

Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry
Membership Meeting
Holy trinity Episcopal Church on October 16, 2013

Brendan Shortley called the meeting to order. Corrections to August and September minutes. Motion, with second to approve minutes from August and September w/ corrections: Motion approved.

Speaker

Warrior Institute – cancelled

Miriam Elliot gave some background on the work they do – they work with returning veterans with trauma challenges through different programs. She will reschedule them for sometime next year. There will be no speaker for November because of the Breakfast on the Plaza, and a speaker is already booked for December.

Action Items

GCI Update – Theresa Lowe

Not a lot to update. Last commission meeting discussed the purchase of the entire property, not phases. The sale will be finalized Nov. 19th. There is still nothing in line for services. Commissioner Wells has expressed a desire for more planning meetings. The RFP for a managing entity has still not been released. Miriam Elliott felt like more meetings would be unwarranted since we already have a vision for GCI.

Director's Report

Theresa Lowe

A flyer was passed around for Arupa's Christmas party Dec. 19th at the Plaza. Also, Friday Oct. 18th will be an appreciation party for Pat Fitzpatrick who is retiring from the Homevan. A flyer was passed around.

Discussion about changing the name to accurately reflect who we are. We serve surrounding counties. Board voted to change name to North Central Florida Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry. The Coalition voted on it, but it's been delayed due to the requirements of the RFP. Call for a new logo only got one response. A Coalition board member contacted local college students at SFC for input.

The Coalition is still looking for someone to distribute coats – ACHA cannot due to new HUD requirements. Lazarus Restoration Ministries has offered to be a distribution point, but we need more than one. Theresa L. is going to send out requests on listserv. Coats can be dropped off at Lazarus on Mondays from 10 am to 1 pm.

Miriam Elliot discussed the Board meeting in Palatka. They are experiencing similar problems with their City staff and their City Commission. Ultimately, they were appreciative that the trip was made.

Treasurer's Report

Beth was unavailable to give a treasurer's report.

Special Events Workgroup

The workgroup last met on Oct. 9 to discuss the BotP. Cheryl Twombly passed out award nomination forms. Nomination forms will also be sent out on the ACCHH listserv. Forms can be faxed to (352) 334-0792. She requested the forms be sent back by Oct. 24th. Currently only about 20 agencies had registered. She also requested agencies that sent in registration forms email Theresa Lowe so they can double check. Care bags for the event will be made on November 4th at Highlands Church at 10:30 a.m. They still need soaps, shampoos, etc. for the care bags. Agencies that will be present at BotP need to be there by 8:00 a.m. to setup for a 9:00 a.m. start. The next meeting is October 24 at @;30 at the DCF building.

CoC/HMIS Workgroup

HMIS - A universal intake form was agreed upon at the last meeting. It was decided that 2 forms, an A and a B form, would be best. Form A would include minimum amount of background data and will be 1 page front and

back. Form B will be six pages and far more extensive. They are still working on a universal exit form as well as the policies and procedures.

CoC - No meeting last month. Since then, the ESG grant has been released. We can be awarded 2 rapid re-housing grants, 1 street outreach and unlimited emergency shelter grants. Putnam will be applying for 1 of the 2 rapid re-housing, and no one yet has applied for the street outreach. The meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 9:00 a.m. at ACHA. The next meeting will be November 7 at 9:00 a.m. at the ACHA.

Post-Meeting Workgroup Meeting

There was no meeting last month

Point-in-time Workgroup

Meetings have and will be held prior to the PIT survey. Some new questions have been added based on feedback from community groups. The survey will be 1 page, front and back. Next meeting is Oct. 30, 9:00 am at ACHA. Discussion will include which zones and areas to target for survey.

Gainesville Police Department

GPD was not present. Brendan briefly discussed last month's report. Terry Fleming discussed GPD pushing those in tents from tent city to area of woods near Ironwood Golf Course in anticipation for GCI opening.

Formerly/Currently Homeless

Vicki Lawrence presented Casey who was a former resident of Arbor House. She also spent some time living on Vicki's property. Fortunately, they were able to find a shelter for her in Floral City. She was in Gainesville visiting and agreed to attend ACCHH meeting.

Other Announcements:

Terry Fleming - raised a motion to rename the outstanding advocate award after Pat Fitzpatrick. There was a second by Patrick Dodds. Following discussion it was decided that it should first be discussed with Pat. Sam Clark made a new motion, to name the award after him, "absent his objection". There was a second, and the motion was approved.

Rod Hall - Sunshine Inn needs clock radios, old CRT style TV's, extra phones, and sheets, etc. are needed as well but probably need to be inspected

Volunteers of America – was awarded a SSVF grant for rapid re-housing. They will serve 10 counties throughout center of the State. They will provide more info once they get it.

Miriam Elliott – Catholic Worker House has gone through some transition; Johnny and Kelli have stepped away. However, volunteers from the house and the church re-opened the house on Oct. 1. They started serving breakfast again and will begin serving lunch in November.

Monday Oct. 24th at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant Church will be a ceremony recognizing local clergy that have done outreach and assistance for homeless and indigent. Our own Jack Donovan will be honored.

The next meeting is at Breakfast on Plaza