

MEETING MINUTES

**Town of Waynesville
Task Force on Homelessness**

Thursday, September 3, 2020

6:00—7:30 PM EST

**Locations:
Public Services Building
129 Legion Drive**

Zoom Option

Meeting Facilitator:	Amy Murphy-Nugen	
TOW TFH Members Roster		
✓ Police Chief David Adams (proxy Tyler Trantham)	✓ Commissioner Kevin Ensley	✓ Amy Murphy-Nugen (Chair)
✓ Juleah Berliner	✓ Keri Guidry	Linda Nulsen
✓ Dale Burris	Bill Guy	Theresa Pierce
✓ Nathan Cartwright	✓ Mandy Haithcox	Joey Reece
✓ Sheriff Greg Christopher or appointee	Laura Howell	✓ Joslyn Schaefer
✓ Bob Cummings	✓ Jon Lynn McDermott	✓ Alderman Anthony Sutton
✓ Patsy Davis	Neese Morris	✓ Brandon Wilson

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Amy Murphy-Nugen opened the meeting and welcomed Task Force and community members; the meeting was hybrid both in-person and online via Zoom. Chair Amy Murphy-Nugen opened space for people to introduce action items. Brandon W. introduced a resource and outreach idea including backpacks filled with sleeping bags, hygiene, and other items that may be useful for people experiencing homelessness. Brandon shared that Veteran's Services has some funding to use to purchase items to fill outreach backpacks and suggest that as an action items that the Task Force take on. He shared there is funding for Veteran's and non-veterans to receive outreach bags. Mandy shared updates on the 'Holy Cow' food truck. Joslyn reported on a conversation with a property owner in Frog Level she had recently in which he was highly

frustrated and upset about property destruction. Dale shared property crime in Allen's Creek has become an issue due to people breaking into overgrown homes. Chair Murphy-Nugen thanked members for sharing this feedback and encouraged folks to think about how working groups might respond.

Approval of Minutes, August 20, 2020

Joslyn motioned to approve the minutes, and the motion was approved.

Work Plan & Process

Chair Amy Murphy-Nugen and other members provided the following updates: Hannah will be working with ABCCM in Haywood and provide outreach/case management services to people experiencing homelessness.

Chair Amy Murphy-Nugen provided a CDC update on a new eviction moratorium notice. Tenants who are being evicted can sign a statement for protection. More information will be provided September 4, 2020 from the CDC. Chair Murphy-Nugen has a meeting set up to speak with Alderman Feichter to plan a listening session for neighbors who are being impacted by homelessness in the community/neighborhood.

An NC Care 360 update was provided and Chair Murphy-Nugen offered to connect people to NC Care 360 if they have an interest. A suggestion was made that the Task Force consider promoting NC Care 360 to providers in Waynesville and Haywood and encourage its use in the community.

The Task Force discussed working groups and narrowed the 9 groups that had been identified into 5. No group was dissolved, and 4 groups were combined into other existing groups. The five working groups include:

1. Health (includes physical, mental/behavioral health—including substance use)
2. Economic Stability (business support, employment/income support—amended to include affordable housing)
3. Community and Social Connection (homeowner support, support systems, social cohesion—amended to include veteran support)
4. Education (prevention, early intervention)
5. Eviction & Foreclosure // Crisis Response // Winter Preparation

Task Force members and community members in attendance split into working groups. Members were assigned according to the interest they identified at the last meeting.

After breaking into work groups for approximately 40 minutes and answering introductory questions, working groups then came back together and reported leads, when they are meeting, who will serve as note taker, and who currently is participating on each work group:

Work Group	Lead	Note-taker	Current Members	Next Mtg. Date/Time
Health	Juleah	Hannah	Juleah Hannah Ronnie Shawn	Sept. 16 5 to 6 PM
Economic Stability	Alderman Sutton	Joslyn	Alderman Sutton Chief Adams Tyler Jon Lynn Joslyn	Sept. 15 2 PM
Community & Social Cohesion	Keri	Mandy	Mandy Keri Nathan Dale Jonathan	Sept 17 6 PM
Education	Bob & Patsy	Bob	Bob Patsy Steve	TBD
Eviction, Foreclosure, Crisis Response & Winter Prep	Brandon	Vicki	Commissioner Ensley Brandon Vicky	Sept 17 4 PM

Work groups will invite additional members from the community to join. In addition, data collection and crisis response should be integrated across all work groups.

Defining Homelessness

The decision was made to move this agenda item to the next Task Force meeting so Chief Adams could be in attendance for this discussion as he proposed it be on the agenda.

Actions Between Now & Next Meeting

All working groups will meet on their own between now and next meeting. Note takers have been identified. Work group leads are asked to provide a brief progress update at the next Task Force meeting on Thurs. Sept. 24th.

Anticipated Items for Next Meeting Agenda

Defining Homelessness

Working Group Updates

Set Backpack Packing Date for Outreach Bags

NC Care 360 Promote to Providers

*Note: Meeting frequency and length of meetings-to be revisited in early October

Adjournment

Dale made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was approved.

Additional Information:

The Task Force on Homelessness is committed to providing opportunities for community feedback.

Community members: Please feel welcome to provide feedback here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TFHSept3Feedback>



Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy Murphy-Nugen on September 8, 2020.