

AHRMM MEETING
July 16, 2013
Richmond County DSS

In Attendance:

Regional Chair: Susan Bellew, Family Promise; Regional Vice-Chair: Donna McCormick, Sandhills Center; Secretary: Mary Pat Buie, Sandhills Center; Nina Walker, SCAP; Kristen Hudson, Golden Care; Carol Brown, Family First and Golden Care; Richard Evers, Montgomery County DSS; Kam McDonald, Anson County Schools; Rasheeda Sturdivant, Trinity Services, LLC.; Phil Hewett, Sandhills Center; Darrell Crump, New Horizons LLC; Linda Collins, Richmond County DSS; Angela Barnes, Rockingham ACTT; Kelly Hutchinson, REFORM; Paulette Moore, Richmond County Health Department.

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

Introductions

Attendee introductions were made.

Approval of May 2013 Minutes

Donna McCormick made a motion to approve the May 2013 minutes, second by Nina Walker, minutes were approved unanimously.

Balance of State Steering Committee Update

Susan Bellew reported on the June Balance of State meeting.

The following ideas were discussed with the Regional Leads regarding how to get more participation at the table:

1. Organize outreach events
2. Have each organization send a representative if the regular member is unable to attend.
3. Develop a membership committee
4. Assemble a welcome packet for new members
5. Include an "unmet needs" section of the agenda
6. Send a teaser email in advance of the meetings
7. Provide food

The scorecard committee will meet soon.

There is some ESG money that can be applied for.

Report from SCAP

Nina Walker reported that they have no vacancies at this time.

The Shelter + Care slot is filled

Report from Sandhills Center LME/MCO

Donna McCormick read a draft of the letter that will be sent to HUD after approval by the management team at Sandhills Center. The letter states that Sandhills Center has made a decision to relinquish their role as administrators of the Shelter Plus Care Grant that was awarded in 2010. When the letter is finalized, it will be sent out to the AHRMM membership. The main barriers that prohibited the successful administration of the grant are: a lack of appropriate referrals and

the difficulty of maintaining the 1:1 service match required. Donna reported that SCAP will accept the one recipient that has been successfully housed.

Agency Updates:

Family First/Golden Care

Carol Brown announced that Family First has received their three year accreditation from CARF. Kristen Hudson said that Golden Care is growing. They served 100 patients last month and they anticipate having more this month.

Montgomery County DSS

Richard Evers reported that they have the pilot program for NC FAST. This is a one stop shopping option for all social services. He said that they have a new Deputy Director (Kevin Reno).

Trinity Services, LLC

Rasheeda Sturdivant reported that they will begin a play therapy program next week. She asked for options for a family of eight facing eviction. The group advised her to consult with Legal Aid and Fair Housing. Donna McCormick suggested socialserve.com as a resource.

Anson County Schools

Kam McDonald reported that Anson County has a Summer Enrichment Program for kids. They provide a free breakfast and lunch with the program. She said that children who need free uniforms for school can see the school social worker. There were several suggestions from the group for less expensive uniforms: thrift shops and the Christian Closets have some available.

Rockingham ACTT

Angela Barnes reported a family that she is working with that is being evicted from their Targeted Apartment. She is trying to find a place for them to go. The group mentioned some landlords that they had found to be receptive to helping with the people we support.

SCAP

Nina Walker reported that the Section 8 that they manage is full and the waiting list is closed. She said that the ESG funds would help a lot of people. She reported openings in SCAP's Self Sufficiency Program.

Richmond County DSS

Linda Collins agreed to host the meeting in the large conference room at Richmond County DSS every other month.

New Business

A motion to support Friend to Friend's application for the Emergency Solutions Grant was unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 9:30am in Southern Pines at the Monarch Creative Arts Community Center.