

NC Balance of State Continuum of Care  
Southeast Region Homelessness Committee  
Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2021

	In Attendance:
Emily Locklear	- Executive Director, Southeastern Family Violence Center
Hollie Oxendine	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Jamonica Watson	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Stephanie Powers	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Carla Clark-McRae	- Veteran Affairs HUD-VASH
Virginia Locklear	-Rape Crisis Center
April Leake	-Robeson Health Care Center, Ryan White Program
Jill Sampson	-Bladen County Department of Social Services
Tomeka Shaw	-Eastpointe, TCLI Program
Cynthia Quiento	-Robeson Community College

1. Meeting called to order at 11:03am – Emily Locklear
2. **Introduction of Committee** (those in attendance) and Regional updates
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes from January 20, 2021**
  - Motion to accept by Hollie Oxendine second carried by Virginia Locklear
4. **Project HOPE**
  - We received over 1297 applications that were eligible for assistance. (The ones rejected initially were over the income limit or were home owners)
  - 894 after the state came in and took over utilities only
  - \$800,000 dollars spent in eviction prevention and utilities
5. **B@H Program COVID/CRF Funds**
  - SFVC continues to house individuals.
  - Continuing to place families within the surge population
  - Provides six months of rental assistance, utility assistance, and deposits.
  - 580k funding for 1<sup>st</sup> round
  - Additional funding will be awarded for 980k
  - 11 individuals housed, 3 Scotland and the rest are in Robeson County
  - Counties covered: Robeson, Scotland, Bladen, Columbus Counties
  - Requesting assistance to find landlords
  - Incentives to house: Assist with double deposits and landlord assistance with repairs
  - Referrals to come straight from the state to get on the prioritization list
  - Individual would need call 211 for Back at Home COVID
  - Rapid Re-Housing Requirements: Literally homeless and letter to be sent in from a providing agency as a referral, assessment would then be completed.
  - CRF funds are still being used only for emergency shelter placement in motels and is available in Bladen, Scotland, and Columbus counties as well.
  - Back at Home Florence funding still available “Referrals are still being accepted”

## **6. Coordinated Assessments**

- Link to be sent via email by Hollie Oxendine to those individuals that need to access the document only

## **7. Agency Updates/Announcements**

- Transition to Community Living Initiative (TCLI) Program discussed by Tomeka Shaw (Provides eligible adults living with serious mental illnesses the opportunity to choose where they live, work and play in North Carolina. The initiative promotes recovery through providing long-term housing, community-based services, supported employment and community integration).
- Ryan White Program discussed by April Leake (Medical program for individuals with HIV, assist with medications, referrals to housing, finances for utilities, assist with referrals for transportation)

Next meeting – March 17, 2021 at 11:00am at Southeastern Family Violence Center via conference call

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 am