

**Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry
Membership Meeting
Holy trinity Episcopal Church on August 21, 2013**

Brendan Shortely called the meeting to order. Corrections to minutes. Motion, with second to approve minutes from July 17, 2013 w/ corrections: Motion approved.

Speaker

Phoenix Rising - Roxane Bleiweis

Phoenix Rising is a new group that has been organized for about 1 year. They are not affiliated with the United Church of Gainesville. However, they follow the 7 principles of unitarianism. They are open to any members, and are interested in social outreach projects. They meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at the Pride Center from 2-4 pm. Recently, they have helped Arupa Freeman with the Home Van. In July they boiled eggs for the Home Van and in September they began making soup for the Home Van. Every other month they hold an evening meal at St. Francis House on the 4th Saturday of odd-numbered months at 6 p.m. There is about 25-30 active participants, but have access to a larger email listserv. They are interested in more outreach and volunteer opportunities. Miriam mentioned the Breakfast on the Plaza might be a good fit for their next project.

Action Items

GCI Update – Theresa Lowe

The RFP's for managing entity and construction were released and then withdrawn. The construction looks to be going forward with the construction firm that originally contracted with the city on the former site. The city is plans to re-issue the RFP with the hopes that an "out-of-the-box" provider will step up. The city plan board meeting for the property swap relating to GCI will be Thursday, August 22 at 6:00 p.m. The current hope is to open in January with limited services.

Director's Report

Theresa Lowe – See GCI update

Treasurer's Report

Currently we're waiting on the DCF staffing grant. This time around it should be a fixed-price contract rather than a reimbursement contract as it has been in the past. Financially, the Coalition is stable.

Special Events Workgroup

Everything for the Breakfast on the Plaza is on target. This will be the last Breakfast on the Plaza. From now on, the event will be held at GCI. The "wishlist" has been sent out, and the Service Provider registration is coming soon.

CoC/HMIS Workgroup

Beth O'Grady and Theresa Lowe have been reviewing examples of new intake forms. A pdf will be sent out once a new version is completed. The meetings are held the first Thursday of

every month at 9:00 a.m. at ACHA. The next meeting will be September 5 at 9:00 a.m. at the ACHA.

Post Meeting Workgroup Meeting

The newsletter had some corrections that needed to be made. It will hopefully be re-issued next month.

Point-in-time Workgroup

The first meeting for the PIT workgroup will be held August 28 at 9:00 a.m. at ACHA. There will be discussion regarding some new additions to the questionnaire. This may include outreach for homeless youth.

Gainesville Police Department

Cpl. Dwayne Deal introduced himself. He will be located downtown with ofc. Mosier. He's been with GPD for 23 years. For 5 of the last 7 years he's been patrolling the downtown/duckpond area, so he's very familiar with downtown. He spoke about the "spice" problem with the individuals at the Plaza. It's currently a legal loophole, but it's very harmful and toxic to those who smoke it.

Ofc. Mosier updated us on the tent spraying. The spraying has been pushed back to the spring/summer of 2014. In the meantime, Lt. Helmerson has requested that the trees that will be sprayed should be marked in anticipation of spraying.

Pending Items

The Coalition board is looking for representatives from small business owners, landlords, and Veteran's services. The meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 12 p.m. at ACHA.

Information for submitting an entry for ACCHH's new logo can be found on the back of the agenda as well as the ACCHH website (ACCHH.org). It was agreed that the winner will receive a prize. A \$50 iTunes gift card was mentioned as a possibility.

Other Announcements

Terry Fleming announced that the Pride Center will be giving id card assistance to LGBTQ youth beginning September 11th. It will be every Wednesday from 3-5. The Pride Center is located at 3131 NW 13th St. Suite 62.

The Mobile Dental Clinic will be held September 30th-Oct. 4th at Ridgeview Baptist Church, 3508 NW 19th St. Eligibility is 200% of Federal Poverty level. Pre-screening will occur at Creekside Community Church approximately 1 week before.

Annette announced that Nadia Shields is the new Alachua County School Board liason. Her contact number is (352) 955-7070

The next ACCHH meeting is September 18th at 9 am at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.