Next Meeting – April 27, 2017