**Homeless Coalition Meetings**

**2015-16**

**Meeting - October 22, 2016**

**(Held at Fat Tracy’s in Spindale, NC - Rutherford County)**

* Attendees
  + Janice Baynard - Director of Federal Programs for Rutherford County Schools
  + Lauren Beard - Outreach Specialist for Rutherford County Schools
  + Victoria Green - Outreach Specialist for Rutherford County Schools
  + Tanya Morrow - FPS Rutherford / Polk County
  + Chris Kiser - RHA Mobile Crisis
  + Terrie Filer - Monarch
  + Debbie Briscoe Smith - Sisters in Christ Homeless
  + Kathy Pressly Dills - Sisters in Christ Homeless
  + Vincent Dills - Sisters in Christ Homeless
* Committee members exchanges names, job location, description of job
* Rapid Rehousing- $45,000 between Rutherford & Polk to house individuals for 3-6 months after they leave a shelter or homeless situation.
* Rural Counties are under Balance of State--too small to have an individual Continuum of Care
* HUD Funding-based on population
  + Has to have committee & backup for meetings
  + Have to do coordinated assessment-screening homeless individuals that come into shelters or agencies & appoint people to do these screenings
  + Meetings could occur bi-weekly or monthly
* Definition of homelessness: Living in a car, a place not for human habitation, or in a shelter for 14 or more days.
* A motion was stated and approved that Debbie Briscoe Smith was elected to preside and oversee meetings for the Rutherford County. A motion will be made next meeting for the backup.
* Discussed adding Grace of God to the meetings.
* A list of targeted program property listings was provided for everyone in attendance.  These listings are possible available housing in Rutherford and Polk county.
* Can provide assistance for homeless individuals moving into a halfway house as long as they go through a program to become clean if there are substance abuse issues.
* Independence Project-Provides full rental subsidy (would have to move from Rutherford County)
  + 24 slots
  + 3 to 6 month waiting list
  + Must have 3 or more hospitalizations within the last year or been incarcerated.
* Parkland Group Home- 6 bed mental health group home
  + HUD subsidized- must follow guidelines (no felony within the last 5 years, etc.)
  + For the 1st 30 days, individuals do not have any unsupervised time
  + Life skills training are provided for everyone
  + May take up to 6 weeks before an individual can get placement
  + Criteria - an individual must have a primary or mental diagnosis
  + Individuals pay a rental fee based upon an application process
* Morgan Manor - located in Ruth
  + There is an application to determine placement
  + Placement is similar to Parkland Group Home
* Magnolia House - located at 190 North Main Street in Rutherfordton
  + Provides supportive employment
  + Provided through Family Preservation
  + Primarily mental health individuals
  + Provides transportation (medical appointments, etc.)
* FPS has a drop-in clinic (opened in June)
  + Open 7 days a week from 11-7 (except for holidays)
  + Manned by a peer support specialist after 5:00.
  + Does not have to be an FPS client -it can be anyone in crisis.
  + Can meet with peer support and a counselor.
  + Google: Memphis Living Room Model
* Next meeting - November 19th (3rd Thursday)