

MONTHLY IMPACT REPORT MARCH 2016



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March Highlights:

- 244 In-Home Respite hours provided through Family Caregiver Support Program
- Local Contact Agency program made in-reach visits to 5 facilities; 8 new referrals were initiated from the Raleigh call center; and 2 follow-up visits were made.
- 5 Reverse Mortgage Counseling sessions provided
- Ombudsman program made visits to 14 facilities; received 11 new investigations; closed 8 cases; provided 3 resident's rights trainings; provided 1 training on Elder Abuse; and provided technical assistance to 22 individuals

Home and Community Care Block Grant:

- 14,881 Meals served
- 4,354 Hours of In-Home Aide service
- 12 Housing and Home Improvement projects
- 999 Medical and General Transportation Trips provided
- 177 Adult Day Care/Health days of service
- 38 Hours of Legal Assistance provided

On April 19, 2016, President Obama signed into law the Older Americans Act (OAA) reauthorization. The Area Agency on Aging is very grateful to the President, Members of Congress, and their staff who have worked tirelessly to pass this important piece of legislation. We particularly want to thank the President for his support of older persons and individuals with disabilities. The legislation includes many important provisions which seek to modernize the OAA to reflect the current and future realities of the Aging Network. The Act promotes state flexibility, person-centeredness, and cultural and linguistic competence in the administration and delivery of OAA services. We are very pleased and supportive of the increased funding authorizations for crucial OAA services. The last OAA reauthorization occurred in 2006 and expired in 2011. Please join the AAA and WPCOG in celebrating this critical milestone for older persons and individuals with disabilities.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Sherry Long

Rick Oxford
Sam Erwin
Leah Martin
Laurie Powell
Lisa Helton
Ken Hollar
Jennifer Cannon
Melissa Grant
Kim Duncan

March Highlights:

	Total	Alexander	Burke	Caldwell	Catawba	Iredell - Lincoln
Mortgage Payment Program Loans Closed:	7	0	2	3	1	1
Homeowner Foreclosure Preventions:	4	0	0	2	2	0
1st Time Homebuyer Loans Closed:	14	0	1	5	8	0
Housing Rehab Loans Closed:	0	0	0	0	0	0
Urgent Repairs Completed:	2	0	0	2	0	0

	Total	Alexander	Burke	Caldwell	Catawba	Regional
Grant Preapplications:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grants/Loans Submitted:	\$120,975	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$120,975	\$0
Grants/Loans Awarded:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

IT/GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Scott Miller

Daniel Ezell
Tom Bell
Todd Stroupe
Trey Schweitzer

March Highlights:

City of Hickory

- Zoning Enforcement AGOL Application: The application allows the user to create a point location of the infraction and/or illegal sign, enter attribute data, and then download the data into a spreadsheet to create a monthly report
- Trash Pick-up AGOL Application: allows the public to search for a Hickory address and identify the day of the week for garbage pickup at that location

Mapping support

- Town of Sawmills, Town of Catawba, Town of Taylorsville, Sawmills Comprehensive Plan, Claremont Comprehensive Plan, WPCOG Community and Economic Development Department and Environmental Planning Department

Maiden

- Completed electric collection & added rotation to water-valve features in SDE
- Initiated QA process for Maiden electric with their staff

Help Desk Tickets

Category	# of Tickets
Maintenance / AV / Facilities	28
Data Administrative	3
End User Support	22
Map Requests	14
Applications Programming	4
Data Requests	3
Management Tasks	14
Greenway Passenger Samplings Trips	20
Maiden GIS features Collected	2,507

PLANNING DIVISION

John Marshall
 Johnny Wear
 Taylor Dellinger
 Teresa Kinney
 Elinor Hiltz
 Erin Schotte
 Cody Money maker

March Highlights:

Planning

- Attended 16 Commission, Council & Planning Board meetings
- Assisted in facilitation of Drexel planning session
- Prepared final elements of Granite Falls PARTF application
- Met with NCDOT District 13 Engineers concerning Rutherford College's transportation challenges
- Conditional use Hearing/site plan review for Weaver-Kirkland on an 80 unit senior apartment complex in Hudson
- Conducted public hearing in Rutherford College for Solicitation Ordinance
- Analyzed results of Sawmills Comprehensive Plan citizen survey
- Facilitated Catawba EDC presentation for Claremont's Comprehensive Plan

Transportation

- Sponsored Locally Administered Projects training
- Presentation to Catawba County Commissioners on Western Piedmont Bicycle Plan
- I-40 Design Review Meeting
- Met with developers regarding Improvements to US 321

- MPO TAC, TCC and Greenway Transportation Meetings
- Met with the City of Newton to discuss sidewalk project

Data

- Answered 63 requests for data
- Completed data model for the 2015 Base Year population and household estimates for the Hickory MPO Traffic Analysis Zones
- Attended first Burke Health Network Data Committee Meeting
 - Became chair of the Burke Health Data Committee
- Completed analysis of population & employment estimates and projections for the Morganton Water Service area & Wastewater Basin area
- Completed 2016 ARC Distressed Census Tract Maps for Burke and Caldwell Counties
- Completed analysis of Hickory MSA workers employed over the last ten years by educational attainment, gender and type of work

Environmental

- Held quarterly Unifour Air Quality Committee meeting
- Attended the Water Resource Research Institute Conference
- Hosted annual STEM tour for Maiden Middle School students

REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

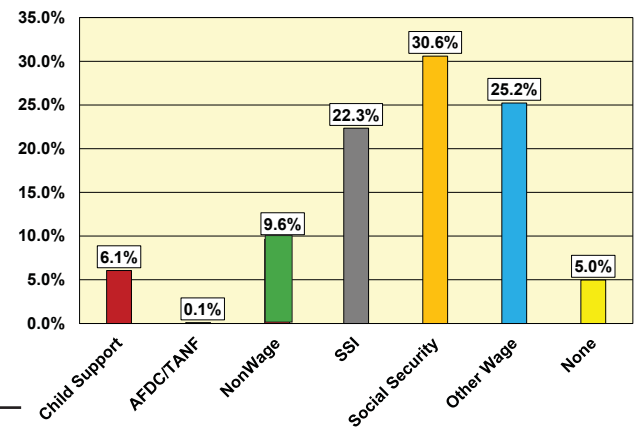
Stephanie Hanvey
 Autumn Hight
 Vicky Abernethy
 JoAnn Parlier
 Kala Guido
 Elizabeth Moncrief
 Mary Thomas
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March Highlights:

- Units Leased-1,016, out of 1,074 Maximum
- In office client meetings-120
- Inspections completed-164
- Vouchers issued-45
- Total Vouchers pending-66
- Current Waiting List-83
- Congratulation letters mailed-0
- Paid on tenant behalf-\$398,875.00
- Average HAP amount per tenant-\$392.59

Chart Acronyms: AFDC/TANF - Aid to Families with Dependant Children / Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. SSI - Social Security Income

Primary Income Demographic Data Report



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Wendy Johnson
 April Lail
 Elizabeth Hilliard
 Donna Gilbert
 Cynthia Conboy
 Matthew Xiong

March Highlights:

Workforce Services	Total	Comments
Scholarships Issued	107	Job seekers currently receiving training scholarships
On-the-Job-Training (OJT) placements	19	On-the-Job-Training (OJT) placements
NCWorks Career Centers - Individual Services	9,570	(Services=Job Referral, Job Placement, Resume Prep, Career Guidance...etc)
NCWorks Career Centers - Employer Services	470	(Services=OJT, On-Site Visit-Technical Assistance-Recruitment Events...etc)
Recruitment Events	11	Staff assisted Recruitment events either at a Career Center or Employer Site

