

## AHRMM MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2015

First Bank of Rockingham

### **In Attendance:**

Chair: Wanda Feldt, Community Liaison; Secretary: Donna McCormick, Mary Pat Buie, Sandhills Center MCO, Susan Bellew, Family Promise, Kam McDonald, Anson County Schools; Quiotti Ratliff, SCAP; John Young, Montgomery County DSS; Carol Brown & Linda McPhatter, Golden Care; Lakisha Rodgers & Mike Minnick, Legal Aid of NC; Bob Huber, Therapeutic Alternatives/Bridge of the Sandhills, LLC; Chuck Spelman, Veteran Representative; Pam Hodges, Sandhills Regional Hospital; Relena Hair, Monarch; Kelly Hutchinson, REFORM; Paulette Wall, Richmond County Schools; Carolyn Gillespie, Anson County DSS; Beverly Davis, First In Families.

The meeting was called to order by Wanda Feldt. She welcomed all attendees.

### **Introductions**

Attendee introductions were made.

### **Approval of May 2015 Minutes**

Motion was made by Linda McPhatter to approve the minutes, seconded by Mary Pat Buie. Motion to approve was offered and carried.

### **Balance of State Steering Committee Update:**

- Wanda discussed this month's Conference Call. The Point-in-Time count showed a decrease in homeless people 5% since last year in January.
- Coordinated Assessment: The BOS (Balance of State) approved AHRMM's CA. The agencies participating so far are: Friend-to-Friend Domestic Violence, Family Promise, Golden Care, Family Endeavors and SCAP. We will be educated on how this process will work soon. There are two parts to the homeless assessments: the Emergency Screening Form and the VI-SPDAT.
- The grant competition is underway. Paulette Wall reported on the Scorecard committee calls she's participated on. The language is being changed on the new scorecard. The committee wants to know exactly who your agency is going to serve. There will be penalties for agencies that turn materials in beyond the due dates. Last year, they spent \$5.6 million on grants with a total of 41 projects. They want to see more community involvement in your grants. There will be no funding cuts this year. They are voting on the new scorecard on today's call.
- Donna & Mary Pat have volunteered to be the Webmaster people to put the minutes and agendas on the NCCEH website for their review each month.
- Reminder: Anne Friesen has developed a website for AHRMM: Sandhillshomeless.com. It has a lot of information regarding housing/homeless resources, flyers for upcoming agency events, etc... She is willing to update it if you send her your agency events. Her e-mail is: [anne@annefriesen.com](mailto:anne@annefriesen.com).

### **Agency Updates:**

- **Sandhills Center LME/MCO** reports that changes may happen in the future of merging with another LME/MCO.
- **Family Promise:** Susan reports that they are working on a new project.
- **Anson County Schools:** Kam reports that they recently had a homeless walk in Wadesboro. Next year they plan to have it at a different location. They have clothing, food, books, etc...for the children.  
Kam reports there are approximately 48 homeless children in Anson County. Ebenezer Church provides food for the children.
- **Therapeutic Alternatives:** Bob Huber with reports they've added a Peer Support Specialist. Will try to come to the AHRMM meeting in August.
- **Golden Care:** Carol Brown says they are constantly growing and are spread out in multiple counties.
- **Anson DSS:** The Adult Unit is going paperless soon. They want the Adult workers to work on restoring competency in their clients if possible.
- **Legal Aid:** They are having clinics in Anson County at the Courthouse on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and in Richmond County on June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Montgomery DSS:** John reports that they are hiring a government services officer.
- **Golden Care:** Linda reports that she is travelling a lot. They have added 400 patients and linked up with another agency as well. They need a physician to join their team.
- **Monarch:** Relena says they have 1 vacancy for IDD in Hoke and Moore County. They have 2 vacancies for an IDD apartment in Richmond and Moore Counties. Circlewood, Group Living High, has 3 vacancies in Hamlet. Pine Terrace, group living moderate has an opening. Wiregrass Manor in Hamlet has an apartment opening , as well as one in Rockingham at McArthur apartments. The Charlotte St. house in Hamlet has 1 vacancy for an independent IDD person that needs minimal assistance with ADL's.
- **Sandhills Regional Hospital:** Pam reports that they are opening a detox center with 7 or 8 rooms soon. Your primary physician would have to complete a referral.
- **First-in-Families:** Beverly says they serve 8 counties for IDD people. They are having a clothes and food drive in August.
- **Richmond County Schools:** Paulette says they have 218 homeless children this year.

Being no further business or updates, the meeting was adjourned by Wanda Feldt.

### ***Next Meeting:***

***Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 9:30am.***

***Monarch Creative Arts Building in Southern Pines.***