



North Brevard Coalition Of Human Services

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August 19, 2015 Minutes

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- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Trey Gordon, Chair
- II. OPENING PRAYER:** Don Lennox
- III. INTRODUCTIONS/Welcome:** Trey Gordon, Chair
- IV. MINUTES:** July 15, 2015 Minutes were emailed soon after that meeting. If you did not receive a copy, please email thenbcoalition94@gmail.com and request a copy. Approved as written.
- V. FINANCE REPORT:** Mary Kofil, Treasurer: \$2100.09 balance. Trey informed of \$180 cost for printing new NBCHS Directories available at today's meeting. Asking for donation toward defraying cost of printing @ \$3/copy.
- VI. TOPIC: TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN NORTH BREVARD COUNTY**
 - **Sara Ann Conkling:** Transportation Advocate since 2008. She saw and continues to see needs for better access to transportation for the elderly, the disabled and veterans. Many of the changes that she advocated for have been implemented including doubling the routes on Rt.1, adding a route in Mims. There remains a 'desert' of transportation services in south Titusville and in Port St. John. One of the problems is lack of funding from city council and the county commission toward transportation needs. She is seeking agencies with 'customers' who have unmet transportation needs to be willing to make a 2-3 minute presentation to council or county commissioner about their need, to raise awareness of the need. Sara Ann can be contacted at: 32-633-0716 or saraann7@gmail.com.
 - **Sara Ann Conkling:** There is FL Department of Transportation administered Federal monies available through a Section 5310 Program for Elderly and Persons with Disabilities, a grant to purchase and operate a van. This may be a good option for churches to help with congregation transportation needs on Sundays and for medical and other needs. More information is available at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/transit/pages/final5310capitalassistancemanual2012.20110901.pdf>
 - **Connie Emmons:** offered information about two transportation services organized through Aging Matters. www.AgingMattersBrevard.org or 321-639-8770
 - **Senior TranServe** helps seniors to maintain their independence and quality of life by enabling them to access medical appointments, shop for groceries, etc. Must be 60, ambulatory and place request 7 days in advance of need. Volunteers provide all transportation in their own vehicles.
 - **Vets Driving Vets** helps increase low income veterans access to health care by providing them with safe, dependable transportation to the VA Outpatient Clinic in Viera, other health care providers and basic needs destinations. There is no age requirement, but the veteran must be able to ambulate independently and give a 7 day notice in advance of appointment.
 - **Donations** are accepted for both programs to offset the cost of running this service.
 - **Jeremy Bragdon:** representative from Space Coast Center for Independent Living, a community-based, non-residential, cross-disability, and consumer-controlled organization, serving Brevard County. www.sccil.net 321-633-6011. They operate two vans with lifts and will provide the "Need a Ride" Program to all ages, in the Mims-Titusville area and in the Melbourne-Palm Bay area. There is a fee



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according to mileage: 5 miles = \$5; > 5 miles = \$10; > 10 miles = \$15. Drivers are paid employees. Referrals are on a first call, first serve basis.

VII. NOMINATION OF RECORDING SECRETARY:

- Roben Dunnings accepted the nomination to Recording Secretary and will fulfill this role until elections in November 2015.

VIII. TASK FORCE UPDATES:

- Foster Care- We are working toward a video of 3 families who have fostered. We are gathering a list of materials and resources on Foster Care. Goal is 5 new foster homes in North Brevard County.
- Homelessness/Emergency Shelter-Chair, Trey Gordon.
 - Salvation Army is working toward opening a family shelter by the end of the year. Salvation Army and 40 Days of Generosity will be the funding strategy.
 - North Brevard Charities is looking at a new shelter of individuals across from the Salvation Army
 - Tara Pagliarini is leading the Emergency Shelter Network toward organizing all shelters county-wide. Want to put into place a plan for “rapid rehousing” of homeless individuals and families.
- Job Creation/Employment- Chair, Nancy Oliver.
 - First goal was to find summer employment for teens and in conjunction with Rev. Dames. 30 teens found employment this summer!
 - Job Fair on Tuesday September 15, 2015 at Harry T. Moore Service Center. Have commitments from Winn-Dixie, Walmart, Publix, Home Depot, Lowes, and Ace Hardware. If your agency would like to be there, contact Yvonne. (see scanned flyer)
- Harry T. Moore Service Center Board- Chair Trey Gordon.
 - The City Council has agreed to offer office space to non-profits for zero cost. 3 have been leased. This is an incredible opportunity-let’s take advantage of it.
 - Looking for sponsors for Thursday Free Meal program for September 3rd and 17th. They have meal plans to feed 150 at a cost of \$200, serving from 4:00-5:00pm, with a minimum of 7 volunteers.

IX. COMMUNITY REMINDERS:

- September 29th Titusville City Council is hosting “Homeless Workshop” from 5:30-7:30pm. This is the meeting Matt Barringer asked that we strongly support.

X. AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS: *(Please submit your flyers and brochures for scanning and emailing)*

- Many announcements were provided, see attached scanned handouts.

XI. PASS THE HAT – \$91.50

XII. CLOSING PRAYER- Nancy Oliver, Vice Chair

XIII. NEXT MEETING-

- **Executive:** 1st Friday, September 4, 2015, Sunrise Bakery, 8:30am.
- **General:** 3rd Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at Harry T. Moore Service Center, Titusville, 10 am.



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