

Pitt County Blue Ribbon Task Force Subcommittee Meeting
Prevention and Crisis Stabilization
January 30, 2008

Attendees:

Ms. Kathy Castillo
Mr. Cecil Hardy
Ms Pam Kesegi
Mr. Scott Mullis
Mr. Earl Phipps
Ms. Monica Raynor
Mr. Omar Bradley
Mr. Gerald Whitley
Ms. Paulette White

Ms. Paulette White gave an overview of Goals and Objectives of the Subcommittee and passed out information.

Mr. Omar Skinner agreed to become Co-chair of the Subcommittee replacing Mr. Earl Phipps.

Future meeting dates set for the 4th Wednesday of each month. It was noted that the Task Force Meeting is being held on February 21, 8:30 AM – 10:00 at Jarvis with updates needed by Subcommittees. As a result another Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for February 13th at 8:30AM at the Hope Station (Wrap Room).

Mr. Earl Phipps reviewed the following Subcommittee Descriptions for Prevention and Crisis Stabilization.

- Discharge planning (local and state institutions)
- Access to emergency services / emergency assistance
- Prevention for at risk individuals
- Outreach to the homeless or those at risk for becoming homeless
- Issues related to foreclosure, etc.

The group discussed the need for additional subcommittee members. Ms. Pam Kesegi suggested we add someone with patient discharging experience like a Discharge Planner with University Health Systems.

Ms. Paulette White discussed various leading indicators of homelessness. These include Foreclosure Rates, Poverty Rates, Average Wage, Percentage of disposable income for rent (> 30%), Literacy rates, Drop out rates. She also talked about other similar metropolitan areas that may be useful to compare ourselves with considering the impacts of having a large university in our area.

Ms. Paulette White will bring the United Way Community Assessment Report to the next meeting.

The group then discussed potential focus areas.

Ms. Kathy Castillo noted that based on personal experience there seems to be a lack of coordination in finding locations for patients discharged who do not have a place to go. There was discussion concerning the lack of information for the at risk population.

Potential Focus Areas Identified includes the following:

- Close the Gap in Information Sharing of Organizations providing services
- Identify the At Risk Population before they become Homeless
- Identify Resources Available to meet the needs of the Homeless Population

A reminder of the next meeting was given in which work will continue on Identifying Focus Areas for the Subcommittee and resources and information available.

Submitted by Scott Mullis
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