



Continuum of Care Membership Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

The Guilford County Continuum of Care membership met in regular session in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greensboro at 5603 Hilltop Rd, Jamestown, NC 27282 on January 31, 2019. This meeting was in lieu of the regular December 2018 meeting that was canceled due to inclement weather. Members gathered at 9:00 a.m. for registration and refreshments. The meeting began at 9:30 a.m.

Member Agencies Present: Affordable Housing Management, Inc. (Sherry Beeson), Caring Services (Gattis Long), Central Carolina Health Network (Latisha Goins), City of Greensboro (Stan Wilson), City of High Point (Thanena Wilson, Michelle McNair), Family Service of the Piedmont (Tom Campbell, Steve Hess), Greensboro Housing Authority (Tina Gray, Tamera Fewell, Annette Harris, Helen Cain), Greensboro Housing Coalition (Brett Byerly), Greensboro Urban Ministry (Mark Sumerford, Myron Wilkins), Guilford County Schools (Yatisha Blythe), Guilford County DSS (Sharon Barlow, Chris Crawford), Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro (Ramona Carl), Open Door Ministries (Steve Key, Verlenda Martinez, Leah Westbrook, Tonya Clinard), Partners Ending Homelessness (Gwen Taylor, Brian Hahne), Piedmont Urban Survivors Union (Rivkah Levine), Room at the Inn (Albert Hodges), Salvation Army Center of Hope (Greensboro) (Jamie Fuller, Tawanda Johnson, Henrietta Bass, Briana McDuffie, Daria Horton, Akua Nkrumah), Salvation Army of High Point (Antoine Dalton, Aleah Sturdivant), Tiny Houses Community Development (Scott Jones), Turning Point 180 (Maseta Dorley, Michelle Duncan), United Way of Greater Greensboro (Crystal Broadnax-CoC Board member), West End Ministries (Dana Bentley), Women's Resource Center of Greensboro (Chewan Moore).

Visitors: Catholic Charities (Rose Fisher), Dorcas House, Inc. (Marian Hill), Guilford County Veteran Services (Robert Shelly), VFW Post 9899 (Walter Taylor)

NOTE: Due to the illness of Secretary Rivkah Levine, these minutes were prepared from a recording of the meeting.

Welcome and Introductions – Chair Sarah Roethlinger called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed those present, who introduced themselves to the group.

Review and Approve Minutes from June 14, 2018 meeting - Rivkah Levine, Board Secretary, entertained a motion to approve the June 14, 2018 minutes, which was made by an un-recorded member, seconded by Sherry Beeson, and approved unanimously.

Recommendation/Vote nominees for CoC Board of Director Vacancies, as recommended by CoC Board on July 20, 2018 – Sarah Roethlinger brought forth the names of **Thanena Wilson** (City of High Point) who shared her experience in CoC work with the membership and **Dr. Pamela Palmer** (High Point University) whose work with the CoC was familiar to many of the members. Dr. Palmer was absent due to illness. Motion to approve these new CoC Board members as recommended by the Board of Directors: Steve Hess; second: Albert Hodges. Motion approved unanimously.

Salvation Army: Family Success Center – Jamie Fuller and Tawanda Johnson shared information about the mission, role, and work of the recently opened Family Success Center at Salvation Army of Greensboro in breaking the cycle of poverty for families. In one location the center bundles various classes and services geared toward these goals. They also shared a “Family Success Center Info Sheet” and “Referral Form” that CoC members can use for appropriate clients. This effort is successful only through collaboration of various organizations.

Robert Shelly: Veteran Service Director for Guilford County - Robert Shelly shared with the membership how his office provides services for veterans in need, including their eligible spouses and children, in accessing benefits

(state and federal), necessary documents, and providing help with cutting through the “red tape” often encountered with military employment assistance, medical care, and transportation.

Coordinated Entry Update – Sarah Roethlinger and Shanna Reece brought the group up to date on developments in the process of naming a Coordinated Entry Lead Agency.

Agency Announcements – none noted.

Government Shut Down Panel Discussion – Topics and panel members included:

Tax Credit Property: Sherry Beeson, Affordable Housing Management
Guilford Co. DHHS: Sharon Barlow, Division of Children’s Services Director
HP Housing Authority: Rosemary Steele, Vice President of Asset Management/Section 8
GHA Housing Authority: Tina Grey, Vice President of Assisted Housing
City of GSO: Chris Crawford, Universal Economic Services Intake Manager
City of HP: Michelle McNair, Communication Resource Manager:
Guilford Co. CoC: Sarah Roethlinger, Board Chair

Maseta Dorley provided introductions and facilitated the discussion among these key administrative stakeholders that were assembled by the CoC Strategic Planning Committee to discuss the impact of possible government shutdown of community agency responses. Fortunately, we will have at least a 3-week reprieve but we need to be prepared to address resource stability at any time, which can include funding provided by the federal programs.

All panelists provided brief updates on:

- o Thoughts and any information regarding shutdown from their prospective
- o What they are experiencing and how they did handle the shutdown disruption impacts (if any)
- o Their observation of impacts on current program participants (housing programs, SNAPs, WIC, etc.)
- o Their observation of any impacts on newly unemployed who are federal workers or under contract.
- o How we can address resources- mortgage assistance, rental assistance, food, utilities.

The discussion was deemed welcome, relevant, and important. Thanks were expressed to the panel members for sharing their information.

Drawing for gift card – Walter Taylor of VFW Post 9899 won the drawing for the \$50 gift certificate to the Habitat Restore.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. to meet again next on Thursday March 14, 2019 @9:30 a.m. at the same location.

Minutes prepared by Gwen Taylor at the request of the Board Chair due to the illness of Secretary Rivkah Levine.

Gwen Dale Taylor

Sarah Roethlinger, CoC Board Chair