**Beaufort County Regional Committee**

**February 26, 2014**

**Washington Housing Authority/Central Office**

**The mission of the Beaufort County Regional Committee is:** *The Beaufort County Regional Committee will work as a subcommittee of the Balance of State Continuum of Care to assure quality housing for all, from homelessness through self-sufficiency.*

**The vision of the Beaufort County Regional Committee is:** *Promoting self-sufficiency and eliminating homelessness.*

**Present:** Harlan MacKendrick, Washington Area Interchurch Shelter & Kitchen; Sally Love, United Way; Anita Little, Beaufort County DSS; Amy Modlin, ECBH; and Marc Recko, Washington Housing Authority and Mideast Regional Housing Authority.

1. Introductions
2. Minutes – January meeting was cancelled due to snow.
3. Coordinated Assessment – Amy Modlin

The Balance of State Coordinated Assessment Workgroup met February 6th. The task of this group is to create a Coordinated Assessment Toolkit for the Regional Committees to us in creating and administering local Coordinated Assessment systems. The vision statement and guiding principles have been presented to and approved by the Balance of State Steering Committee. The CA group will present the Assessment Tool and the Governance Structure at the face-to-face Steering Committee meeting in Greensboro. The group hopes to finish the toolkit by May/June.

1. Regional Lead and Alternate – The group voted for Amy Modlin to serve as the Regional Lead and Marc Recko as the Alternate for the coming year, January 2014 – December 2014.
2. Structure of Beaufort County Regional Committee – Group Discussion

Group discussed inviting other counties to join the Beaufort County Regional Committee. Several agencies that attend the current committee meetings cover multiple counties. In addition, several surrounding counties do not have a regional committee. After some discussion the group decided to approach Martin County first as it was nearby and seemed to be a good fit with Beaufort County. Amy Modlin will make some contacts with Martin County and report back to the group next month.

1. Agency Updates –

Marc Recko reported that the Oakcrest Community Playground build was a success and the playground is up and going. He also shared the Northgate subdivision where their homeownership program is located has three or four more slots to fill. The program is for households with annual incomes between $18,000-$30,000 such as new teachers, law enforcement, etc.

Amy Modlin shared that ECBH is assisting with the development of the NC 2-1-1 system in 17 of ECBH’s 19 counties. She suggested inviting Keith Letchworth from ECBH to the next meeting to talk about NC 2-1-1.

Sally Love introduced herself as the new Director of the Beaufort County United Way. She is replacing Mark Hamblin.

Anita Little reported the Beaufort County DSS has extra money in the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) and to please contact DSS if you know anyone that may benefit from it.

1. Next Meeting – March 26, 2014, 10am at the Washington Housing Authority/Central Office.