NC Balance of State Continuum of Care Southeast Region Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2021

In Attendance:

Emily Locklear -Southeastern Family Violence Center **Calacia Douglas** -Southeastern Family Violence Center **Nicole Flores** -Southeastern Family Violence Center **Cicely Pighet** -Southeastern Family Violence Center **Jamonica Watson** -Southeastern Family Violence Center -Southeastern Family Violence Center **Stephanie Powers Stephanie Edwards** -Southeastern Family Violence Center **Anthony Hunt** -Southeastern Family Violence Center **Anna Register** -Southeastern Family Violence Center

Latasha McNair -Eastpointe

David Edmunds -Lumberton Christian Care Center

Virginia Locklear -Rape Crisis Center

Carla Clark -Veteran Affairs, HUD-VASH
Bertha Graham -Pastor, United Methodist Church

Jill Sampson -Social Work Program Manager, Bladen County DSS

JoAnne Branch -First Presbyterian Church, Lumberton

Mat Whitener -Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization

Renee Moore -Trillium, Community Health Specialist

Brain Fike -Trillium

Cynthia Quintero -Robeson Community College
Mary McKever -Bladen County DSS Tech Assistant

- 1. Meeting called to order at 11:05am Emily Locklear
- 2. Introduction of Committee (those in attendance)

3. Review and Approval of Minutes from December 15th, 2021

Motion to approve minutes: Cicely Pighet

Second to Motion: Nicole Flores

4. Point In Time/Housing Inventory Count

- Point in Time, 1/26/22
- Minutes Shared from NC Balance of State CoC Steering Committee
- No In person PIT count to be completed this year.
- Discussed Unsheltered, Sheltered, Permanent Housing, Other Permanent Housing
- Post Inventory needs to be submitted no later than 2/16/2022

5. Emergency Housing Vouchers Update

No updates, Ms. Hollie was not present during meeting

6. Permanent Supportive Housing

- a. No updates
- **b.** All housing slots are filled

7. B@H Program COVID

- a. Cicely Pighet provided update for Back at Home
- **b.** 211 remains closed for Back at Home
- c. 384 people have called into 211 for our counties
- **d.** Have enrolled 141 individuals/families at this time
- e. Currently have assisted 70 individuals/families
- f. 80 people in housing search
- g. Two individual have self-resolved within housing
- **h.** Three transfers were completed into other counties
- i. Financial literacy is being completed with families for stabilization of housing
- j. Over 170 families have been contacted
- k. Trying to assist 8 additional families at this time
- I. Encouraging assistance with finding additional landlords due to shortage of housing
- m. Set to end in June 2022

8. Rapid Rehousing Program

- Brief description of the provided by Latasha McNair
- 52 families have received financial services
- Currently housed 29 families for the year
- 4 families were not able to sustain housing for various reasons

9. HUD VASH/ Veteran Services Update

- Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization has housed two individuals recently in Robeson County.
- No updates with HUD-VASH

10. Coordinated Entry/Assessments

- In the process of updating coordinating entry/assessment process within a database
- Working alongside with Eastpointe
- Coordinated Entry List is a list of individuals whom are homeless within the area and are prioritized using the VI-SPDAT
- Continue utilizing the google doc until the updated database is confirmed

11. Agency Updates/ Announcements

- **a.** JoAnne Branch (First Presbyterian Church) discussed barriers due to lack of resources available for assisting individuals that come through the church requesting services. Missions Committee made a motion to pledge assistance to Lumberton Christian Care Center.
- **b.** Southeastern Family Violence Center is attempting to request additional funding from the county
- **c.** Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization provided a brief description of the services they provide for Homeless Veterans.
- **d.** David Edmunds (Lumberton Christian Care)
 - i. Still feeding out back door Monday-Friday
 - ii. Only able to assist temporary assistance for five individuals/families due to COVID

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:53 AM

• Next meeting – February 16, 2022 at 11:00am at Southeastern Family Violence Center via ZOOM