HAYWOOD COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION

January 14, 2014
4:00 p.m.
Planning Department Conference Room
157 Paragon Parkway
Clyde, NC

Agenda

I. Opening Remarks – Chairman Mark Swanger

II. Former Department of Corrections Facility in Hazelwood
   a. Dale Burris – Facilities and Maintenance Director – Current
      Site and Proposed Demolition – ATTACHMENT 1
   b. Power Point Presentations –
      i. Haywood Christian Emergency Shelter –
         ATTACHMENT 2
      ii. Next Step Ministries – ATTACHMENT 3
   c. Commissioner Discussion and Direction

III. Former Haywood County Hospital Facility
    a. Dale Burris – Facilities and Maintenance Director – Current
       Site Description
    b. Commissioner Discussion and Direction

IV. Adjourn
Attachment 2
Haywood Christian Emergency Shelter
How it all began:

- November 2008 Patsy Dowling calls community meeting of government officials, churches and community non-profit organizations.

- The purpose of the meeting was to identify where in our community people could find assistance with food, heat and shelter.

- The churches at the meeting were asked to meet and see if they could discover a solution for the need for emergency shelter. Two weeks later, a dozen churches started Haywood Counties first ever shelter.
Our present model:

- We are an emergency shelter that opens on November 1st and closes April 30th.

- Volunteers pick up guests from the Open Door in Waynesville and from the Community Kitchen in Canton after being fed each evening.

- A paid, trained and licensed security officer stays up all night to provide security. We also have a security camera system.

- In the morning, all guests are assigned chores that help keep the facilities clean and orderly.

- Throughout the year, we partner with Department of Social Services and Mountain Projects to come and do an assessment of each guest.

- To ensure the safety of the guests, volunteers and security each guest must submit to a Breathalyzer and drug test upon entering the shelter.
Vital Statistics:

- Over the past 5 years, we have helped many people.
- In 2008, we served 85 unique individuals. Of those, 40 finished the season no longer homeless.
- In 2009, we served 90 unique individuals. Of those, 43 finished the season no longer homeless.
- In 2010, we served 85 unique individuals. Of those, 42 finished the season no longer homeless.
- In 2011, we served 80 unique individuals. Of those, 39 finished the season no longer homeless.
In 2012, we served 72 unique individuals. Of those, 37 finished the season no longer homeless.

In the first two months of the 2013 season, we have served 30 unique individuals. Of those, 10 are no longer homeless.

To date, our accumulative guests list includes 442 unique individuals. Of those, 210 are no longer homeless.

Our youngest guest has been 3 month's old with our oldest being 87 years old.
Current Budget:

- Last year’s income was $41,438.59.
  
  A. The bulk of our income comes from contributions from **local churches**.
  
  B. The other two streams of income are **fundraisers** and donations from **individuals**.
Last year’s expenses were $39,030.92

A. 52% of which goes to pay for security
B. 27% of which pays our part-time director
C. 12% of which is utilities for Camp New Life
D. 14% is supplies (such as drug tests) and administrative costs
E. 5% of which is insurance
Moving Forward:

- We believe we can make a much greater impact by going to a **permanent shelter** model.

- We need to move to a new facility.

- We are asking for a long-time lease on one of the open squad bays at the old prison.

- We are asking for a long-time lease on the other open squad bay at the old prison for Hands up (halfway house).

- With 79% of our budget being spent on security and our director, we could experience significant savings if we were to share these two functions with the halfway house.

- Many of our homeless guests experience the same needs and difficulties as those who would be in the halfway house.
Present Board Members:

- President, Nick Honerkamp, Pastor of New Covenant Church
- Vice President, Jimmy Huey, Pastor of Lake Junaluska First Baptist Church
- Secretary, Alice Ensley, Open Door
- Patsy Dowling, Director of Mountain Projects
- Perry Hines, Director of the Open Door
- Beverly Brock, Director of Community Kitchen
Wilson Strickhausen, Waynesville First Methodist Church

Matthew Carver, Pastor of His Church

Director, Russ McLamb
Present partners:

- Open Door
- Community Kitchen
- Mountain Projects
- Department of Social Services
- Haywood Baptist Association
- Haywood Community College – Career Connections
Meridian Behavioral Services
Haywood Christian Ministries
Circles of Hope
Hands up (Halfway House)
Haywood County Sheriff Department
Waynesville Police Department
A.B.C.C.M.’s Veterans Rapid Re-housing
Attachment
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Next Step Ministry
A LOCAL 501c3, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
MISSION STATEMENT

• Next Step Ministry is a Christ-centered HUB for those seeking help who are challenged by life's circumstances; whether by incarceration, substance abuse, or poor life choices. Our mission is to provide a network that will inspire regeneration through breakthroughs and offer life skills that will achieve immediate and lasting transformation.
VISION-SHORT TERM GOAL

• To provide Half-way Houses in Haywood County lodging both men and women.
BENEFITS OF A HALF-WAY HOUSE

• Meets an ongoing and unmet need in Haywood County.
• Produces self-motivating and self-sustaining members of society.
• Produces future taxpayers for our local communities and county.
• Reduces local jail recidivism rate; saving taxpayers an estimated $30 a day per inmate.
• Complements available resources in community, rather than compete with them.
• Reduces need for foster parenting, saving NC tax dollars.
PRIMARY TARGET OF THE HALF-WAY HOUSE

• Ex-offenders – both men and women.
WHY EX-OFFENDERS?

• For every person incarcerated, there are at least 3 to 5 other individuals directly affected- spouses or mates, children, parents / grandparents, siblings…etc. Thus placing a strain on federal, state, and local assistance programs or agencies.

• Reduces future risk of children following in steps of incarcerated parents. The current stats reveal there is an 85% chance children with incarcerated parents will at some point be incarcerated.

• In 2013, the recidivism rate for Haywood County Detention Center was.

• Fact: Un-regenerated Ex-offenders do become our neighbors; whether we like it or not.
OTHER PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE:

• Substance Abusers or those suffering from addictive behaviors.
• High School drop-outs.
PROGRAM INSIGHT

• Application into the program is voluntary.
• An assessment form is completed by potential participants before entering the program.
• The assessment form determines the recommended amount of time spent in the program to achieve the clients short term goals.
• The estimated cost per house resident is $30 per day.
PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Participants invest personally through the maintenance of the home as well as other daily responsibilities.
- Provides structure through a set daily routine.
- Generates personal pride and self-esteem.
- Promotes healthy boundaries for relationships and life choices.
- Various degrees of support to be given: Computer classes, acquiring GED, discipleship and life skill classes.
PROPOSED SITE FOR HALF-WAY HOUSE

• The old Department of Corrections property, adjacent to Haywood County Detention Center.

• Close proximity to Detention Center allows a released inmate immediate access to the Half-way house program or access to the available network of resources that best fits their most pressing and current need.
ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT

• To bring the property up to local building code –approximately $40k per building.
• Next Step Ministry requires 2 buildings; one for men residents and one for women residents.
PROJECT FUNDING

• Next Step Ministry will incur cost of building renovations – estimated at $80k.
PROPOSED LEASE

• Next Step Ministry is proposing a 10 year lease on the facility requesting a 6 month notification before end of lease as a reminder of lease renewal.

• Formal lease to be reviewed by an attorney.