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Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, November 8, 2018

“New Directions Community Resource Center Stakeholders Meeting”

- CoC Chair Laressa Witt started the meeting. Introductions were made. Deloris Taylor and Adolph Thomas were noted as County and City representatives working with the funding for the Resource Center. Funding comes from a Community Development Block Grant from Hurricane Matthew. The purpose of the resource center will be to deal with “whole person care.”
- Laressa Witt and Deloris Taylor presented information via powerpoint (that was sent out via email to all stakeholders with these minutes). There is \$3.8 million towards construction of the Community Resource Center. A site for this center has not been determined. Has to be linked to the disaster from Hurricane Matthew. City and County toured center in Columbia, SC. There has to be a separation from the sleeping area and the eating area and from the food prep area.
- Laressa gave instructions as to the group activity following the powerpoint presentation. Everyone was divided into groups and went to each poster to give input. (see below for the content of those posters). Topics were: Housing, Spirituality, Basic Needs, Employment, Whole Health, and Well Being. Reminder that our goal is rare, brief and non-re-occurring homelessness.
- After discussion, each poster was read out loud for the group.
- Next steps are finding partnerships with agencies. City and County have applied to the state for this and should hear something by November 15th.
- Shared thought from the floor was that if the city/county/partners didn't put operational funding behind this then it would not be sustainable. Mandatory participation is prohibited was shared.
- Deloris shared that the Request for Proposal for someone to manage will be available.
- A questionnaire will be sent out to see how agencies will partner with this in the next couple of months.
- The state has to do an environmental review at least a year beforehand.