

HOMELESS ADVOCACY FOR RURAL TENNESSEE (HART) MEETING MINUTES

Crossville Housing Authority, Crossville, TN
Thursday, February 9, 2017

The following persons were present at the meeting:

Kaytee Barnes – CHDC/ESG	Lachelle Norris – TTU
Rachel Bruning – Avalon Center	Kristi Paling – TCCY
Stephanie Corum – Crossville HA	Mistie Ragland – United Way
Sheri Crain – CHDC/HMIS	Tammy Sells – TNCEP
Marcee Gordon – Centerstone	Lisa Thompson – CHDC/CES
Laura Gwin – CHDC/HMIS	Walt Wyatt – TN Department of Labor
Laura Hughes Hudgins – Cumberland Co Health Dept	Susan Greene – CHI, Region III
Carla Lawson – VBHCS	
Mary Linkous – Youth Villages	<u>By Proxy</u>
Dina Martin – Genesis House	Nathan Payne (Lachelle Norris)
Lindsay McReynolds – Herald Citizen	Ron Rohrbach (Rachel Bruning)
Cammie Music – Crossville HA	

Call to Order: Rachel Bruning called the meeting to order at 10:08 and gave opening remarks.

Rollcall: Rollcall was conducted by Cammie Music. Quorum present.

Minutes: Motion to approve the January 12, 2017, minutes made by Lachelle Norris; 2nd by Susan Greene; none opposed. Motion approved.

Treasurer Report: Current bank balance is \$5,344.88. Deposits: \$50 from membership fees.

Speaker: Tammy Sells, TNCEP. Tammy presented the TN Nutrition and Consumer Education Program which is in Cumberland County. There are other counties in the CoC area that have this program also. It is part of the UT Institute of Agriculture. The speaker on the agenda, David James, Forsha Industries, was unable to make the meeting.

Board of Directors Update:

Susan Greene: The Tennessee Plan to End Homelessness was published. Department of Mental Health lead this project. **Carla Lawson** announced that Chattanooga was just approved as a community that reached functional zero of veteran homelessness.

Rachel Bruning: Friday, February 10th, is the next strategic planning day to work on the CoC plan to end homelessness.

Terry: Discussed the CoC application debriefing. HART's score went up 20 percentage points and is now above the median and weighted median score. The cutoff score for the Tier 2 funding was 60.7. Pathways RRH's score was probably between 72.39 and 82.39 so was funded. GHI RRH's score was probably between 55.24 and 65.24 (actually between 55.24 and 60.6) and missed the 60.7 and not funded. Another item of note on the debrief was that HART lost 7 of 10 points since there are no chronically homeless beds set aside in any of the projects.

Introductions/Announcements:

Kristi Paling: Children's' Advocacy Days on March 14 and 15 from 8 to 4:30 at the War Memorial and Legislative Plaza, Nashville. Free event for advocates for families and children and youth. It is an opportunity to meet with legislators and network with providers. There will be speakers on current issues regarding children and youth.

Kristi Paling: Training: Generation Lost, subjects are The Impact of (Social) Media on Today's Drug Culture and Treating the Emerging Adult Population, Friday, March 31st, 9:00 – 1:00, Colleside Church of Christ. There are CLEs available.

Susan Greene: Serenity Point opened its new thrift store in Putnam County at the Old Wheeler Skating Rink.

Misti Ragland: United Way has grant opportunities. Check their Website <http://www.givetouwvc.org/index.php> or FaceBook page for more information.

Adjournment: Cammie Music moved to adjourn; seconded by Susan Greene; adjourned at 10:43.

Approved by the Board:

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