



Partners Ending Homelessness
Implementation Leadership Council
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 10th 2008
11:00 a.m.

- I. Welcome

- II. Review & Approval of Minutes
 - a) August Minutes

- III. Old Business
 - a) Discharge Planning Chair

- IV. New Business
 - a) Greensboro Day Center Update-Co-Chair Willis Johnson Jr.
 - b) Strategic TYP Implementation Interventions Across NC - Guilford County's Process
 - c) Additional items for discussion

- V. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 8th at 11:00 a.m.
The meeting will focus on the cost/benefit analysis progress to date and the development of a fundraising strategy.

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Ten Year Plan Implementation Leadership Council Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2008 @ 11:00 am – Family Service of the Piedmont Board Room

Council Members Present: David Miller, Keith Barsuhn, Karen Bridges, Tom Campbell, Michael McNair, Bobby Smith

Council Members Not Present: Sheriff BJ Barnes, Rev. Odell Cleveland, Mark Konen, Paul Lessard, Donna Newton, Jim Roskelly, Andy Scott

Also Present: Cyndi Blue, Michelle McNair, Rev. Willis Johnson, Jr.

Staff Present: Jehan Benton, Myla Erwin

STATUS OF ASSIGNMENTS FROM LAST MEETING		
WHO	WHAT	STATUS

PROGRESS AND DECISIONS (What key decisions were made during the meeting?)	
SUBJECT	DISCUSSION/DECISIONS
Opening and Welcome	David Miller, Chair opened the meeting at 11:05 am and thanked everyone for attending.
Review & Approval of Minutes ▪ Approval of August 13, 2008 Minutes	Accepted as submitted.
Old Business Discharge Planning	David said that there were two invitations outstanding and no responses had been received to date. He asked Council members to make suggestions for another potential candidate with a vision for the cause and high level of influence in the County. He stressed the importance of this committee and the need to get it up and running as soon as possible.
New Business	

Greensboro Day Center Update – Co-Chair Willis Johnson, Jr.

Rev. Johnson indicated that he pastors Shiloh Baptist Church which is located in the heart of what he termed “social work row,” near Greensboro Urban Ministry, Goodwill and Salvation Army. He told Council members that he previously lived in Kansas City and Indianapolis where he had seen day centers have a tremendous impact on the lives of homeless individuals. In those cities, the centers were located in high traffic areas near the railroad stations, jails and other resources. Those centers offered showers and a one-stop shop for entry level assessments for access to resources. A group of concerned individuals has been meeting regularly in Greensboro, including Councilwoman Bellamy-Small, Commissioner Paul Gibson, representatives from the City of Greensboro, Jehan Benton and others to discuss and plan for a day center in Greensboro. They have convened a Task Force to further pursue this plan.

Rev. Johnson encouraged everyone to look at homelessness as an issue of human resources and human capital. Moving people off of one block onto another or out of one area and into another is not a solution. There needs to be a place where they can go and access the services that will assist them in becoming self-sufficient. As we develop that particular corridor, we must be willing to develop the social capital that exists there.

Acknowledging that it won’t be able to serve the entire homeless population of Greensboro at once, this day center will be developed slowly as a prototype to ensure that it will be sustainable and something that can be recreated in other neighborhoods and localities. He stressed that it must align with the Ten Year Plan and the goal of empowering people and growing healthy communities.

The Day Center Committee has requested funding from the City of Greensboro which should be disbursed before the end of this calendar year. They hope to identify a consultant within the next thirty days to help them organize in a constructive manner, develop a programmatic facility plan and conduct a feasibility study and by the first quarter of 2009, the consultant should be hired. Rev. Johnson added that they are hoping to receive some ongoing support from the County as well as some potential gifting from the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro within 60-90 days. He hoped that the vision would be more tangible by February.

In response to a question from Karen, Rev. Johnson clarified that the Greensboro Day Center will not be a place for people to gather and watch television all day; its primary focus will be on meeting tangible needs. Another issue to consider with such a large homeless population is whether or not the centers operated by Beloved Community Center and Triad Health Project, as well as the planned Mental Health Association of Greensboro, might ultimately be feeder centers. Michelle asked a question about meals being served and offered a suggestion for the group. Jehan

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added that rather than provide evening meals, an up to date listing of sites that served dinner would be maintained and people would be referred to those sites rather than duplicate services.

There was some discussion regarding whether or not the center would have its own Board or be managed by another organization with a similar mission. Keith suggested that utilizing an existing infrastructure would make more funds available for programs. He stated that he would be interested in seeing the results of the feasibility study and if it was determined that an existing organization should spearhead this project or if a new agency should be formed.

Jehan directed the Council’s attention to the list of Strategic Interventions for 10-Year Plans in their packets and reviewed Guilford County’s progress. Of note was Joseph’s House which became part of the Housing First plan in July 2008 by providing single-family scattered site apartments for 5-6 homeless youth between the ages of 18-21. In March Greensboro Housing Authority established a community based program for homeless families and individuals with special needs. SOAR training will be offered in Greensboro on October 1st and 2nd to service provider partners of the Ten Year Plan. In the future Jehan said she would like to be able to offer SOAR Lite training to Executive Directors and offered to copy Michelle and Mike McNair on any information regarding training opportunities. The cost benefit study being prepared by the Jordan Institute at UNC-Chapel Hill is almost complete and we may invite representatives to come and share some of their findings at the next Leadership Council meeting. They have completed their High Point interviews and will begin interviewing in Greensboro soon. Mike McNair mentioned that SHARE of NC is interested in providing housing for rentals and may be able to partner with the Salvation Army in High Point as they work on developing a Rapid Re-Housing program in this city.

**Additional
Items for
Discussion**

Full
Implementation
of the Carolina
Homeless
Information
Network (CHIN)

Keith asked a question about our relationship with HMIS. Karen noted that some agencies have serious issues with CHIN. Any agency in Guilford County that uses HUD funds will be required to use CHIN in order to receive federal funding. Jehan stated that the state was aware of the complaints and was looking at whether or not the problems were related to errors on the part of faulty date entry or programmatic. High Point hired someone to enter the data correctly. She mentioned that HUD had hired a consultant to look into CHIN’s HMIS system. The consultant met with agencies using the system last month to discuss strategies that CHIN currently offers to improve the system.

Discharge Planning	Michelle reported that Goodwill in Greensboro has recently hired a program manager for their project re-entry program to work with ex-offenders and suggested that we contact them to get more information..
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 12:20pm.

ASSIGNMENTS		
WHO	WHAT	WHEN
Council Members	Make Suggestions for Discharge Planning Chair	Immediately
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