

NC Balance of State Continuum of Care
Southeast Region Homelessness Committee
Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2023

In Attendance:

Emily Locklear	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Hollie Oxendine	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Shelita Odom	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Dr. Dia Thomas	- Bladen County Schools
Shaneitha Lee	- Public Schools of Robeson County
Clementine Thompson-McCormick	- Lumberton Christian Care
Sharon	- Caring Touch
Latasha McNair	- Eastpointe
Kelvin Hyke	- Eastpointe
Kim Archie	- NC Commission of Indian Affairs
Kamryn Locklear	- Robeson County Rape Crisis Center
Kameron Lewis	- UNC-Pembroke
Lisa Wallace	- Social Security Administration
Jennifer Cain	- Families First, Columbus County
Brian Fike	- Trillium NC
Tyler Thomas	- Town of Pembroke
Raisa Jones	- NC Commission of Indian Affairs
Denise Riggins	- Scotland Co. Church & Community Center
Tina Bowen	-Suds of Love Truck

1. Meeting called to order at 11:05am – Emily Locklear
2. **Introduction of Committee** (those in attendance) and Regional updates
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes from March 2023**
 - Motion to accept Brian Fike second/carried by Tina Bowen.
4. **Regional Leadership**
 - At this time, the CE Lead will be Raisa Jones with NC Commission of Indian Affairs. All Leadership positions are filled except for
 - Possibly split it up to 2-4 people for this position, 1 person per 2 counties (4 counties). (We) Southeastern Family Violence Center can not take this role on, even though we are filling the position now, we will not be able to hold this position because we already hold so many.
 - Anyone interested in said position, please email Emily Locklear.
 - Questions, Comments, concerns? None at this time, Moving along to the next topic.
5. **COC Funding**
 - Webinars are available.

- Intent to apply must be submitted
- East Point is our Local Funder
- Scorecard committee would recommend new and returning projects
 - i. As the Project Review Committee representative, Ms. Shaneitha Lee will review and submit projects to be funded.

New Projects and renewal projects submit intent to apply, RRH, Permanent Supportive Housing or any new programs, submit intent to apply within 2 weeks of intent by April 25th at 6:00pm.

13.5 or 13.6 million projects awarded in 2022 for CoC Balance of State Projects

6. NC HFA Funding

With Lumberton Christian Care Center (LCC) being the only shelter in all 4 counties, this funding will help.

LCC has increased capacity some since COVID and the moratorium was lifted.

Some of the issues LCC is facing is clients being able to find affordable housing, especially in crisis situations like Domestic Violence (DV). There are not a lot of shelters, as stated before, and there are not really any alternatives besides hotels. We need more shelters and transitional housing especially for people who need to get out of their situation quickly. It has been limited since COVID restrictions.

- Two different projects
 - i. Rental housing and non-congregate sheltering
 - ii. Low income housing is needed; if anyone knows of developers for housing, please share this information
 - iii. Organizations must be 5013c, present their most recent audit, and been in business for three years
 - iv. There will be two phases; all sites must be preapproved- 1st phase will consist of a site evaluation
 - v. Must be submitted by May 31, 2023
- This is the funding we have been waiting for, so please consider if it is within your capacity to do so. This is a forgivable loan

7. B@H Program COVID/CRF Funds

- Currently serving 9 individuals now
- 7 are currently in housing search
- Funding will end September 2023
- To date we have housed 107 families/individuals in this program
- We can possibly assist two more clients/families

8. Rapid Re-housing Program Update

- We are currently receiving referrals for RRH
- We currently have 7 active clients receiving financial assistance and supportive services
- All referrals verifying the client's homeless status should be sent to Hollie at SFVC until the CE Lead is determined for our Region.

9. PSH Update

- Robeson & Scotland Eastpointe – do have open beds
- Trillium serves Columbus & Bladen – no openings as of right now.

- Eastpointe completed a budget amendment and has a few more slots for housing still available. They are currently working with individuals on the waitlist to be housed.

10. HUD VASH/Veteran Services Update

- No updates at this time

11. Coordinated Entry/Assessment

- In the process of finding a CE lead as stated before
- CE Lead – partners would refer to the CE Lead; they would complete the P&D, and then a VISPDAT and then prioritize according to their need which program they need.
- SFVC has been acting as the call center
- Hopefully by our next meeting will have more information about who the new CE Lead will be.

12. Agency Updates/Announcements

SFVC has increased our numbers in our shelter, but we are still restricted. We do not have any more emergency funding.

13. Items of Interest

A. Emily Locklear - Trauma Informed Care Homelessness

Mrs. Emily from SFVC presented information on Trauma Informed Care on Homelessness

Trauma Informed ([https://www.fact.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/FACT-ISSUEBRIEF-TRAUMA-INFORMED-Homeless-Intervention-](https://www.fact.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/FACT-ISSUEBRIEF-TRAUMA-INFORMED-Homeless-Intervention-FINAL.pdf#:~:text=Experiencing%20marginalization%2C%20criminalization%2C%20and%20violence%20is%20traumatic%20in,dignity%2C%20and%20building%20resilience%20in%20homeless%20service%20settings.)

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B. Lisa Wallace - Social Security has updated their website and is increasing their outreach.

C. Raisa Jones- NC Commission on Indian Affairs will host Healing Circles twice a month

Next meeting – May 17, 2023 at 11:00am at Southeastern Family Violence Center

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm