

HOMELESS ADVOCACY FOR RURAL TENNESSEE (HART) MEETING MINUTES

American Bank and Trust, Cookeville, TN
Thursday, September 10, 2015

The following persons were present at the meeting:

Kaytee Barnes – CHDC/HMIS	Ray Perry – Scott Co Homeless Shelter
Rachel Bruning – Avalon Center	Ron Rohrbach – VBHCS
Terry Burdett – CHDC/HMIS	John Rust – TCCY
Terina Cantrell – HOPE Inc.	Allison Schipp – Ridgeview Behavioral Health
Alejandra Cisneros-Conohan - UCHRA	Stephanie Strunk – HOPE Inc.
Melissa Garrett – Genesis House, Inc.	Kristy Stubblefield – Families in Crisis
Rachael Goddard – CHDC/HMIS	Gina Turley, CHI, Region III
Susan Greene – CHI, Region III	Jennifer Watson – Rockwood HA
Larry Hays – CHDC/ESG	
Rachel Moses – Legal Aid Society	<u>Members with a proxy</u>
Cammie Music – CHA	Stephanie Corum’s proxy – Cammie Music
Lachelle Norris – TTU	Selena Foutch’s proxy – Ron Rohrbach

Call to Order: Cammie Music called the meeting to order at 10:07 and gave opening remarks.

Introductions: Everyone in room provided their name and agency.

Rollcall: Rollcall was conducted by Terina Cantrell. Quorum present.

Minutes: Motion to approve August 13, 2015 minutes made by Susan Greene; 2nd by Ron Rohrbach; None opposed. Approved.

Presentation: Ms. Rachel Moses, Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlandds gave a presentation on the Legal Aid Society’s services.

Board of Directors Update: The HMIS had updates that will be coming out. The Ranking and Review Committees will be combined as one. The outreach committee is working on the Annual Meeting in November as well as doing a trial PIT count with veterans in Putnam County. There is a veteran’s task force being developed in Crossville. Members are encouraged to join committees.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance is \$5,964.68 and \$60 in membership dues were collected today.

Announcements/Networking/Housing Problems/Success Stories:

Cammie Music: One of the foster care members at Harper Apartments is getting his driver’s license and is employed by CHA and plans to be an RN and will work in the care givers program.

John Rust: Johnson City Housing Authority is building a similar facility to Harper Apartments for former foster youth. Groups in Chattanooga are also discussing doing the same.

Alejandra Cisneros-Conohan spoke of some client's successes through the UCHRA's STAR Program.

Cammie Music: Mentioned that Habitat for Humanity, Putnam County, will have their Eating on the Square on last Friday in October.

John Rust: Friday, October 2, 2015, at 9:00 until about 2:00, TBI will have training on Human Trafficking at the Upper Cumberland State Office in Cookeville.

Cammie Music: Grant training at CHA on September 17, 2015.

Jennifer Watson: Family Promise Program was one of two programs United Way of Roane County selected and will paint the inside of their day house and will work on the grounds of Michael Dunn on the 19th. On the 26th, they will have a planning retreat.

Dr. Norris: November 17th, Mark Winne will speak on hunger/food security/food policy at TTU.

Workshop on October 16, 2015, Prescott South Middle School, 9-5, called MOVE: Focus which will explore issues such as addiction, self-injury, eating disorders, and suicide.

Cammie Music: This is the last day meeting at American Bank and Trust. The new location is at First United Methodist Church in Cookeville.

Motion for adjournment was made by Terina Cantrell. Seconded by Rachael Bruning.

Approved by the Board

Chairperson