

**Beaufort County Regional Committee**  
**October 30, 2013**  
**Washington Housing Authority/ Central Office**

**The mission of the Beaufort County Regional Committee is:** *The Beaufort County Regional Committee will work as a subcommittee of the Balance of State Continuum of Care to assure quality housing for all, from homelessness through self-sufficiency.*  
**The vision of the Beaufort County Regional Committee is:** *Promoting self-sufficiency and eliminating homelessness.*

Present: Erica McCloud, Washington Housing Authority/Mid-East Regional Housing Authority, Harlan MacKendrick, Zion Shelter, Mark Hamblin, United Way, Marc Recko, Washington Housing Authority/Mid-East Regional Housing Authority, Adrienne Turner, DREAM Provider Care Services, Glen Silver, Andrea Starkie, Beaufort County DSS

1. Introductions

Mr. Recko opened the meeting by having everyone introduce him or herself.

2. Approval of September 2013 minutes

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Playground Project for Oak Crest Update

Mr. Recko stated that we will be building a new playground in the Oak Crest community on December 14, 2013. He stated 200 members of the community will be building the playground. This is a joint effort between KaBOOM! and Katie B. Reynolds Charitable Trust. He stated that we have to solicit for funding and volunteers. Andrea inquired about the ages and Mr. Recko said it is something for all ages to do. He added that 14+ can work on the playground and those under 14 can do other projects. Mr. Recko stated we are going to get flyers out. He added that we have over 200 children in the Oak Crest community and that they don't have a quality playground. He added that it will be handicap accessible. He stated when he went to the Belhaven Build the children under 14 painted tiles for the walkway beforehand. Mr. Recko presented our three options for the playground and informed the committee that one had not been voted on yet. Glenn inquired about us needing material or food and Mr. Recko stated we need money and volunteers. Glenn instructed Mr. Recko to reach out to local businesses such as Weyerhaeuser, banks, Wal-Mart (he stated there was a form on their Website or you can call the store manager). He added he will email some information to Mr. Recko. Andrea stated there are some high school groups needing volunteer hours and inquired about someone being able to sign off for the hours worked and Mr. Recko stated we would. She added that ECU Volunteer Center would probably participate. Mr. Recko stated if anyone is interested in participating they can attend our weekly meetings which are held on Mondays at 4:00. Andrea inquired about one design having a light pole and Mr. Recko stated it didn't. He added there will be lighting out there.

4. Agency Updates

Adreanne stated they are still in 6 counties. She added they have 2 sites in Washington. She stated the Highland Drive site is for Day Treatment and the Stewart Parkway site is for Enhanced Services. She added Enhanced Services include Substance Abuse, working with probation, SAIOP (3 hours per day), substance abuse assessments, Mental Health Outpatient, CST (maintain appointments, ensure clients have a primary doctor, assist them with getting Medicaid etc.). She added Day Treatment is for kids with behavioral needs. Mr. Recko stated we have to do evictions and when we do so residents have an option to request a hearing. Mr. Recko added residents can be evicted for things such as destroying property etc. He added that in situations like this we sometimes let them stay dependent upon so many reasons and inquired about it being appropriate to make referrals in situations like this; Adreanne stated it was appropriate. Mr. Recko inquired about Adreanne attending one of our staff meetings and she stated she would be willing to do so.

Harlan stated he got grant contract last Friday. He added they requested funds from the city because he had to have contract first.

Andrea stated they have some CAP slots that they are trying to fill or the state will take them. Mark inquired about them hiring Social Workers and Andrea stated they filled one position. She added they have to fill one more. She stated they have a temp person but that person can't carry a caseload because they don't know if they will keep them. Mr. Recko suggested Andrea attend one on the East Haven 40's Resident Council Meetings. He added she can attend the one in Oak Crest as well. Mr. Recko mentioned doing rent stuffers.

Mark stated he was leaving United Way at the end of the year. He stated they are currently trying to fill his position and that the closing date to apply is November 4, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,  
Erica McCloud