**Kerr-Tar Regional Housing Committee**

**H. Leslie Perry Library Henderson, NC**

**April 23 2013**

**Minutes**

**Attendance**: J. Rice – Five County COC, K. Turrentine – Infinite Possibilities, J. Bullock – New Direction Ministries, K. McCowan – ARC-ACTT, G.Crute – J-Jireh Services, J. Neal - Franklin County Schools Homeless Liaison, C. Hart – VCDSS, V. Person – VCDSS, C. Turrentine – CPOH – Mens Shelter, Lt Robinson – HPD, A.Grant- ARC/ Women’s and Men’s SA houses, C. Davis – VR services

Meeting call to order , Welcome members and guest – Chairperson – J. Rice

Reviewed last month’s meeting minutes – Motion was made by G. Crute and second by K. McCowan to accept March minutes unanimously accepted by committee members.

**Report/ Updates:**

Report from the BoS Steering Committee – J.Rice – HUD recently announced funding for all Tier One Renewal projects total amount awarded to BoS = $4,241,627. The Kerr- Tar Region was awarded $579,700.00 for SPC renewal projects. Kerr – Tar regional did not submit application for new funding.

Joel reported the final point in time count data is posted on the NCCEH web site. The total count was $3627 which was a 24% increase from 2012 count. Some of the increase could be explain by new committees conducting un shelter counts and increase in bed inventory.

**Reports**

**Infinite Possibilities – Rapid Re- Housing** – K. Turrentine reported program up and running and accepting referrals should come from community support agencies, and emergency shelters.

**Community Partners of Hope -**  C. Turrentine reported the Men’s officially closed for the year on March 31st 2013 completing he fourth season. 220 seafood fundraiser was held yesterday the 22nd had a good turnout. Work will begin on the Hope House ( men’s transitional program) volunteers needed should contact Charles at 252-820-0701.

**Open Discussion:** Identifying barriers in accessing housing for our consumers.

Criminal background and credit checks, application fees, utilities deposits, apartment managers discrimination against consumers, lack of decent affordable housing.

Joel reported community capacity funds through Five county COC could be used to leverage some of the identified barriers.

**Meeting Adjourn: Next schedule meeting May 28th 2pm Henderson Library.**