

Homelessness and Housing Alliance of Okaloosa and Walton County
Meeting of the Stakeholders
August 24, 2017 - Northwest Florida State College

- I Call to Order - Alonzo Smith, Chair, convened the meeting at 12:03 pm and asked for self-introductions.
- II ATTENDANCE - Directors: Pat Ell, Candy Galindo, Ken Hinrichs, Barb Jones, Dennis Krebs, Tracie Moorer, Tina Odom, Roger Peadro, Alonzo Smith, Ann Sprague, Bill Van Hoessen, and Carrie Ziegler,. Stakeholders: Ginny Barr, Charlotte Burgain, Livonnica Green, Sandra Hoffman, Valerie Houston, Arielle May, Dianne McManus, Stephanie McMinn, Laura Monaghan, Beth Norton, Mark Raiche, Danniele Scott, Ashley Smith, and Chanta Williams. Guests: Diane Jackson and Anne Shaffield. Staff: Dalila Newton, Maggie Tomecek and Sarah Yelverton.
- III MINUTES of Previous Meeting approved. Motion, Dennis Krebs; Second Valerie Houston; Vote Unanimous in support.
- IV FUTURE STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS - Smith led a discussion on Stakeholder meeting locations. Returning to the Fort Walton Beach location, continuance of meetings at Northwest Florida State College (NWFSC), moving the meetings around Okaloosa and Walton County, and other permanent locations were considered. Centrality and lack of expense won out. Motion to continue to meet at NWFSC by Dianne McManus; Second Mark Raiche; vote unanimous in support.
- V PRESENTATIONS
- a. Diane Jackson, local head of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Florida Department of Education discussed the multitude of programs her organization offers to disabled individuals and organizations in the area and distributed brochures and contact information.
 - b. Anne Shafield, head of CareerSource for Okaloosa and Walton Counties, described the many services offered to individuals, employers and organizations in the two counties and distributed program brochures and contact information.
- VI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Sarah Yelverton announced that membership for individuals (\$50), Grant Funded Agencies (\$150-\$750, depending on budget size), and Organizations/Corporations (\$100) was due. Planning for the 2018 Point In Time Count has begun with organization planning meetings scheduled for September. Florida Housing Coalition seminars are available on line at <http://www.flhousing.org>. The RFP for HUD CoC funds has been released and the deadline for application reached. HHA received only one application and it was not from last year's recipient. Yelverton asked the Stakeholders to get back to her with responses to the question of why more organizations are not applying. She discussed the Voluntary Reallocation Policy and announced that One Way Home, the Coordinated Entry System for homeless in our two counties, has been implemented. She distributed a page listing the various access points for One Way Home, as well as a verification form for organizations to determine whether participants in federal and state programs qualify.
- VII ANNOUNCEMENTS – Bill Van Hoessen announced that the 10th Annual Veteran's Stand Down will take place at Striving for Perfection Ministries in Fort Walton Beach on November 3rd. A new feature

this year will be the presentation of a bike to any person attending to help in the process of getting and keeping a job, among other things. Carrie Ziegler announced that the Florida Department of Health will stage Lean On Me events to assist in disaster planning upon scheduling with FLOH.

- VIII Stakeholder meetings for the coming year will take places at NWFSC at noon on November 16 2017, January 18, 2018, April 19, 2018, and June 15, 2018.
- XIII There being no further business, Smith adjourned the meeting at 1:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Ken Hinrichs, Secretary