**Lee County Regional Housing Committee**

**NC Balance of State Continuum of Care**

**Meeting January 21, 2015–11:00 AM**

**Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, Inc.**

 **225 South Steele Street, Sanford, NC 27330**

**(919) 776-0746**

**In Attendance:**

E. Marie Watson, Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, Inc.

Larry Lingenfelter, N. C. Commerce

Tina Ray, Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, Inc.

Camille Neal, Volunteers of America

Vanessa Colvin-McLaughlin, Secretary

Donna McCormick, Sandhills Center

Fredrika Cooke, Family Promise of Lee County

Linda Ware, Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, Inc.

Esther Goeke, Volunteers of America

**Welcome and Call to Order**

E. Marie Watson welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order.

**Introductions**

All in attendance introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes**

The December minutes were approved by D. McCormick, seconded motion by T. Ray. The motioned carried.

**Community Assessment Information**

More information is needed for the MOU. All of the agencies who are partnered to assist with the assessments are to give more detail of how their agency will provide assistance. Once revised and signed, all MOU will be turned in Fredrika Cooke, who will turn in the MOU’s for the last advisement.

**Rapid Re-housing Program**

Mrs. Watson reported the grant money for the program has yet to be allotted out. In turn, the committee over the potential recipients can thoroughly thumb through the assessments on clients who have already applied. L. Ware stated so far, there are 14 applicants but only three, who would be good candidates for the Rapid Re-housing Program. Larry Lingenfelter and E. Goeke, work with programs that assist veterans, have said, if there are any applicants for Rapid Re-housing that are veterans may be referred to these programs. E. Goeke wanted to pointed, out people formerly in the military may not consider themselves veterans because they not fight in a war but serving in the military, at any time, qualifies them for benefits. All agencies need to be aware of this so clients will have a clearer definition of what is being asked.

**Announcements**

Linda Ware stated, Department of Social Services will no longer do referrals for the Targeting Housing Program. Donna McCormick said she spoke with Kay Johnson at Targeting Housing and said most the Key Agencies in this area are opting out of doing the referrals and she trying to encourage them to stay on board and to encompass other agencies to take the training to become Key Points for the Targeting Program.

Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action are seeking qualified individuals to become a STAR. The STARS Program provides the opportunity for one-on–one assistance in the following: Case Management, setting goals, assessing our job skills/ locating employment and much more. For more information please Linda or Tameika at 919-776-0746

The school system is taking on more of the 4 to 5 year old children qualified for Pre-K and Kindergarten. Head Start will continue to revamp their program to develop more inventive ways to accommodate the fast growing rate of the need of more Head Start programs throughout the counties.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting will be held at Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, 225 S. Steele Street, Sanford, NC on February 18, 2015.

Submitted by:

Vanessa Colvin-McLaughlin