

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

First United Methodist Church, Cookeville, TN  
Thursday, December 10, 2015

The following persons were present at the meeting:

Don Alexander – CHA	Jennifer Watson – Rockwood HA
Terry Burdett – CHDC/HMIS	Kelsey West – Families in Crisis
Terina Cantrell – HOPE Inc.	Sheri Spigner – CHDC/HMIS
Tammy Lynn – CHI, Region II/Ridgeview BHS	Luke Eldridge – PATH/PMHC
Dina Martin – Genesis House	
Cammie Music – CHA	<u>Member proxies</u>
Misty Parker – Highlands Residential Services	Ray Perry – Scott Co Homeless Shelter (Phone and Terry Burdett)
Ron Rohrbach – VBHCS	Rachel Bruning – Avalon Center (Cammie Music)
Allison Schipp – Ridgeview Behavioral Health	

**Call to Order:** Cammie Music called the meeting to order at 10:00 and gave opening remarks.

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

**Minutes:** Motion to approve October minutes made by Tammy Lynn; 2nd by Cammie Music; none opposed. Motion approved.

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

HMIS: Terry Burdett: Submitted Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to HUD. HUD will only be able to use permanent supportive housing data. The emergency shelter and transitional housing data cannot be used because there is not enough bed coverage in HMIS. The emergency shelter data will probably be able to be used next year since Bread of Life was on HMIS at the beginning of next year's reporting period. While completing the AHAR, we found that there is a lot of cleanup that needs to be done in our HMIS.

PIT: Terry Burdett: Requested volunteers for county captains. Date of the PIT Count is January 26, 2016 with a backup date of January 28, 2016. Got some captains obligated and suggestions on who to recruit. Discussed about warming centers last year.

**Treasurer Report:** Current balance is \$5220.88. Expenses since October report were \$760.20.

Presentation: Ron Rohrbach about his week of being homeless.

**Announcements/Networking/Housing Problems/Success Stories:**

Terry Burdett: Introduced Sheri Spigner as a new member of the HMIS team.

Terry Burdett: Announced that the HART website is being redesigned and will be on line soon.

Tammy Lynn: Announced that the new definition for chronically homeless has been released by HUD.

Cammie Music: Ranking and Review is complete, but would like Susan Greene to discuss later. CoC grants are all submitted to HUD.

Kelsey West: Announced the new Lighthouse Ministries emergency shelter for women in McMinnville. There is an article in the Southern Standard on it.

Cammie Music: CHA has a community support housing project opening in McMinnville.

Dina Martin: Announced that there were 2 transitional housing openings at Genesis House.

Cammie Music: THDA is having their ESG training on January 14 in Maryville and January 27 in Nashville. Check THDA website for more information.

There was a question if there is a program that assists homeless to get enrolled in health care. Cammie stated that UCDD and UCHRA have grants to provide this assistance.

Dina Martin: On January 19<sup>th</sup>, a speaker from National Healthcare for Homelessness Council from Nashville will talk about assistance with TENNCARE and children. Only a small group of about 6-7 will be able to attend. Email: Dina if you want to participate.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Tammy Lynn. Adjourned.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:45.**

Approved by Board:

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Chairperson