

## **HOMELESS ADVOCACY FOR RURAL TENNESSEE (HART) MEETING MINUTES**

Crossville Housing Authority, Crossville, TN  
Thursday, July 14, 2016

The following persons were present at the meeting:

Don Alexander – CHA	Lachelle Norris – TTU
Kaytee Barnes – CHDC/ESG	Nathan Payne – Lifeline
Rachel Bruning – Avalon Center	Ron Rohrbach – VBHCS
Terry Burdett – CHDC/HMIS	Allison Schipp – Ridgeview Behavioral Health
Stephanie Corum – CHA	Sheri Spigner – CHDC/HMIS
Karl Drake – Scott County Homeless Shelter	Kyle Thompson – Timothy Hill
Susan Greene – CHI, Region III	Lisa Thompson – CHDC/CES
Kelly Hodge – Youth Villages	Judy Wade – Fairfield Glade Residential Services
Tammy Lynn – CHI, Region II/Ridgeview BHS	Jennifer Watson – Rockwood HA (Phone)
Scott Mardis – Scott County Homeless Shelter	Kelsey West – Families in Crisis
Dina Martin – Genesis House	Walt Wyatt – TN Department of Labor
Cammie Music – CHA	

**Call to Order:** Rachel Bruning called the meeting to order at 10:04 and gave opening remarks.

**Rollcall:** Rollcall was conducted by Cammie Music. Quorum present. Rachel asked guests to consider joining HART.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the July minutes made by Ron Rohrbach; 2nd by Cammie Music; none opposed. Motion approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Cammie Music presented in the absence of Luke Eldridge: Previous balance of \$5,200.88. Ending balance of \$5,375.88.

### **Board of Directors Update:**

**Chair:** Rachel Bruning announced the executive committee: Herself as chair, Stephanie Corum as vice chair, Cammie Music as secretary, and Luke Eldridge as Treasurer. Committee chairs are: HMIS - Stephanie Corum, PIT – Lachelle Norris, Program Review – Ron Rohrbach, Outreach/Public Relations – Ron Rohrbach and Lachelle Norris, and Governance – Rachel Bruning.

**Program Review:** Susan presented a memo on the NOFA and the CoC grant process this year. This memo will be posted on the website. She pointed out that a date is set aside for anyone who is interested in applying to meet to go over the grant proposal to ensure that it qualifies and discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the proposal.

## **Introductions/Announcements:**

**Ron Rohrbach:** Volunteer Behavioral Health Care Services received a new grant that is a homeless veteran's integration program. This program will work with the other programs such as MASH to take a homeless veteran to being housed and employed.

**Terry Burdett:** Reminded the membership that there is a HART website, [www.hartn.org](http://www.hartn.org), that members can ask to have their events added to the calendar. Use the form on the site or an email to [burdett.hmis@gmail.com](mailto:burdett.hmis@gmail.com) to make this request.

**Stephanie Corum** reminded that HART also has a Facebook page. Members can send requests to post on Facebook to the same contacts as the website.

**Jennifer Watson:** Family Promise, BBQ Cook Off fundraiser, Roane Co Park, July 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Susan Greene:** Announced that HART has been working with Tennessee's Department of Mental Health on the Tennessee Plan to End Homelessness.

**Ron Rohrbach:** On September 10<sup>th</sup>, the DAV of Cookeville is having a Benefit Ride/Poker Run with the proceeds going to assist local veterans.

**Kyle Thompson:** Timothy Hill Retreat Center near Smithville is a new project that employs those who were formerly in foster care, transitioning out of homeless, or as an alternative to incarceration.

After adjournment, the members are to meet with their committees.

**Adjournment:** Adjourned at 10:26.

Approved by the Board:

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Chairperson

### **Executive Committee:**

Rachel Bruning, Chair	<a href="mailto:rbruning@avaloncentertn.org">rbruning@avaloncentertn.org</a>
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