

AHRMM MEETING
April 16, 2013
Montgomery Community College

In Attendance:

Regional Lead: Susan Bellew, Family Promise; Regional Vice-Chair: Donna McCormick, Sandhills Center; Secretary: Mary Pat Buie, Sandhills Center, Nina Walker, SCAP; Linda Collins, Richmond County DSS; Faye Hardy, Moore County Schools; Relena Hair, Monarch; Kristen Hudson, Golden Care; Carol Brown, Family First and Golden Care; Richard Evers, Montgomery County DSS; Beverly Davis, First In Families; Mitch Humphrey, Richmond County DSS; Leslie Bamba, Moore County DSS.

The meeting was called to order by Susan Bellew. She welcomed all attendees.

Introductions

Attendee introductions were made.

Approval of March 2013 Minutes

Carol Brown made a motion to approve March 2013 minutes, second by Donna McCormick, minutes were approved unanimously.

Balance of State Steering Committee Update

Susan Bellew reported on the April 2, 2013 Balance of State Steering Committee call:

- Regional Lead elections have been held. Those that have not elected the Regional Lead with not be eligible for new grant money.
- The NOFA will be out earlier this year.

Point In Time Count

Totals are not posted for this year yet. They should be out in a couple of weeks. Comparing the 2012 count to 2013, there is an increase in the sheltered count and the unsheltered count. There are several reasons for the increase:

- 16 communities conducted unsheltered counts for the first time
- Bed inventory increased by 130 beds
- Chronically homeless were counted

Report from SCAP

Nina Walker reported vacancies:

1 in Anson County, 2 in Richmond County, and 1 in Moore County

One applicant is being processed for the Shelter + Care grant

Nina reported that the Stars Self Sufficiency Program is lacking participants in Montgomery County. She explained that this program will provide education and job skill training for low income individuals.

She said that HUD has refunded Shelter + Care and Transitional Housing for SCAP.

Report from Sandhills Center LME/MCO

Donna McCormick reported that Sandhills Center has 6 vouchers for the Shelter + Care grant. One slot was filled in February and the recipient is doing well. Donna discussed the Bed Availability List that is updated each month. She agreed to send the link to Susan to be forwarded to our committee.

Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness

Tim Emmert has proposed that our committee review the Shelby/Cleveland County Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. He will lead the discussion in our May meeting.

Agency Updates

Family Promise

Susan Bellew reported that they were waiting for St. Josephs to renew the grant to house the homeless. She said that there are some homeless prevention funds for folks in Moore County at risk for homelessness. This is one-time assistance.

Family First/Golden Care

Carol Brown announced that she is processing a woman from Anson County for Sandhills Centers Shelter Plus Care grant. Carol said that she has completed the 2 day SOAR training in Greenville. AHRMM now has 3 SOAR trained workers on our committee.

Golden Care

Kristin Hudson reported that Golden Care is making house calls and growing tremendously. The number for Golden Care is 910-730-0840. She explained that they will accept Medicaid and also Private Pay.

Richmond County Department of Social Services

Linda Collins reported that there is some Emergency Assistance money left. Mitch Humphrey reported that Richmond County has had no Adult Care Home problems so far.

Moore County Schools

Faye Hardy reported that they counted 363 children homeless this year during the PIT count. For the month of April they have a total of 23.

Monarch

Relena Hair reported 2 vacancies for individuals with developmental disabilities in Richmond County, 1 vacancy in Moore County in a 6 bed home in Hoke County with all female residents that has one vacancy.

Moore County DSS

Leslie Bamba introduced herself to the group and said that she would join us in the future.

First In Families

Beverly Davis reported that they are accepting applications for rental assistance, mainly for disabled individuals. They are holding a clothes drive in June for children's clothes. She will send a message to the group to remind them to bring items to the May meeting.

Montgomery County DSS

Richard Evers reported that there are no more Emergency Assistance funds. He said that the Council of Aging in Montgomery County had opened a food kitchen in Star that will be open three days a week to anyone that needs a meal.

New Business

At our May meeting, Tim Emmert will continue working with the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 9:30am at Monarch Creative Arts in Southern Pines.

*****PLEASE BRING A POTENTIAL MEMBER!*****