Chatham County Housing Coalition

Minutes

July 12, 2013

Present: Nickie Siler, FVRC

Nora Estheimer, EmPower and Chatham County Affordable Housing Advisory Task Force

Jana Wiley, Chatham County Health Dept

Kathy Hodges, FVRC

Clintess Barrett, Chatham County Housing Authority

**Welcome and Introductions**

We started with welcome and introductions

**Minutes**

Nickie still needs to send out minuets from May’s meeting. She will get those out by end of business on Monday, July 15th.

**Balance of State Update**

Nickie reported that all regional leads were asked to distribute the revised Governance Charter to their regional committees. She will distribute the Governance Charter by the end of business July 12th and asked that the committee provide feedback to her by July 24th. Kathy informed everything that we have to apply for ESG funds by the end of July. It was asked whether or not we lose unused RRH funds if they aren’t used. Nickie will ask Martha Are and get back to the committee.

**Updates**

Nickie has now housed 8 families through rapid re-housing. She is getting at least 3 referrals a week. Nickie talked about some of the obstacles clients are faced with when trying to get housed. Not being able to pass a credit check is a big obstacle, and not having enough monthly income is another obstacle.

Nora suggested that Nickie contact LaTanya Davis at empowerment to see if she has any resources that may be helpful.

**Task Force to Advise Commissioners on Housing needs**

Nora talked about the Affordable Housing Advisory Task Force. Since the commissioners did not accept their first proposal they have been working on another plan to present to the commissioners on Monday August 19th. Nora stated that there are multiple organizations interested in building affordable housing in Chatham; but there is a concern for lack of good proposals to be presented to the commissioners.

**Chatham County Housing Authority**

Clintess announced that Chatham County Housing Authority closed its list on June 13th. There are currently 200 families on the list. The list is purged on an annual basis. Clintess informed us that the home ownership program offered through the housing authority is not just for people who received housing vouchers; it’s open to anyone in the community.

**Other Business**

We talked about the concern of apartment complexes and landlords doing strict credit checks. Nora suggested that Nickie speak with Commissioner Mike Cross who owns multiple rental properties in Chatham Co. and LaTanya Davis of empowerment.

**Next Meeting:**  August 9th at 2:30pm.