**Neuse Trent Housing Alliance**

**November 6, 2013**

**United Way Board Room**

**Present: Tharesa Lee, Neuse River CDC**

**Whitney Morton, Salvation Army Juliet Rogers, RCS**

 **Lovay Singleton, Veteran’s Gardens**

 **Beverly Heine, Craven Co. DSS**

 **Jackie Jreisat, City of New Bern**

 **Clayton Gaskins, Vidant**

 **Richard Hansen, NC Commerce**

 **Jeannine Ethridge, RHA**

 **Patricia Benefield, CCA**

**Kathy Hodge, RHA**

 **Ron England, CarolinaEast**

**Kelly Walker, CARTS**

 **Martha Hardison, Coastal Women’s Shelter**

 **Sandra Phelps, United Way**

 **Lt. Linda Godette, NBPD**

 **Susan Lucas, Coastal Women’s Shelter**

 **Terry Brubaker, Craven Co. DSS**

 **Angelo Midgette, Pamlico County Senior Service**

 **Nancy Ross, Pamlico County Schools Homeless Liaison**

 **Marc Jessup, BCBS**

 **Mark Waugh, BCBS**

**Tharesa Lee opened meeting and minutes from last month were approved with one exception. Patricia Benefield was left off of the role and she was in attendance for the October meeting.**

1. **Marc Jessup and Mark Waugh with Blue Cross and Blue Shield discussed the nuances of the Affordable Care Act for the Alliance. He said there were both positive and negative problems with ACA. He discussed the coverage options, monthly payments, and premiums. As noted:**
	1. **13 individual and family plans would be offered by BCBS.**
	2. **He stated that the poor would be heavily subsidized to help make payments.**
	3. **BCBS would be the only carrier working with ACA.**
	4. **Preexisting conditions would not preclude people from purchasing health care.**
	5. **Penalty for not purchasing health care would be around 90.00**
	6. **The website had encountered problems with being able to log in and obtain quotes.**
	7. **VA would be covered by the ACA.**

**Marc and Mark stayed after the meeting and answered questions that the group had concerning specific questions. It was a very meaningful discussion and very informative.**

1. **Sandra Phelps from the United Way discussed the 211 national programs that will be sponsored by her agency. By dialing 2-1-1, or accessing the program online, a trained professional will listen and answer questions regarding physical and mental health, employment support and a multitude of other situations. With access to a database of hundreds of resources, a 2-1-1 representative will direct you to the best solution possible in Craven County and surrounding counties in North Carolina.**
2. **Capt. Whitney reported that the Annual Point In Time training will take place on January 13, 2014 at the Salvation Army Community Center located on 802 N. Craven Street. The Homelessness Housing and Assistance Act requires each county to conduct an annual point in time count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons in North Carolina in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).   We will also conduct a sock drive to pass out to people we are interviewing so that we can gain trust and access information.**
3. **Committee Reports from the Medical Committee were passes out to the group by Terry Brubaker’s committee. A number of items dealing with barriers to health care and a list of supporting groups were discussed. Other groups were encouraged to meet and report back on findings in one of the specific identified areas.**
4. **If you have not met with a Committee please get with Whitney Morton or Juliet Rogers to assign you to a group that interests you.**
5. **Please email Tharesa Lee (****tharesalee@gmail.com****) a brief description of your organization as well as any statistical information that you might have regarding the numbers of clients that you serve.**
6. **Our December meeting will consist of each of our organization bringing information to a group calendar that we can support each other’s efforts and build a increase awareness to the Neuse Trent Alliance. We also hope to have suggestions from each member for suggestions of speakers, group funding requests, and community events. Also please bring a goody to share at the meeting if you are able.**

**Minutes respectively submitted,**

**Juliet Rogers**