

**Pitt County Blue Ribbon Task Force Subcommittee Meeting
Prevention & Crisis Stabilization (P&C)/ Service & Support (S&S)
Wednesday February, 27 2008
Hope Station Meeting Room**

Attendees: Pam Kesegi (P&C), Gerald Whitley (P&C), Kelly Ayscue (S&S), Trudy Halstead (S&S), Laurie Nelson (S&S), Gary Leonhardt (S&S); Paulette White (MAT), Margaret Dixon (MAT) and Amy Modlin (MAT)

The meeting was opened by Paulette White. She reported that Omar Skinner had to withdraw from the BRTF and the Co-Chair position on this committee because of a family illness. Paulette agreed to take minutes for the group.

There was some discussion about the direction of the committee and the need to recruit a replacement Co-Chair for Omar. Members felt that we should develop an agenda for the next meeting that would provide direction on what our committee should accomplish in the next series of meeting.

The group discussed further meeting dates. It was decided that the committee would meet again on **Wednesday March 12 at 12 noon at the Hope Station meeting room on 2407 Memorial Drive. Lunch will be provided.** Paulette agreed to send reminder emails and follow up phone calls to all committee members. Laurie Nelson also agreed to help contact members if necessary.

An update on the Thursday February 20th meeting of the Blue Ribbon Task Force was provided. Martha Are, NC Homeless Policy Specialist, was the guest speaker. It was agreed that she provided a very interesting and useful presentation on Homelessness issues and 10 Year Plan development. Paulette provided the committee members copies of the handouts that Martha Are distributed. We also reviewed the results of the focus groups that were conducted earlier in February. Three focus groups were held; one at the Greenville Community Shelter, one at Flynn Christian Home for Men and one at Zoë House (transitional home for women). The full transcripts of those focus groups are on the Pitt County Website. (A summary of the results of the focus groups is attached to these minutes)

Pam Kesegi mentioned that she found the Jacksonville Florida 10 Year Plan very helpful in laying out the goals and objectives for committees and suggested that committee members review the document. Paulette mentioned that there are links to other 10-Year Plans in North Carolina on our website,

<http://www.pittcountync.gov/depts/planning/homelessness/>. Paulette mentioned that BRTF minutes and other documents are also posted on the site.

The meeting was adorned.