

Poverty Coalition of Union County

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 13, 2019

Location: New Covenant Baptist Church, 5114 Rogers Road, Monroe, NC

Meeting Facilitated By: Lillie Seels and Keith Adams

Attendees

Name	Agency	Email	Phone Number
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Welcome and Introduction – Lillie Seels opened the meeting and allowed time of introduction for new attendees. A sign-up sheet was passed for agencies to sign up for presentations and to host future meetings. Discussed possibility of changing meeting time to 2/2:30pm. It was decided to continue with 12pm time.

Bridges Out of Poverty Presentation – Keith Adams played a video introducing Bridges out of Poverty and discussed an upcoming 2-day workshop to be held on April 17th and May 2nd from 9am to 4pm at the Union County Department of Human Services. Keith Adams and Edward Spencer will present. Funding will be provided by Union County Community Action in support of the Poverty Coalition. Members are encouraged to invite community members, service workers, businesses, etc. to attend. Anticipating 100 in attendance.

See attached flyer for additional information.

Structure of Meetings – Keith Adams discussed the structure of future meetings. The first portion of the meeting will consist of presentations from one or two agencies lasting approximately 12-15 minutes each. Presentations should include information regarding the services the agency provides, eligibility information, how to provide referrals, etc. The second portion of the meeting will consist of breakout sessions with each of the three subcommittees meeting to work on identified objectives.

Subcommittee Meetings – The group separated into the following subcommittees for initial meeting to discuss objectives. Each subcommittee was tasked with electing a chair and co-chair.

Gaps in Service	Duplication of Services	Community Engagement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karis Manus • Lisa Cooper • Sandra Clarke • Pat Haigler • Whitney Pawlowski • Joy Abbey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly Shepherd Watts • Kishi Tillman • Kimberly Jenkins • Christine Somma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Ramsey • Cary Smith • Heather Gardner • Amy Niccolai • Crystal Robinson • Dennis Thompkins • Pam DeMaria • Brigitte Hartis • Mary Garceau • Kathleen Rodgers • Ashley Burt

Next meeting: April 10, 2019. Location TBD.

