

**AHRMM MEETING**  
**May 21, 2013**  
**Monarch Creative Arts**

**In Attendance:**

Regional Vice-Chair: Donna McCormick, Sandhills Center; Secretary: Mary Pat Buie, Sandhills Center, Nina Walker, SCAP; Faye Hardy, Moore County Schools; Relena Hair, Monarch; Kristen Hudson, Golden Care; Carol Brown, Family First and Golden Care; Richard Evers, Montgomery County DSS; Priscilla McDaniel, Anson High School; Kam McDonald, Anson County Schools; Janien Lee, Friend to Friend; Martha Beatty, Hoke County Coalition Against Homelessness; Tim Emmert, Moore County Planning; Daniel Martin, Moore County Planning; Jessica Ledbetter, Food Bank of CENC; Rasheeda Sturdivant, Trinity Services, LLC.; Andy Smitley, NC Mentor; Mary Ratliff, Anson County Schools

The meeting was called to order by Donna McCormick. She welcomed all attendees.

**Introductions**

Attendee introductions were made.

**Approval of March 2013 Minutes**

Tim Emmert made a motion to approve April 2013 minutes, second by Relena Hair, minutes were approved unanimously.

**Balance of State Steering Committee Update**

Susan Bellew will give the report at the June meeting.

**10 Year Plan**

Tim Emmert led the discussion. He presented the Shelby/Cleveland Plan as a good model for us to follow. He reported that there were four components of that plan:

1. Prevention of homelessness
2. Housing-opening the door for options
3. Wraparound services for support
4. Evaluation (of efforts)

We discussed the housing component today. There are a range of options for housing:

1. Transitional Housing (there are no additional funds at this time)
2. Shelters (no more funding for shelters at this time)
3. Supportive Housing (Friend to Friend received funds to rebuild after their fire)
4. Housing + Services (this is what HUD wants to promote)
5. Key Program (targeted housing for people with disabilities) the problem is a lack of funding for services

Tim recommends that we build a data profile to support funding. Shelby/Cleveland showed a cost to taxpayers for the homeless, the cost of emergency room visits, jail time and food stamp costs. We could assess what is not working on the local level and give the report to HUD and elected officials.

Andy Smitley suggested that we consider the Robert Wood Johnson foundation for grants.

We will continue to work on our plan at the June meeting.

**Report from SCAP**

Nina Walker reported vacancies:  
1 in Richmond County, and 1 in Moore County  
Shelter + Care slot is filled

### **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.

### **Agency Updates:**

#### **Family First/Golden Care**

Carol Brown announced that she is processing a woman from Anson County for Sandhills Centers Shelter Plus Care grant. She says that the accreditation process is going well at Family First. Kristen Hudson said that Golden Care is growing. They are available three days a week for medical house calls.

#### **Moore County Schools**

Faye Hardy reported that they counted 388 children homeless this year. This is a 40% increase from last year.

#### **Monarch**

Relena Hair reported 2 vacancies for individuals with developmental disabilities in Hoke County, 2 DDA apartments in Richmond County and 1 vacancy at Circlewood Group Home.

#### **Moore County Planning**

Daniel Martin reported that they have a grant for housing rehab for low income families. They have been awarded 2 additional grants also.

#### **Montgomery County DSS**

Richard Evers reported that the Council of Aging kitchen is serving around 500 meals a week. He realizes that food stamps are not enough resource for a family. He says that he is hoping that Montgomery DSS will have a SOAR worker on staff in the future.

#### **Friend to Friend**

Janien Lee reported that their numbers are up. They are housing 6 women and 5 children.

#### **Trinity Services, LLC**

Rasheeda Sturdivant reported that their accreditation has been approved for 3 years. She says that they provide MST, Outpatient Services, and Substance Abuse services.

#### **Anson County Schools**

Mary Ratliff reported an awareness of homeless children at the schools. They have a program called "Make Your Day" which lets children "opt out" by putting their head on the desk if needed. EOG testing has started in the school. They recognize a growing homeless population.

#### **NC Mentor**

Andy Smitley reported that NC Mentor has child services and Therapeutic Foster Care programs out of the Richmond County office. He says that the foster kids aging out of supportive services is a big concern.

### **Hoke County Coalition Against Homelessness**

Martha Beatty showed the group a model of a T-shirt that is being designed to draw attention to homelessness. She is hoping to get sponsors for the shirt. She is planning an event in November for Homeless Awareness Month. She is interviewing families for her 2 family house.

### **Food Bank of CENC**

Jessica Ledbetter reported that they are doing a hunger study. They are planning their Kids Summer Meal Program. They will provide breakfast and lunch at over 80 sites for around 3000 children.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 22, 2013 at 9:30am. The location is to be announced.

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