**Cabarrus County Homelessness Task Force**

Meeting: May 14, 2014

Present: Angela Ward, Dean Lewis, David Maulden, Jeff Euto, Jessi Harris, Joe LaSalle, Keith Haynie, Nicole Dewitt, Peter Euto, Wendy Adams

First Time Attendees: Myra McGarrell (Safe Haven), Paula Yost (Cabarrus Partnership for Children), Regina Watson and Kallison Graham (Community Link)

Meeting was called to order at 10:30am by David Maulden, CCM

Introductions were made

Minutes of the February 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Business**

David Maulden (CCM), asked for updates to the CCHTF Number of Bed spreadsheet. Updates can be emailed back to David for updating the master spreadsheet prior to the next meeting. (attached)

Nicole Dewitt (Community Link) gave an update concerning the Coordinated Assessment effort currently underway for the Piedmont Regional Committee Continuum of Care (PRC – CoC). She also passed out an information sheet. The information will be covered in greater detail at the next PRC – CoC meeting in June.

Nicole also invited members to register for the PRC Housing Forum to be held this coming Tuesday at All Saints Episcopal Church in Concord. A link to the registration site will be sent out to the CCHTF email list.

Dean Lewis (CCM) described the upcoming program change for My Father’s House. The program is scheduled to become a stationary site on June 1st as opposed to the current model where the families spend the night at 13 different churches on a weekly rotating basis. This will be a positive factor in helping to stabilize the participating families.

Keith Haynie (Hope Haven/Serenity House) updated the group on the opening of the newly remodeled Serenity House in February of this year in Concord. The facility has an eight-bed capacity. The program is a 24X7 program with staff on site full-time. There is also another building on the property available for more permanent residents with single living quarters versus the double living quarters in the main facility.

Myra McGarrell (Christian Women’s Job Corp) described a new undertaking (Safe Haven) under the umbrella of the Cabarrus Baptist Association and Christian Women’s Job Corp. They are currently remodeling a house on Peachtree Street in Concord to house up to three single women as well as a staff person. They are currently developing policies and procedures, obtaining house furnishings, etc. The target date for the opening is mid-summer. Housing for single women in Cabarrus County is one of the gaps identified by this Task Force so this is an important initiative.

Paula Yost (Cabarrus Partnership for Children) briefly described her role. She has been in her new role for two months. We’ll invite Paula to give us a more in depth report at our next meeting.

Wendy Adams (Community Link) offered to speak with anyone in the group after the meeting who had a potential housing candidate with under 30% AMI.

Nicole Dewitt (Community Link) passed out a flyer concerning a fund raising event (Sweet Escapes) for Community Link to be held May 31st. More information can be found here <http://www.communitylink-nc.org/about/sweet-escapes.aspx>

Important upcoming dates below were reviewed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

***Dates to Remember***

**Piedmont Regional Committee Housing Forum**

May 20, 2014

9:30am – 4:00pm

All Saints Episcopal Church - Concord

**Next Meeting of the Piedmont Regional Committee**

June 11, 2014

Time: 10:00am – 12:00 noon

Crisis Ministry of Davidson County & Family Crisis Council

**Next Meeting of the Cabarrus County Homelessness Task Group**

August 13, 2014

10:30am – 11:30am

My Father’s House – 769 Sunderland Rd. Concord