



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

NO ACTION

BCC Mtg. Date: Mar. 1, 2016

February 18, 2016

TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
And
Board of County Commissioners

THRU: George A. Ralls, M.D. Deputy County Administrator *GR*

FROM: Michelle Chapin, Special Assistant to the Mayor *MC*
Homeless and Housing Solutions

SUBJECT: Homelessness, Affordable Housing, Crisis Assistance, and
East Orange Samaritan Resource Center Update
Discussion Agenda Item - March 1, 2016

On March 1, the Board will be presented with an update on homelessness and affordable housing in Orange County, and the Crisis Assistance Program's role as part of the County's safety net of services. The presentation will provide an overview of the issue and describe recent progress in moving towards solutions at the regional and local level.

The presentation will also include an update on the East Orange Samaritan Resource Center, as described in Commissioner Edwards' attached memorandum.

The presentation is informational only. No Board action will be requested.

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Attachment



To: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
From: Commissioner Ted Edwards, District 5
Date: February 10, 2016
Re: **Samaritan Resource Center Update**

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The Samaritan Resource Center provides vital services for many homeless individuals living in East Orange County. As you may recall, Orange County acquired the site for the center on the corner of East SR 50 and Dean Road in 2012 using Community Development Block Grant funding. Since its opening, this “drop-in center” has provided showers, haircuts, food, clothing, medical screenings, and other services for over 6,500 clients. The center is operated by a coalition of local churches including Grace Journey Community Church, Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, University Presbyterian Church, and Woodbury Presbyterian Church and is a prime example of the benefits of a public-private partnership.

In light of the Board discussion on the issue of homelessness scheduled for March 1, I believe it would be productive to hear an update from County Staff and officials from Samaritan Resource describing the center’s goals, services, and successes over the past four years.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Cc: Board of County Commissioners
Ajit M. Lalchandani, County Administrator
Dr. Christopher Hunter, Director, Health Services
Donna Wyche, Division Manager, Mental Health and Homeless Issues