

NC Balance of State Continuum of Care
Southeast Region Homelessness Committee
Meeting Minutes -- March 20, 2019

In Attendance:

Emily Locklear	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Hollie Oxendine	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Jamonica Watson	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Clementine Thompson-McCormick	- Lumberton Christian Care
Renie Mills	- Lumberton Christian Care
Cynthia Quintero	- Robeson Community College
Latasha McNair	- Eastpointe
Alexis Ellis	- MSW Intern @UNCP, Robeson Church & Community Center
Lori Jacobs	- Community Care of NC
Brian Fike	- Trillium Company (Columbus County)
Kim Crawford	- North Carolina ESG Office

1. Meeting called to order at 11:06 a.m.
2. Review and Approval of Regional Minutes from February 20, 2019
 - a. H. Oxendine made the motion to approve minutes, C. Thompson-McCormick second the motion; minutes approved by committee.
3. ESG Office Guest Speaker Kim Crawford
 - a. Funding for the ESG comes through HUD. State of NC has the grant with HUD and ESG distributes the funds. There is criteria to award monies, if you do not adhere to these criteria then ESG cannot fund you:
 - i. All 13 regions have agreed to abide by the COC written standards. Are your agencies abiding by these written standards? Do you know where to find them and what is included?
 - ii. Do you know what your Coordinated Entry Plan says and how it works? Do you adhere to these policies?
 - b. HUD wants Housing First Philosophy: Low Barrier, trying to open up who we can serve and work with as many people as possible. Think of creative and innovative ways to serve and to provide as many options as possible to provide shelter. ESG will help to get your process in place and help to fill out paperwork.
 - c. Applying for ESG Grant
 - i. How to apply: Written Instructions, Checklist, and Webinar and ESG Conference in May (Day 2: How to apply for ESG funding session)
 - ii. ESG monies is the only public monies for shelters. Can pay for electric, phone, and HVAC.
 - iii. In Region 8, there is only 1 organization that gets all the monies. K. Crawford highly encourages people to apply. ESG office has the monies because they take back monies every year. There is an opportunity for funded organizations to ask for more.
 - iv. New Organizations need to apply within the Regional Committee first. The purpose is to know all the resources/organizations available to those they serve.

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- d. Different Types of Funding (\$5 Million/year)
 - i. Emergency Response: (**Street Outreach**—looking for actual engagement in getting people housed. What is the program and how does it engage people? How does it help with permanent housing?) (**Emergency Shelters**) can pay for staff, case management and daycare services.
 - ii. Housing Stabilization (Rapid Rehousing and Prevention) can pay for rent, utility, furniture, case management. Prevention is NOT Emergency Assistance
 - iii. HMIS—everything is documented using HMIS database. Funding is available for training.
 - e. Kim may be available later to discuss best practices
4. 2019 COC Competition
- a. Information available in the Steering Committee Short Summary
 - b. Link provided on Short Summary shows who was funded for 2018.
 - c. Eastpointe was continued for existing program Permanent Supportive Housing. New person to replace Bill Atkinson is Debbie Garner, who is in place now, and will be attending monthly meetings. Eastpointe has 3 approved for PSH program, 1 housed and 2 searching for housing.
 - d. HUD announced initial steps of the 2019 COC Competition. Everything on the Short Summary. Go ahead for Intent to apply form. The deadline to apply is 2 weeks after NOFA. Eastpointe not doing new application, but will continue with existing. L. McNair says the intent to apply is not binding if the agency decides to change its mind later. There are funds for Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing.
 - e. Scorecard Committee needs people to serve to score applications. Emily will send out the information to the committee to see who may be interested.
5. Funding Lead
- a. This position is still vacant. Please contact Emily Locklear if interested in filling this position.
6. Coordinated Assessment
- a. H. Oxendine says to keep putting info into Google Docs. Input PND and VI-SPDAT
 - b. Quarterly reports due April 15
 - c. H. Oxendine asked about changes made to process and K. Crawford suggested that if changes need to be made, pose to group for vote, and send to BOS.
7. Back@Home North Carolina
- a. Two B@H agents out in the field today; unable to come to meeting.
 - b. Housing Navigator position available; advertised on NCWorks and SFVC Facebook page

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- c. Program still in phase 2: Expanding the program and 211 process is overloaded for our area. 211 referral system is still needed to process program. Program includes case management, resources, and stability within 6 months to help sustain housing.
8. Hurricane Florence Resources
- a. Lumber River Council of Governments (LRCOG) still has employment program for those affected by flood that lost employment.
 - b. United Way Distribution Center (Hope 4 Home) officially closed.
 - c. TSA at the hotels ran out. Instruct those that were staying at the hotels to use the 211 process.
9. Announcements
- a. Partnership for Children is sponsoring a “Diaper Bank”. SFVC was able to receive diapers for their clients and suggests that this is something for other agencies to apply for.
 - b. Medication Drop off Event at Biggs Park Mall this Saturday (March 23rd) from 10-3. Looking for flyer and will email.
 - c. Latasha McNair: Shelter Plus spring outreach on March 22 from 9am – 12 noon at DSS of Lumberton. This is a Chronic Homeless Outreach event where they will provide screenings, VI-SPDAT, and give aways. **This event has been cancelled and will reschedule for another time. Email flyer will be sent to committee when generated.**
10. Adjournment: 12:10 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for April 17 @ 11:00 am at Robeson County Church and Community Center