Beaufort County Regional Committee

Washington Housing Authority/Mid-east Regional Housing Authority

809 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, NC 27889

Wednesday, March 26, 2014 – 10:00 AM

**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 McKendrick, Washington Area Interchurch Shelter & Kitchen; Sally Love, United Way; Anita Little, Beaufort County DSS; Amy Modlin, ECBH; Erica McCloud , Washington Housing Authority and Mideast Regional Housing Authority; Ann-Marie Montague, Ruth’s House and Keith Letchworth, ECBH.

1. Introductions
2. Minutes – February Minutes approved
3. NC 2-1-1 Presentation – Keith Letchworth, ECBH –

The 211 system enables people to connect to over 18,000 resources such as food, housing, counseling, health care, child care, etc. just by dialing 211. ECBH is funding the 211 system in 17 of its 19 counties.

The 211 accrediting body< united Way, requires annual recertification of agency information but ECBH is hoping to update information every six months. A typical call to 211 is about two minutes with a person being put on hold for approximately eight seconds. The caller providing their zip code helps 211 operators search the database. Information can be provided via email or phone call. There are also text capabilities but it prolongs the call and is not a good use of time. There is a 211 smartphone application available.

1. Agency Updates –

Ann-Marie from Ruth’s House would like to explore more shelter options for women and children who are experiencing homelessness.

Shelter plus Care updates – all units are filled. ECBH’s Shelter plus Care program is serving 53 individuals, 45 families and 61 children.

1. Next meeting – April 30, 2014 at 10:00am at Washington Housing Authority.