**Johnston County Regional Housing Committee**

**NC Balance of State Continuum of Care**

***Meeting Minutes from April 18, 2013***

**In Attendance:**

Tonia McCormick, Johnston County Health Department

Neal Davis, Community and Senior Services

Sandra Norris, Johnston County Housing Assistance Payments Program

Cherri Swails, Johnston Recovery Services

Ulli Mattern, Johnston County Mental Health Center

Margaret Hinnant, Johnston County Mental Health Center

Warren Grimes, Smithfield Housing Authority

Pam Radford, Johnston County Mental Health Center

**Introductions:**

Attendee introductions were made.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Motion was made by Cherri Swails and seconded by Margaret Hinnant to accept the minutes from the March 21, 2013 meeting with no corrections being noted.

**DOJ Settlement: Transition to Community Living**

Ulli Mattern gave a brief overview of the DOJ settlement. The case arose from a complaint filed by [Disability Rights North Carolina](http://www.disabilityrightsnc.org/) in June 2010 alleging that the State was disproportionately placing individuals with mental illness in Adult Care Homes (ACH) rather than in more integrated community settings, as required by federal law. The State has mandated that 100 people are placed in community living by June 30, 2013. Johnston County Mental Health is currently doing in-reach to these people who were identified to see if they are interested in moving from their current situation. This transition process will be ongoing.

**Emergency Solutions Grant Funding Update:**

No Report.

**BoS Steering Committee Meeting Updates form 3-5-13**

PIT Count – From 2012 to 2013 the increase was 77%. The reasons for increases:

1. 16 communities conducted unsheltered counts for the first time
2. Bed inventory increased by 130 beds so that accounts for some of the increase in sheltered people

See attachment of totals for NC.

County by County will be posted in a few weeks.

**Targeting Program:**

There is 17 currently on waiting list for Johnston County.

**Announcements:**

***Health Dept***- Smoking Cessation classes.

Teen Driving Summit at JCC College on April 20, 2013.

***Smithfield Rescue Mission*** – Sleep out at Amelia Church, April 19-20. This is an overnight homeless experience focused on educating teens and adults.

**Adjournment:**

The next meeting will be held on May 16, 2013 at 10:30 am at the Johnston County Mental Health Center Conference Room.