

Brunswick County Board of Commissioners 8/21/17

OBSERVER REPORTING - League of Women Voters, Lower Cape Fear

Highlight: Health and Human Services – Tri-County Homeless Interagency Council Annual Report available

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on August, 21, 2017, beginning at 6:00 pm in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the David R. Sandifer Building in the County Government Center in Bolivia. All commissioners were present including: Randy Thompson, Martin Cooke, Pat Sykes, Mike Forte, Frank Williams. Staff present included the County Manager, Ann Hardy. An agenda was posted prior to the meeting. The Wilmington Star News was present.

Agenda discussion topics relevant to LWV positions/programs:

The Continuum of Care Administration made an informational presentation to the Commissioners regarding the Health and Human Services – Tri-County Homeless Interagency Council Annual Report. **Background and purpose of report:** “The Tri-County Homeless Interagency Council is the Cape Fear Area’s HUD – approved homeless Continuum of Care (NC-506) encompassing Brunswick, New Hanover, and Pender Counties. The Continuum of Care is an alliance of service providers, local government agencies, and other public interests whose common goal is the reduction and ultimate elimination of homelessness in the Cape Fear Region. Beginning in 1995, HUD encouraged the establishment of Continua of Care in order to coordinate services and housing resources for those experiencing homelessness. On an annual basis, our CoC brings in approximately \$1 million in federal, state, and local funds to provide emergency services and housing to individuals and families who are homeless. With the passage of the HEARTH Act in 2009 and the Opening Doors federal strategic plan to end homelessness, Continua of Care are required to have an administrative backbone and further align their sources of federal, state, and local dollars. In an effort to meet the expectations of federal and state partners, the Cape Fear Council of Governments is now staffing a CoC Administrator. The COG provides administrative support to the CoC in the form of: ensuring regular meetings of the full Tri-HIC and its sub-committees.” A link to the full report can be found in the agenda link above.

Observer: JoAnne Stevenson

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