**AHRMM Meeting Minutes**

September 20, 2016

Airport Building in Rockingham

**Attendees:** Donna McCormick, Sandhills Center LME/MCO; Kam A. McDonald, Anson County Schools; Kenneth Kelley, NC Works Career Center Veterans; LaQunda Bowden, Hearts of Safe Haven Residential Home; Stephanie Alford, Hoke County Schools; Laura Haygood, Family Endeavors; Casey Saunders-Moore County Schools; Turquoise Bennett, Anson County DSS; John L. Young, Montgomery County DSS; Paullett Wall, Richmond County Schools; Kelly Hutchinson, REFORM; Beverly Davis, First in Families; Kevin Vacher, Yattie’s Homes; French Waley, Yattie’s Homes; Nikki Locklear, Friend to Friend; Carol Brown, Brown’s Golden Care; Linda McPhatter, Brown’s Golden Care.

**Welcome and Introductions:**

-The Meeting was called to order at 9:35 by Donna McCormick. Welcome and introductions made by attendees.

**Minutes:**

Nikki Locklear moved that the minutes be approved and Carol Brown seconded. The motion passed.

**Balance of State Steering Committee Update**

**Coordinated Assessment Update and Election of a New CA Lead:**

**Restructuring of the Regional Housing Committees**

-Lee, Harnett, Randolph+AHRMM to start January 1, 2017 under restructuring.

-Regional Meeting on October 19, 2016 with NCCEH (North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness) to assist with restructuring.

-26 Continuum of Care down to 13. NCCEH staff wants to be free from their positions in the office to help with training.

-We’re hoping they develop something where we can call in.

-Last month, AHRMM voted to continue meeting 1 time per month.

-An email will be sent later for the location of the 10/19/16 meeting, which is the day after the next AHRMM monthly meeting.

**Grantee Reports**

**SCAP:**

SCAP still has a grant.

**Friend-to-Friend:**

6 Women, 2 kids, and a Goldfish are in the shelter. There are vacancies, and a total of 34 beds. The shelter has never been at full capacity.

**Old Business**

**Emergency Response Forms:**

-Forms are to be completed when you encounter a person via phone or face to face.

-Donna passed out forms and explained how to use them.

-This is the state’s way of keeping up with who is homeless.

-Nina will know further details.

-Family Promise is for Women and Children.

-Kenneth inquired about shelters for men.

-The minutes show Second Chance Ministries takes referrals for men and has a house for men.

**Membership Applications:**

-Donna provided membership applications to Yattie’s Homes.

**New Business**

**Agency Updates:**

**Sandhills Center-**Donna McCormick reported that she and Mary Pat are still busy traveling and screening people on the state list that are in assisted living homes. If clients have mental illness, then they find homes for them. They screen them for independent living. It is a long list with the new state initiative.

**Anson County Schools**-Kam A. McDonald announced that the number of students is not available for the District for McKinney-Vento. Morven Elementary School has a total of 3 students.

-Anson County School District is involved with our first Service Project, which is the United Way Campaign.

-The School Social Workers are planning the Southwest Regional Conference on March 10, 2017 at CHS-Anson Community Room. It is a 1-Day Conference.

-Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church will host the annual Parking Lot Ministry Event on 9/24/16 from 10a-2p at 612 Salisbury St. in Wadesboro. Free Flu Shots from a Walgreens Pharmacist, food, toiletries, information, clothing, and the preached word.

**Richmond County Schools-**Paullett Wall reported70 students who are homeless.

-The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth Conference (NAEHCY) is in October and in Orlando, Fl. October 29th-November 1st. Paullett of RCS and Casey Saunders of Moore County Schools will attend.

**Moore County Schools**-Casey Saunders reported 154 students who are homeless, with most of them living in a doubled-up situation.

-MCS is starting tutoring and college readiness groups for those students. They are going to Campbell University next month.

**Hoke County Schools**-Stephanie Alford reported 32 students who are homeless.

-There is a canned food drive that starts in the district on October 17th.

-The annual Walk for Homelessness and Hunger is scheduled with a tentative date of November 17th at Hoke County High School.

**NCWorks**-Kenneth Kelley explained his job duties as a resource for the community. WIOA trades program for dislocated workers. Ann Johnson trains seniors, and there is a variety of programs for the community such as continuing education. You can register at NCWorks.gov as a service provider so clients can go there and find you. Employers can also post jobs.

**Hearts of Love Safe Haven-**Laqunda Bowen is new to AHRMM and operates a Residential Home for foster children until they receive permanent placement through age 18. They are just getting started and in Richmond County only.

**REFORM**-Kelly Hutchinson updated us on the programs and explained how they work. The Girls program is going well and has 10-17 girls that participate each month. They are now setting up a Girls on the Go Program to include other counties.

-The Reform program that works with Men and Boys who are at-risk for criminal activity is in its 10th year in Richmond County.

**First in Families-**Beverly Davis announced that the Back to School Giveaway went well.

-They are accepting annual Operation Santa requests.

-Fort Bragg is coming to assist.

-TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury) can fall under First in Families.

**Montgomery County DSS-**John L. Young announced that the Deputy Director, Kevin, is leaving on 10/17/16.

-Works in Adult Protective Services.

-They have CIP funds for crisis interventions.

-LIEAP is coming soon on December 1st.

**Family Endeavors-**Laura Haygood reported 42 counties. They serviced 30 veterans and 40 in Cumberland County. September 29-30 is a Homeless Stand-down in Festival Park in Fayetteville (Downtown). On 11/18/16, there is a Stand-Down at the VFW in Fayetteville.

**Anson County DSS**-Turquoise Bennett reported that she works in Adult Protective Services.

-SW II position in Foster Care to reopen and Income Maintenance II position open.

-New apartments called “Abbington Grove”. Six 2-story apartment buildings=48 units with 2-3 bedrooms located at 1265 US Highway 74. Rent begins at $270/month (income based). Contact Boyd Management at 704 851.4598 because they are accepting applications, and there is an application fee. Turquoise will find out what it is for us. They have a fitness center, library, and playground. They are performing background checks on applicants as well.

-Windsor Downs in Polkton is a designated Key Target Program by the State.

-There was an expungement program in Anson 2 weeks ago.

**Brown’s Golden Care**-Carol Brown announced they are marketing their service to facilities, staff travel, and they bring Primary Medical Care into homes and community where people have trouble accessing it. Linda McPhatter is the mental health, networker, and catchall person for the company.

-Dr. Miriam Fernz of Columbus Internal Medicine in Whiteville, NC is looking to open a free clinic and has service established in Richmond. Carol will be a service provider there. Dr. Fernz has a large business in Whiteville and will use Physician Assistants and college students at the clinic. Linda is working on grants.

**Yattie’s Homes-**Kevin Vacher and French Worley are new to AHRMM. Yattie’s Homes is For-Profit, but seeking Non-Profit status. The goal is independent living. Started by prepping 2 homes/properties they had available and they are still renovating one. Clients receive 2 meals per day, transportation, utilities, housekeeping, medical support, a landline, and shopping. They get multiple referrals from DSS because they have 20 beds available between both properties.

-Has security and cameras, looking at building Tiny Homes in the future,

-New company that just opened last fall and has women and men age 31-75 but can have clients from ages 18-80.

-3 beds, not licensed by the state nor seeking it, interested in pursuing grants.

-Can take homeless if there is a funding source because they are a small business.

-Drove an hour from Chadbourne in Columbus County.

Next meeting is October 18, 2016 at the Monarch Creative Arts & Community Center, located at 1662 Richards St. in Southern Pines.

**Adjournment:** By Donna McCormick at 11:05

Submitted by:

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