

AHRMM MEETING
October 15, 2013
First Baptist Church, Southern Pines

In Attendance:

Regional Chair: Susan Bellew, Family Promise; Regional Vice-Chair: Donna McCormick, Sandhills Center; Secretary: Mary Pat Buie, Sandhills Center; Carol Brown, Golden Care; Faye Hardy, Moore County Schools; Rasheeda Sturdivant, Trinity Services, LLC.; Phil Hewett, Sandhills Center; Nikki Locklear, Friend to Friend; David Richardson, Legal Aid of North Carolina; Nina Walker, SCAP; Angela Barnes, Rockingham ACTT, Martha Beatty, Hoke County Coalition Against Homelessness.

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

Introductions

Attendee introductions were made.

Approval of September 2013 Minutes

Donna McCormick made a motion to approve the September 2013 minutes, second by Phil Hewett. Minutes stand approved.

Balance of State Steering Committee Update

Donna McCormick reported on the Balance of State Steering Committee meeting:

We need to have names and contacts for our representatives on the Scorecard Committee and the Project Review Committee by Friday, October 18th. Donna McCormick volunteered to represent our committee on the Scorecard Committee and Carol Brown volunteered for the Project Review Committee. Susan Bellew will send in our representative names.

Lisa Phillips, State Coordinator from the NC Homeless Education Program, presented about homelessness in the school system and the role of School Liaisons in supporting homeless students.

All BoS applications for ESG funding were funded.

NCCEH submitted the CoC registrations through esnaps on September 24th. They are expecting a 5-10% cut in funds.

Agencies interested in using CHIN should complete the Call for Information regarding CHIN licenses.

Report from SCAP

Nina Walker reported one vacancy for Transitional Housing in Rockingham, and one in Wadesboro. Pine Bluff will have two vacancies by the end of the week.

Nina is a member of a Coordinating Assessment Workgroup that will meet next Tuesday in Raleigh. The focus is on Best Practices.

Report from Sandhills Center LME/MCO

Donna McCormick reported that the Shelter Plus Care recipient is doing well but would like to move to Moore County where she has more family support. She said that Sandhills Center's management team is negotiating with the state about the future of the grant.

Report from Friend to Friend:

Nikki Locklear reported that they have been getting calls from Montgomery and Lee Counties because of their shelter closings. She reported that Friend to Friend has handled the Crisis Line for Lee County for a period of time. The Candlelight Vigil to promote awareness of victims of domestic violence will be held in the Southern Pines downtown park this evening at 6:30. Nikki reported that the new Pet Shelter is almost finished.

Report from Family Promise:

Susan Bellew reported a very successful fund raiser that had just been held. Susan said that Family Promise has teamed up with Pet Smart to handle pets of those that come to Family Promise.

Agency Updates:

Golden Care

Carol Brown stated that housing is a big need for the individuals she is working with. She continues to be very busy with her Golden Care consumers and has expanded her territory to several new counties.

Trinity Services, LLC

Rasheeda Sturdivant reported that Trinity Services has added Montgomery County to their service area. She said that she is doing presentations at schools and DSS sites to present the array of services that Trinity provides. She also reported that they have added Sexual Abuse Treatment for children who are victims and evaluations for perpetrators.

Hoke County Coalition Against Homelessness

Martha Beatty reported that she has received the donation of a refrigerator for her shelter. Martha reported the Homeless Awareness Rainbow Tea to be held on Saturday, October 19th at the Raeford Civic Center from 4-6:00pm. The “Ray of Hope” youth volunteer service program currently has 4 youth volunteers. She is also organizing Care Boxes for home bound people. Martha will encourage Hoke County School Liaisons to attend AHRMM meetings.

Sandhills Center

Donna McCormick reported that Sandhills Center was making the transition to a Managed Care Organization and adding new staff members.

Legal Aid of North Carolina

David Richardson reported that they plan to add a third attorney to the office in Rockingham. David announced that the Navigator Program for healthcare exchange was up and running and staff was able to travel to other locations. He said that their website was improving.

Moore County Schools

Faye Hardy reported that they had identified 252 homeless students since this school year started. She said that most of these students were living in a “doubled up with other family members” situation. She reported one family that has a current situation that the school is concerned about.

Rockingham ACTT

Angela Barnes reported that they are getting more referrals and trying to transition members out that have been in their system for a longer period of time. She said that she continues to have folks that need housing.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 9:30 at Richmond County DSS