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Terry, Hanes co-sponsor poverty bill

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FOR THE CHRONICLE

Two Forsyth County state House members are co-sponsoring a bill to create a statewide poverty task. That measure has been currently referred to House Appropriations Committee for review.

Representatives Evelyn Terry and Edward Hanes Jr. are among the co-sponsors of HB 410 – “Root Out Poverty/Task Force Funds” is listed as “an act creating a statewide poverty task force, establishing two new personnel positions in the Department of Health and



Hanes



Terry

Human Services dedicated to poverty reduction and economic recovery, and appropriating funds for those purposes.”

In establishing the poverty task force, the bill reads in part that “... poverty in this state is

widespread, especially among minorities and in rural areas and other parts of the state that have lost significant numbers of jobs.”

The bill continues that, “a statewide coordinated effort is

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EAST WINSTON



Photo by Tevin Stinson

Local business owner Kenya Thorton looks over a map of East Winston with Ayers Saint Gross representative Amber Wendland during a community forum on Thursday, March 23.

Stakeholders question future for East Winston

Residents voice frustrations and fears of being pushed out of community by city’s master plan

BY TEVIN STINSON
THE CHRONICLE

This summer, stakeholders in East Winston will have the opportunity to map out the future of the neighborhood where they live, work, and play.

But some in the community believe they are developing their own demise.

Late last month, representatives from Ayers Saint Gross, a Baltimore-based design firm, held the first of a series of workshops and listening sessions with various people and organizations to find out what they would like

the future of their community to look like.

For two days, planners and other members of the Ayers Saint Gross team met with city officials, residents, business owners, nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, and possible investors in the East Winston area to discuss future planning, and growth for the area. During the workshop, sponsored by Wake Forest Innovation Quarter, City Council Member and East Ward Representative Derwin Montgomery said the goal of the partnership is to build a vision for the east end based on community engagement and support.

“This is your plan. The things that are said here today will spark energy into the future of this area,” said Montgomery. “The small sessions and workshops we’re having all come back to the point of what does the neighborhood have to say. Everything you say here today is vital.”

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Funding for infant health program will end

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

A program that helped Forsyth County reach historically low infant mortality rates will see its current funding end this year.

The Nurse-Family Partnership is an initiative of the Forsyth County Health Department, in which nurses visit the homes of vulnerable first-time mothers living in poverty. The visits start early in pregnancy and continue until the child’s second birthday with the goal of improving pregnancy outcomes, child health and development, and family self-sufficiency. The program greatly reduced preventable deaths for both the children and their mothers.

“We’re saving mom’s lives and we’re saving babies lives and we’re changing the trajectory of that whole family into the future,” Nurse-Family supervisor Christine



Wanous told county commissioners in a briefing last month.

The program, which has a \$607,000 budget, is mainly funded by a five-year grant by the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust that runs out this summer. The program, which also receives some state funds, can sustain itself through November or December.

Public Health Director Marlon Hunter told commissioners that Nurse-Family Partnership has complimented the other local programs aimed at improving infant health and has proven itself through results.

Forsyth County had consistently been above the state average on infant mortality for years before a successful push in recent years reversed the trend. When Nurse-Family Partnership started in 2012, the county had a rate of 10.2 deaths per 1,000 live births. In 2014 and 2015, the county has had a historically low infant mortality rate of 6.2 deaths per 1,000 live births.

More than 260 families have been served by the program, but that’s only a fraction of the 1,160 referrals the program has received. It has five nurses, which can serve 125 mothers at a time.

“There’s a big demand for Nurse-Family Partnership in our community and that has resulted in constantly having a waiting list,” said Wanous.

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U.S. District Court honors Judge Beaty

Senior federal district judge gets portrait in Greensboro courtroom

BY TEVIN STINSON
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The U.S. District Court of the Middle District of North Carolina held a special session last week

to honor the life and legacy of Senior U.S. District Judge James A. Beaty Jr.

A portrait was unveiled of Judge Beaty with his trademark black robe and a confident grin while standing in front of a cabinet as family members, friends, former colleagues and dozens of other well-wishers looked on.

The portrait will hang inside the U.S. District Courtroom on West Market Street in Greensboro.

“As I thought about this day and this occasion, I couldn’t help but think about the television show ‘This Is Your Life,’” smiled Beaty. “I’m certainly proud to be here. I had a lot of help along the way, and I’m truly grateful to everyone I worked with over the years.”

After receiving his bachelor’s degree from Western Carolina in 1971, Beaty a native of

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