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*Louisa County Interagency Council*  
Virginia Cooperative Extension Meeting Room  
May 8, 2014  
9:30am

MINUTES

**Individuals Present:**

Sara Pennington, RideShare; Whitney Deane, Louisa County CSA; Heather Boe, Piedmont CASA, Alicia Lenahan, Piedmont CASA; Lisa Rengers, DHS/Reentry Council; Stephen Davis, Community Investment Collaborative; Marguerite David, Piedmont Houses Alliance; Amanda Reidelbach, VDEM; Joy Dickens, Goshen Baptist Association/RuraLove; Stephanie Koren, BOS; Wendy Morris, MACAA; Laurien Jeffers, Volunteers of Louisa & Louisa Employment Center; Nikki Dinunzi, Probation and Parole; Becky Peterson, Louisa County Resource Council; Susan Colvin, VCE Family Nutrition Program; Willie Gentry, BOS; Robin Hoover, Shelter for Help in Emergency.

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 9:30am by Sara Pennington, Chair of the LIAC.

**Introductions**

Individuals introduced themselves

**Presentation**

Marguerite David, Manager, Fair Housing, Piedmont Housing Alliance

- Seven Days video was shown
  - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0EKo5rBBzpl>
  - This gripping, award winning film, developed by Nationwide in conjunction with the National Fair Housing Alliance, and produced by Animal, tells the story of seven days that changed America. From the horrible assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King on April 4, 1968, to the passage of the Fair Housing Act on April 11, 1968, America's cities were in turmoil - its people looking for some sign of hope. President Johnson compelled Congress to move hastily to pass sweeping civil rights legislation in an effort to demonstrate to the American people that Dr. King's dream would live on. The Fair Housing Act, drafted by then Senators Ed Brooke and Walter Mondale, would become a cornerstone of the Civil Rights Act.
- Under Fair Housing laws, every person is assured the opportunity to build a better life in the home or apartment of their choice;
- Fair housing laws protect everyone from discrimination in housing based on:
  - Race;

- Color;
- Religion;
- National origin;
- Sex/gender;
- Disability (physical and mental);
- Presence of children in the family under 18.
- Criminal history is not a protected class under Fair Housing;
- Landlords are permitted to ask potential tenants:
  - For references;
  - Proof of income.
- Piedmont Housing Alliance's job is to help people access housing and to help those that are treated unfairly;
- Piedmont Housing received 5 calls from Louisa last year regarding Fair Housing/Landlord issues.
- **Encourage clients to call Piedmont Housing Alliance's Regional Fair Housing Education and Outreach Program at 434-817-2436 ext. 123 to ask specific questions.**

## **New Business**

- a. Agency updates

### Reentry Council

- Intake begins Friday, May 9, 2014
  - Appointment times are 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30.
- Intake will be on the second and fourth Fridays of each month;
- Intake is for Louisa residents that would like to make a change in their life and they must have been incarcerated during their life

### Volunteers of Louisa

- Attended the Community Extravangza to represent the Volunteers of Louisa as well as the Interagency Council;
- 20 new volunteers signed up for the Volunteers of Louisa at the event.

### Piedmont Court Appointment Special Advocates (CASA)

- There are currently seven volunteers serving six cases in Louisa;
- There is currently one Louisa volunteer awaiting a case assignment;
- Two more volunteers, who will serve the Louisa area, will be inducted in Charlottesville the week of May 12-16.

### Community Investment Collaborative (CIC)

- Helps entrepreneurs start small businesses or helps businesses grow bigger;
- Serves the Thomas Jefferson Planning District;

- There is a 17-week program to help people that are currently operating or plan to start a business. The cost for the program is \$750- there are scholarships available based on need.

#### Piedmont Housing Alliance

- There are changes to the guidelines for CAAR Workforce's Housing Fund program that is available to local residents who are fire fighters, nurses, police officers and teachers;
- The programs helps eligible homebuyers with down payment and closing costs;
- For more information call Piedmont Housing at 434-817-2436.

#### VDEM

- Hurricane season begins on June 1, 2014;
- Families should be prepared to sustain themselves for at least 72 hours in the event a disaster occurs;
- Everyone is encouraged to prepare an emergency kit. Information on what should be included in a kit should include can be found at [www.readyvirginia.gov](http://www.readyvirginia.gov);

#### Goshen Baptist Association/RuraLove

- Contact Goshen Baptist Association if you would like to be trained in disaster preparedness.

#### JAUNT Friends

- Raised \$1000 in the Give for Good campaign that was held on May 6, 2014.

#### RideShare

- Hosted the Clean Commute day on May 2;
- 141 people pledged to use a commute option other than driving alone for at least one day this spring.

#### Resource Council

- Raised \$1700 in the Give for Good campaign that was held on May 6, 2014.

#### Other

- Willie Gentry reports that \$5000 for the Interagency Council was added to the proposed budget.

#### **Old Business**

- a. Subcommittee updates

#### Board of Supervisors Subcommittee

- Agencies were encouraged to sign up for presentations to the Board of Supervisors

Other

- Agencies were encouraged to share the link for the Louisa County infographic on social media sights, agency webpages, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35am