

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

Crossville Housing Authority, Crossville, TN
Thursday, October 13, 2016

The following persons were present at the meeting:

Kaytee Barnes – CHDC/ESG	Cindy Phillips – National Health Com for the Homeless Council
Rachel Bruning – Avalon Center	Tammy Sells – US Ext TNCEP
Stephanie Corum – CHA	Tony Scionti – HVRP, VBHCS
Terina Cantrell – HOPE Inc.	Sheri Spigner – CHDC/HMIS
Karl Drake – Scott County Homeless Shelter	Kyle Thompson – Timothy Hill
Brenda Hays – CHA	Lisa Thompson – CHDC/CES
Mary Linkous – Youth Villages	Lindsey Upton – TTU
Tammy Lynn – CHI, Region II/Ridgeview BHS	Jennifer Watson – Rockwood HA
Scott Mardis – Scott County Homeless Shelter	Walt Wyatt – TN Department of Labor
Dina Martin – Genesis House	VBHCS Proxy was Rachel Bruning
Lachelle Norris – TTU	

Call to Order: Rachel Bruning called the meeting to order at 10:06 and gave opening remarks.

Rollcall: Rollcall was conducted by Stephanie Corum. Quorum present.

Minutes: Motion to approve the September 8, 2016 minutes made by Stephanie Corum; 2nd by Scott Mardis; none opposed. Motion approved.

Treasurer Report: Current bank balance is \$5,5844.88.

Guest Speaker: Cindy Phillips – National Health Care for the Homeless Council.

Board of Directors Update:

There was no October board meeting.

Introductions/Announcements:

Lachelle Norris: PIT Committee meeting after membership meeting.

Rachel: The HART Annual Meeting is on November 10, 2016, starting at 10:30 with meet and greet and the lunch beginning around 11:00.

Rachel: October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Avalon is having a Frito Bendito Lunch on October 26, cost is \$7.00. On October 18, there is a Candlelight Vigil at 6:30. There is a Haunted Hike every Saturday until Halloween, cost is \$15.00.

Sheri Spigner: Reminded membership of the HART Facebook page and introduced the information sheet for events. Also, mentioned the homeless camp in Putnam County to raise money for homeless agencies.

Stephanie Corum: Pathways Rapid Rehousing project is now operational and taking applications.

Tony Scionti: Announced Operation Reveille event to be held on Veteran's Day. The concept is to rapidly rehouse veterans on a single day. It is going to be held in both Putnam and Cumberland Counties. The concept comes from Tampa, Florida, helping about 50 homeless veterans. Our goal is 2 or 3 for each county.

Jennifer Watson: Family Promise will have a Best Chili Ever Contest and Silent Auction on November 19th from 4-7 at the Harriman Church of God. Also, they have the Belk Charity Sale at any Belk location. Buy \$5.00 tickets in advance or on day of sale. You can shop the week before at discounted price and pick up on the 5th. Event is on November 5th from 6 to 10 a.m.

Dina Martin: Genesis House has two more events in October: 18th – Self-Defense Class; and 25th – Halloween Party/Trunk or Treat. Times are 6:00 – 7:00 pm at 269 S. Willow Ave, Suite E. They had a DCS speaker about what the program look like and an attorney to speak on what court looks like in a domestic violence/assault case. Genesis House is looking at doing sessions like this quarterly due to their success. She also announced that they have 2 openings at their transitional housing project.

Adjournment: Stephanie Corum moved to adjourn; seconded by Lachelle Norris; adjourned at 11:00.

Approved by the Board:

Chairperson

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