

BEAUFORT COUNTY REGIONAL COMMITTEE
WASHINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY/MID-EAST REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY
809 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, WASHINGTON, NC 27889
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2014 – 12:00 NOON

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.*

Attendees: Sally Love, Beaufort County United Way; Harlan MacKendrick, Washington Area Interchurch Shelter & Kitchen; Marc Recko, Washington Housing Authority/MidEast Regional Housing Authority –Chaired Meeting; Sharon Gray, East Carolina Behavioral Health; Erica McCloud, Washington Housing Authority/MidEast Regional Housing Authority; Ann-Marie Montague, Eagle Wings; Andrea Starkie, Beaufort County Department of Social Services; Kim Etheredge, Ruth’s House; Renee Harvey, Beaufort County Catalyst.

1. Introductions
2. Minutes – Motion made by Sally Love to approve the July 2014 minutes and seconded by Harlan MacKendrick minutes were approved.

Agency Updates

3. **Emergency Solutions Grant** – MacKendrick wanted to thank Amy Modlin for all her hard work on the Grant that she is submitting today in Raleigh.

Recko explained the need for volunteers to serve on the Score Card and Project Review Committees. Recko informed the group of the duties and the procedures for the Project Review Committee and he agreed to serve on either committee. Score card review duties and time commitment will be forwarded to the committee at a later date.

Starkie said she is aware that Modlin contacts various organizations for a count of people that needed housing assistance in Beaufort County. Beaufort County has hired an Intake Specialist just to work with (count) people coming off the streets. This is another way to have a count of people in need of services in the county. Most women in Beaufort County in need of shelter are referred to the Pitt County Shelter. We will discuss point and time counts at a future meeting in detail.

Recko informed us that the focus of the Continuum of Care is prevention based. It has been about two years since the last training. BoS/ Continuum of Care has made it very clear that preventing homelessness is a priority and not the use homeless shelters. A copy of the NC Continuum of Care Toolkit was distributed for review.

There will be a Coordinated Assessment training in Raleigh for two days - October 23 and 24, 2014 Gray will find out if there is a cost for this training.

4. New meeting time – Confirmed and approved by the group to keep the meeting on the last Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon.
5. Mackendrick did not have any new agency updates.
6. Gray informed the group about the Housing Department Newsletter (January 15, 2015). She also informed the group about the three planned Community Landlord Forums.
7. Harvey provided information about her funding through the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust and she expressed an interest in partnering with the group. Her group usually meets at 10:00am until 11:30am the last Wednesday of the month. She wants to work with the tenants and clients from each of the organizations represented at the meeting. She provided her contact information and distributed a brochure called “Healthy Places NC.”
8. **Ruth’s House** - is doing well - Recko thanked Etheredge for her dedication and hard work. The Washington Housing Authority has a lot located at 7th and Gladden. Recko would be open to using the land to meet a need in the community.
9. **Beaufort County United Way** – Seeking Public Playground Space.
10. **Eagle Wings** – Montegue expressed the dramatic increase in needed services throughout the county. Beaufort County needs jobs and in her opinion this would be a solution to many of the existing problems.
11. **Beaufort County Department of Social Services** - Our presenter this month is Andrea Starkie with the Beaufort County Department of Social Services. She spoke with us about The State/County Special Assistance In-Home Program for Adults. She also provided us with an Adult Care Home FL2 Form and Personal Care Service (PCS) request for Services Form. She gave us an overview of the various programs and eligibility criteria.
12. Next meeting – September 24, 2014 at 12:00 noon at Washington Housing Authority. Speaker to be announced. Please bring your own lunch.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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