**Neuse Trent Housing Alliance**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**8 AM**

**November 2, 2016**

**United Way Building**

Present:

Ken Becker, Family Endeavors

Patricia Benefield, Coastal Community Action

Adrianna Brantley, Promise Place

Melissa Eastwood, Trillium Health Resources

Ron England, CarolinaEast Health

Brian Fike, Trillium

Danielle Frisoli, Community Care Plan

Lt. Linda Godette (represented)

Tova Hairston, Coastal Women's Shelter

Debbie Hodges, Homeless Liaison, Craven County Schools

Donnie Inge, Trillium

Susan Lucas, RCS

Sandra Phelps, United Way of Coastal Carolina

Susan Pridgen, United Way of Onslow County

Juliet Rogers, RCS

Rosemary Stark, Faith Connections

Heather Storer, Interfaith Refugee ministry

* Patricia opened the meeting.
* Introductions were made.
* Minutes were approved with one change. Ron 1st, Ken 2nd.
* Ron provided advice on getting through the holidays in a presentation, “Making Spirits Brighter: Setting Realistic Expectations for the Holidays.” A copy of his presentation is sent with these minutes. He also provided the calendar of November activities for Wellness City, also sent with these minutes.
* Balance of State: Susan P. will be the lead for HACC with Juliet as the alternate. There is a call in meeting on November 30 from 1 – 4 pm for updates on ending veterans’ homelessness. The link will be sent to this group. Each group will do their own Point in Time count and the results will be submitted as one. Onslow meeting is December 2. Full HACC meeting will be the third Wednesday of the month at 9 am. The meetings will rotate with the first being at the United Way of Coastal Carolina. The executive leadership team (Susan P., Susan L., Craig, Kathleen and Juliet) will meet in New Bern on the third Monday of the month for lunch.
* Point in Time count in Craven County will be on January 26 taking the form of a mini-stand down. Reeshema and Lovay will be asked to help organize.
* Shelter updates: 2 free beds for women and 1 for men at RCS, CWS has 3 families for a total of 8 people, and RLM has 3 beds open for =women and 2 for men.
* Juliet reported that the Department of Prisons will release 400-600 felons in Craven County in January. They will be paroled here for 1 ½ years.
* The Martin Luther King celebration is on January 16 sponsored by NAACP. Contact Marshall Williams or Pam Woods for more information.
* CWS and Promise Place are offering a movie, “The Mask we Live In” on November 15 from 6-8 pm at Craven Community College. The film offers different views of masculinity.
* Coastal Community Action has funds available for emergency assistance. Clients must be income qualified. Contact Ms. Galloway in Jones County @ 665-1533 and Nine George in Craven County @ 269-4491. There will be public meetings to gather opinions for CCA in Jones County at the Jones Center on November 30 and on December 1 in Craven County at the Duffyfield Head Start.
* Next meeting: December 7 @ 8 AM.