

**OKALOOSA WALTON HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE/
OPPORTUNITY, INC.**

FWB Chamber of Commerce Building

May 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nate Smith. Those present included: Duane St. John, St. Andrews; Judy Byrne Riley, WDB; Jackie Pilcher, Rosewood Realty/Crewe of Chameleons; Bill Garvie, CDC; Randy Fleming, DCF; Janice Thomas, DCF; Pat Franklin, DCF; Michelle Sperzel, Shelter House; Aaron Thrush, Sharing and Caring/FWB; Tracie Garvie, Fresh Start BOD; Ginny Glenn Barr, MHA; Charity Parker, COPE; Denise Buscavage, Crestview Community of Christ; Tom Buscavage, Crestview Community of Christ; Yvonne Franklin, First Presbyterian; John Parrott, HOPE Network; Doug Smith, Haven House; Butch McKay, OASIS; Jeff Rascon, OASIS; Mary Hauge, St. Simons Episcopal; JoAnn Gorsach, St. Simons Episcopal; Lydia Baron, C of C; Nate Smith.

The minutes were approved as presented. The Treasurer's Report was given by Lydia Baron and approved.

The Annual Strategic Plans were given for various areas:

The Emergency Shelter Plan was given by Yvonne Franklin. She reported the shelters were open for 42 nights this past winter, with seven churches participating. In 2002 they were opened 47 times with three churches, so this is an improvement. The program served up to 67 people each night. The problems of drugs and alcohol were constant but contained.

The Transitional Shelter Plan was delivered by Tracie Garvie, Fresh Start, speaking for Executive Director Marianne She invited everyone to a Grand Opening at the end of June for ten units, including a computer lab, garden and three units for Veterans (housing up to five) who will pay a small amount. There is a plan to hire a Case Manager, allowing Director Marianne..... to direct her time toward overall management.

The Veteran's Affairs Plan was delivered by Ginny Barr (see attached).

The Health Care Plan was delivered by Lydia in the absence of Carrie Ziegler (see attached).

The reports are on the web (www.okaloosawaltonhomeless.com) and all are asked to comment there. Nate thanked all the members of the committees that produced the strategic plans.

In lieu of a Director's Report, Chairman Smith commented on the stimulus dollars and their timing, the award process and the importance of transparency. He noted the Challenge Grant dollars that are still unspent and promised that unspent dollars on May 15 will be redistributed; this excludes planned expenditures that will be claimed by invoice by May 25th as long as those planned expenditures are given to Lenore by May 15th.

Smith revisited the C of C's journey which began over four months ago to set up a Transitional Housing/Shelter on Lovejoy Road. He noted that the current owner of the property, CDC/SHIP will have "no funding" [sic] this coming year and they are planning

on deeding over the property to some non-profit entity. Gregg's Chapel is interested in obtaining the property and would use it for housing for the elderly. The group unanimously expressed the strong desire that the C of C should own the property and continue its plan of housing for families and women. There is a meeting on May 5th with all parties and Smith will represent C of C.

Doug Smith from Haven House reported that the property is for sale for \$3,000,000 (www.havenhouse.net). The details on the property/use are: the property is being used for drug and alcohol rehabilitation, there is a Thrift Shop that operates and has a monthly gross income of \$37,000 (net \$15,000), the owner would do a long term lease, there is no money owed on the property, it is on five acres of land with seventeen units, housing four people per unit with one bathroom/unit. Smith will take the project to the Executive Board for discussion. Pilcher will put out the MLS information to the board via the Chairman.

One Hot Button Issue: Judy Byrne Riley made a motion to nominate Lenore Wilson for the Okaloosa County Women's Hall of Fame. It was seconded by Jackie Pilcher and passed unanimously with "hurray's" from the members.

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Byrne Riley
Member