**Alamance County Interagency Council for Homeless Assistance**

**November 4, 2013**

**Present**: Jan Bowman, ABSS; Kim Braxton, RTSA; Spencer Cook, Cardinal Innovations; Suellyn Dalton, Volunteer/ACC; Elizabeth Lockley, CHIN; Nikki Ratliff, BHA/BDC; Lynn Rousseau, Family Abuse Services; Shawna Tillery, City of Burlington; Calvetta Watlington, Family Abuse Services; Robin Wintringham, Habitat for Humanity.

**Regrets**: Kim Crawford, Allied Churches; Heidi Norwick, United Way

Nikki Ratliff called the meeting to order. The minutes from October meeting were distributed and reviewed. Lynn Rousseau made a motion to accept the minutes as read with a second by Jan Bowman. Motion approved.

CHIN: Elizabeth Lockley stated that CHIN is transitioning away from the Data Quality report. There is a new report called Data Quality Report Card that is available which is progress towards a more comprehensive report. There have been updates to the APR report as well since our last meeting.

Family Abuse Services: Calvetta Watlington discussed that Family Abuse Services conducted two Domestic Violence awareness events this month with success. There is a new Community Education Coordinator—Carrie Crawford—doing community and school based education.

City of Burlington: Shawna Tillery reminded everyone of the RFP for local nonprofits for Community Development Block Grant funding deadline this week. Also, the new Consolidated Plan process will begin in the summer of 2014.

Alamance Burlington School System: Jan Bowman and Kim Crawford met to see if it would be possible to have tutors to work with children at the shelter. ABSS is hoping to put a tutor at the ACAC shelter as well as the Family Abuse Services shelter to support the students and empower the parents by showing them resources they can use with their children. There are close to 500 students identified as homeless this year so far.

Cardinal Innovations: Spencer Cook discussed that they are still in the process of transferring the one Graham Housing Authority grant (with 7 participants) over to Cardinal Innovations. They are working with HUD to accomplish this task in the near future. This grant does not have to be renewed in this funding cycle. It is the only grant with space to accept new participants. Currently there are still no vacancies in the Shelter+Care program. Margaret Williamson is looking for an available apartment/house for a female with limited mobility who is in a motorized scooter. She needs something with an FMR with a large-enough bathroom. If anyone knows of anything, please let Margaret know by calling 704-497-8798 or 336-494-2058 (which forwards to the cell phone).

HOPE & STEPS: Hope has 2 slots available, soon to be 3. STEPS has 3 participating families with 1 slot available. Applicants must know that this grant ends June 30, 2014 with no hopes of renewal at this time. Nikki Ratliff has spoken with the State and with Libby Stanley and their matching must be actual cash match and not in-kind match. Nikki is still working on this with community leaders to gather the financial support needed. If no longer funded, they will be transitioning people into as affordable housing as possible. One bedroom apartments are in extreme need and rarely become available.

RTSA: The Mebane Street Recovery Home for homeless women with substance abuse and/or mental health issues remains at capacity. As they are in their third and final year of the initial grant, they will be seeking renewal funding from HUD with the 2013 NOFA.

Announcements:

Suellyn Dalton announced that Dr. Algie Gatewood is the new president at Alamance Community College. He has asked for nominations for a community forum group to help him decide what new things to help provide in the community. Suellyn has nominated Robin Wintringham to speak on behalf of ACICHA/Habitat for Humanity. Also, there’s a health forum at Elon University tonight at Moseley Hall. Suellyn has been selected to present on, “Mental Health Issues” not being met currently in the community. The Forum is at 7P with a reception at 8P. Susan Osborne is also presenting tonight representing DSS. Due to the recent cuts to those receiving State supported services, there will be those who will be homeless due to this.

Margaret Williamson suggested to us all that we do the “McDonald’s night” fundraiser where the organization donates a % of the proceeds for the night. With the holidays coming, they might do this to help with the Christmas presents.

Dental Clinic: Nikki Ratliff is the representative from ACICHA to get this going for our population.

The meeting adjourned to meet again on Monday, December 2, 2013, at the Habitat for Humanity Administrative Offices.