

# **“Down East” Housing Committee**

## **NC Balance of State Continuum of Care**

**Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, February 8, 2017**

**Location: Goldsboro Housing Authority**

**11:30am**

### **In Attendance:**

LaTasha McNair, Eastpointe (Regional Lead/CA Lead)  
Marvin Freeman, Eastern Carolina Human Service  
Thomas Rice, MLFL, Inc.  
Sherrie Stokes, The Salvation Army (PIT Lead)  
Michelle Gooding, Eastpointe  
Christiana Johnson, MLFL, Inc.  
Janice Johnson, Easter Seals  
Kim Stevens, Carolina Residential Services  
Anna Jernigan, Neuse Enterprises  
Sue Proctor, SAFE  
Victor Kosinski, NC Works (Phone)  
Bertha Byerson, VOA (Phone)  
Thomas Miles, Enlighten the World (Phone)  
Leigh Ann Hardy, UCare (Phone)  
Janice Sauls, Salvation Army (Phone)

1. **Welcome and Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:37am. LaTasha welcomed everyone for attending and thanked new attendees for joining.
2. **Introductions:** Introductions were made. There were 4 attendees by phone.
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes from December 14, 2016:** Minutes were reviewed. A motion to accept and approve the minutes as presented was made by Michelle Gooding and second by Janice Johnson. The motion carried.
4. **Agency Spotlight** – Marvin Freeman of Eastern Carolina Human Service presented as the Agency Spotlight. Marvin highlighted NC Serves Coastal. It is a new program that coordinate services for veteran. It is a coordinating center/one-stop-shop for veterans to identify resources to meet the needs and wants of veterans. This programs serves 20 different counties. Veterans are able to call in for information or they can work with a provider. In the network, providers are able to see what assistance the veteran was able to get. There is 1-hour training required for providers, it is call Unite Us. It is held every two weeks. Trainings are done via webinar. Marvin provided brochures and contact information.

**5. Review of Balance of State Steering Committee Meeting (February 7, 2017):**

- a. **See Short Meeting Summary:** Committee members reviewed the printed short summary from the February 7th BoS meeting attached to the meeting's agenda.

LaTasha did point out that the Neuse Regional Committee need to establish a Veteran Committee. She referenced the webinar that was held on this past Friday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The following said they would be interested in serving on the Veterans Committee: Janice Sauls (per. Lt. Sherrie), Victor Kosinski, Marvin Freeman, Thomas Miles, and Janice Johnson. The webinar was recorded and is available for view on NCCEH's website. All interested parties were encouraged to view the recorded webinar.

**6. Down East Coordinated Assessment Update**

- a. **New CA Plan Due April 1, 2017:** LaTasha explained that the CA Plan for the Neuse Regional Committee is due April 1<sup>st</sup>. Candice Roundtree (from Wilson-Greene) serves as the lead for the CA. LaTasha said she will be assisting Candice with proposal the CA Plan.
- b. **Call for New Participating Agencies:** LaTasha stated that we need identify other agencies to participate with the CA. Currently we do not have any representation in Lenoir, and Duplin County. Interested agencies were asked to contact LaTasha. Sue Proctor said she hopes that a new case manager in Lenoir Co at the homeless shelter will be able to serve in that capacity once staff is hired. She will be able to update once that person is in place. Between SAFE and the homeless shelter (Friends of Homeless), one will take the lead to do intakes. Sue also said that the new staff person in Duplin Co. who is housed at DSS may be able to fill that role to do intakes in that area. Kimeitha Stevens says that if SAFE or FOH in Lenoir Co are not able to serve as a CA intake site, her agency will be able to fill the role via telephone intake. LaTasha reminded all ESG grantees that they will are required to participate in CA.

**7. ESG Update:**

- a. **2016-2017 Awards:** The 2017-2017 ESG award was announced on December 28<sup>th</sup>. Four agencies were funded: Salvation Army, SAFE in Lenoir County, Friend of the Homeless, UCare. Agencies were asked to go ahead and submit their special conditions items to LaTasha so they can be submitted to the ESG office.
- b. **Contracts:** Contact has not yet been received from the ESG office.
- c. **ESG Mandatory Training:** Two mandatory trainings has been offered. They both filled up quickly all ESG recipients has not attended training. There is a training that will be taking place in Raleigh, however the date/time has not yet been set.

**8. Point In Time Count (January 25, 2017):**

a. **County Updates**

- i. **Greene Co.** – Volunteers went out on the morning of January 26<sup>th</sup>. They did not find any individuals out; however, they did see evidence of where people were staying. They also went out to local restaurants. One individual was reported as homeless in Greene County.
- ii. **Duplin Co.** Volunteers went out to the feeding site on the Saturday after the event, they were not able to collect any information there. There are no homeless reported in Duplin Co. Two people came to eat but they were not homeless.

- iii. **Lenoir Co.:** For the sheltered count, there were 14 individuals at a Friends of the Homeless that night. There were three individuals at SAFE (1 victim, 2 children). For the unsheltered count, volunteers were able to help one individual get a travel trailer, another was assisted with getting an ID. 30 individuals were identified as homeless. (There were 26 last year). The event did get news and newspaper coverage.

Sue reported for Greene, Duplin, and Lenoir Counties.

- iv. **Wayne Co.:** The street count went well. 4 individuals were identified. Last year there were 0. Police officers went out with volunteers. Volunteers were able to give out hygiene kits as well as other items. They were out from 10pm to 1am.

The service based count took place on the 26<sup>th</sup> in two locations: The Community Soup Kitchen (CSK) and the Community Crisis Center (CCC). At the CSK, 196 were served, 108 were served at the CCC. Overall, 84 surveys were completed and 35 individuals were identified as unsheltered homeless. Information still has been collected from shelters within Wayne Co.

Janice Johnson, Lt. Sherrie and Thomas Rice reported for Wayne Co.

- v. **Sampson County:** 8 individuals were identified as sheltered homeless, 8 were identified as unsheltered homeless for a total of 16 individuals. Thom reported that he was able to have conversation with a few different families that were served in attempt to provide them with the resources that they needed.

Thom Miles reported for Sampson Co.

LaTasha thanked all county leads and other committee members that helped for their hard worked. Thomas Rice suggested that next year we considered using unmarked police cars to help to prevent individuals scattering once they see the police car.

- b. **Next Steps:** All county leads were asked to get their information and reports in to Lt. Sherrie Stokes who serve as the PIT Lead for the Region. She has to submit all information to the Balance of State office by February 17<sup>th</sup>. Leads can hand deliver or email information to her.

9. **Monthly Focus:** Item was tabled for next meeting.

## 10. Agency Updates:

Eastpointe: Michelle Gooding reported the Eastpointe no longer have offices in Goldsboro, they have moved to Kinston.

11. **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Michelle Gooding and second by Kimetha Stevens. The meeting adjourned at 12:47pm.

**Next Meeting:**

**Neuse Regional Committee:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017  
11:30am, Duplin County

**County Meeting (Down East):** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 11:30am  
11:30 am, Goldsboro Housing Authority