**Lee-Harnett County Regional Housing Committee**

**NC Balance of State Continuum of Care**

**Meeting January 20, 2016–2:00pm**

**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.

Fredrika Cooke, Family Promise of Lee County

Mary Pat Buie, Sandhills Center

Lesa Price, Lee County DSS

Larry Lingenfelter, NC Dept. of Commerce

John Garcia, Family Endeavors

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

Vanessa Colvin-McLaughlin, Family Promise of Lee County

Becky Surles, Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, Inc

Shanon McLean, Sanford Housing Authority

Sherry O. Shurda, Haven of Lee County

Karen Kennedy, City of Sanford

Shalonda Pellam, Comm Well Health

Alexandria Anderson, Comm Well Health

Krystal McCullen, Comm Well Health

**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**

Corrections to the minutes-Committee voted on keeping the same positions, E. Watson-Regional Lead, Vanessa Colvin-McLaughlin-Secretary. Lesa Price motioned for minute’s approval. F. Cooke second that motioned. Motioned carried.

**Balance of State-Coordinated Assessement Report**

Regional Committee Plan has been approved. Fredrika Cooke the Coordinator Assessment Lead explained now that the Coordinated Assessment has been approved, all agencies involved with this committee and on the Coordinated Assessment must follow the procedures outline in the Plan. New forms and training video has been sent out to all agencies on this committee to assist with the new protocol.

There is discussion about referrals and how they need to be handled. If a potential homeless person walks into an agency other than Family Promise of Lee County and Johnston-Lee Harnett Community Action, they will need to be referred to either one of those agencies first. If the potential homeless person or family does not have transportation to get to either agency, their pre-screen can be done over the phone. FPLC and JLHCA will determined the family/individual’s status and will make all necessary referrals. Not doing so will result in decrease in homelessness numbers and procedures not be being followed according to the Coordinated Assessment Plan.

The minutes of the committee need to be added to the website. Mary Pat Buie has agreed to upload the Johnston-Lee-Harnett Regional Housing Committee minutes.

**Rapid Rehousing**

Lee-Harnett has received its Grant Award Letter for Rapid Rehousing.

**Point in Time**

Point in Time will take place on Wednesday, January 27, 2016. Becky Surles the liaison for the point in time has distributed all P.I.T forms out to local and affiliate agencies. B. Surles has been in contact with someone from Law Enforcement to assist with a better count this year. Family Promise assisted with toiletry bags that consist of a hat, scarf, gloves, soap, lotion, tooth brush and toothpaste to pass out on the night of the P.I.T.

**Harnett County**

Tonya Gray could not be here today but informed V. Colvin-McLaughlin she had nothing to report at this time

**Announcements**

**Sanford Housing Authority**-applications for housing is currently closed until the agency has shifted some applications off the list by, updating applications or getting them approved for housing. Section 8 vouchers waiting list is currently closed as well for the same reasons.

SHA is working on a plan to renovate old units to be used specifically for transitioning homeless clients.

**Haven- The** facility has been full with residents since December. The community helped out a lot for the holidays for their residents.

**City of Sanford** grants is now open. They have a new committee and the city may adhere to what is going on and be more promising with funds.

**Family Promise**-is holding a fundraiser bowling tournament “Rolling Out The Alley” on the Sunday, February 21, 2016 at Kendale Bowling Lanes 1:00-6:00pm. Please call the Day Center 919-718-1540 for more info.

**NC Works** is holding a Veterans Resource Fair on March 30, 2016 at the Dennis Wicker Civic Center 9:00am-2:00pm. Please contact Larry Lingenfelter at NC Works 919-775-2241 for more info.

**Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action** has been in operation for 50 years. They will have a celebration on May 2, 2016 at the Johnston Community College. Please contact E. Marie Watson for more information.

PNC will bring a Planetarium setup for the Head Start Children in the three counties.

**Comm Well Health** will be having a luncheon for the Ending of Homelessness on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at their office in Dunn10 am-1pm. You can RSVP with Krystal McCullen today or via e-mail.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:53pm. The next meeting will be held at Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, 225 S. Steele Street, Sanford, NC on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 2:00pm.

Submitted by

Vanessa Colvin-McLaughlin