# NC Balance of State Continuum of Care Southeast Region Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes – November 28, 2018

#### In Attendance:

Emily Locklear - Executive Director, Southeastern Family Violence Center

Hollie Oxendine - Southeastern Family Violence Center
Harrison Locklear - Southeastern Family Violence Center/B@H
Jordyn Roark - Southeastern Family Violence Center/B@H

David Edmunds - Lumberton Christian Care

Dr. Ann Goudy - Eastern Carolina Homelessness Inc.
Joey Smoak - Eastern Carolina Homelessness Inc.

Bill Atkinson - Eastpointe Rosemarie Glenn - My Refuge

Clementine-Thompson-McCormick - Lumberton Christian Care

Drew Collier - Robeson Church and Community Center

Cynthia Quintero -Robeson Community College

Sharon Armstrong -Scotland County Domestic Violence Center

1. Meeting called to order at 11:04am – Emily Locklear

2. Introduction of Committee (those in attendance) and Regional updates

3. Review and Approval of Minutes from October 17, 2018

a. Motion to accept by Hollie Oxendine and second/carried by Jordyn Roark

## 4. Regional Leadership

- a. Emily informed that positions are open and available for members to volunteer. There was discussion that no one agency should hold two "major" positions. Emily informed that she would be open to serving as Regional Lead once again but would mentor anyone who would like to assume the position.
- b. The following positions were voted on:
  - Regional Lead Emily Locklear; Point-in-Time Count Lead SFVC; Coordinated Entry Lead – Hollie Oxendine & Jordyn Roark; Secretary/Webmaster – Cynthia Quintero; Veterans Lead – Eric Owens (ECHO)
- c. The following positions were not voted on;
  - i. Regional Lead Alternate; ESG Funding Process Lead; CoC Project Review Committee Lead

#### 5. Back@Home of North Carolina

- a. Jordyn Roark explained Back@Home process of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> phase.
- b. It is a program funded by Governor Cooper to assist individuals who were homeless prior to Hurricane Florence find housing. Jordyn informed that she and Harrison Locklear are working and beginning with phase 2 which is receiving referrals.

- c. Jordyn discussed that the navigators are working well and have been successful placing some individuals in housing.
- d. Jordyn discussed that housing kits are now available.
- e. Jordyn informed and stressed how important the 211 process is and that people need to make sure that they choose the Back@Home option when needing a referral.
- f. It was discussed that people that need housing must apply with FEMA first before seeking Back@Home.

## 6. PIT Count

- a. Southeastern Family Violence Center will be the lead agency.
- b. Emily asked for other agencies to assist if they would like.
- c. The date for the 2019 PIT Count has not yet been announced.
- d. Lumberton Christian Care and My Refuge will be access points for Lumberton
- e. Vickie Pait will take the lead for Columbus County and Sharon Armstrong will take the lead for Scotland County. (Ms. Sharon Armstrong did ask for assistance because this will be her first time.)
- f. Other area of Robeson County that already have a lead person or organization are as follows: Pembroke Christie Poteet and Rowland All Nations Church (Demetris Wright's church).
- g. Coverage is still needed for Red Springs, Maxton, Fairmont, and St. Pauls in Robeson County and Bladen County.
- h. The date for the 2019 PIT Count has not been announced.
- i. Jordyn Roark will reach out to Lynn Fuquay the McKinney Vento Liaison for assistance with homeless families with school aged children.
- j. Emily informed that food will be provided, White flag will be active as no person will be turned away. Hygiene kits and clothing items will be donated and provided for the homeless. Also advertising for PIT will be by way of Facebook and flyer distribution.

## 7. Coordinated Assessment

- a. Jordyn Roark will update the Plan to include Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization Inc. (ECHO)
- b. Everyone was encouraged to make sure they are putting their information in the Google Docs Waitlist.

# 8. Hurricane Florence Resources

- a. Emily informed the group that LRCG has a dislocated workers program that assists for needed Employees. Funded by LRCG.
- b. It was emphasized again to remind people to apply with FEMA and use funding for rent and then become eligible for long term assistance. Last day to apply for FEMA December 13, 2018.
- 9. Announcements Rosemarie Glenn informed the group that My Refuge will have a Christmas meal and foodlion give away on 12-22-18

Next meeting – December 19, 2018 at 11:00am\*\*\* at Lumberton Christian Care

Meeting adjourned at 12:02pm