

**Balance of State Region 7 Committee Meeting
Conference Call**

Ms. Quiotti Ratliff, Region 7 Alternate Lead, welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members present introduced themselves.

Members Present: Debbie Cole, CUOC- Randolph; Rachel Picard, City of Sanford; Tamara Brogan, Family Promise; Laura Spivey, Outreach Mission, Inc; Hamer Carter, Outreach Mission Inc.; Jefferey Rawlings, Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action; Manuel Hyman, Alliance Health; Susan Belleu, Family Promise-Moore; Quiotti Ratliff, Sandhills Center; Angela Jones, Johnston Lee Harnett Community Action; Chrishonda Ham, SAFE of Harnett County; John Campbell, Daymark; Nina Walker, Sandhills Community Action Program; Donna McCormick, Sandhills Center; Amber Chambelin, NAEHCY Moore Co Schools; Thomasina Wall, DSS- Anson; Shelley Hudson, Salvation Army

Minutes

A motion was made by Tamara Brogan to approve the January 2020 minutes. Debbie Cole seconded. The motion carried.

BoS Report:

At this time there is no report. On January 28, Marie Watson emailed the BOS report to this committee. Marie will send out updates.

Discuss Bylaws:

Tabled until March meeting.

ESG Funded Grantee Reports:

Friend to Friend – No report.

OMI- Hamer Carter reported that OMI served 33 unique people in January- 17 men and 16 women. 10 people were exited to housing. There is currently a 12-person waiting list. These people all came from calls to 211.

Johnston-Lee- Harnett- Community Action Inc- Jeff reported that at the end of the year closing, 17 families had been served in Lee County and 11 in Harnett. The initial allocation was larger for Harnett because there is a larger population in that county. Jeff has housed no one in 2020 thus far. He has to receive new homelessness verifications for the new year. Angela reported that she served 18 in Johnston County in 2019, and is also working on reverifying homelessness, currently.

SAFE of Harnett County – No report.

Committee Reports:

PIT Count – Debbie Cole reported that the count for 2020 is officially over and the app is closed. There were a lot of observations and not many interviews. Unfortunately, we needed more interviews- HUD requires a certain ratio of observations/interviews (We had roughly 40% observations). It is necessary to verify that a person is actually homeless. However, we have been told that this is still the most complete count ever done.

Coordinated Entry- Jeff Rawlings reported that he attended a Greenville/Region 12 Coordinated Entry case conferencing meeting. He said it was an inspiring, robust discussion including their five-county Housing Authority, Rapid Rehousing, and many other service providers. They discuss clients using names, which is important for in-depth, first-hand knowledge of the person's situation and housing options. Region 7's Coordinated Entry committee meets right after our monthly Region 7 meetings and again two weeks later- they have two meetings per month.

Agency Reports:

Sandhills Community Action – Nina Walker discussed Mainstream Vouchers. She said they are just like Section 8 vouchers, but they are for non-elderly disabled persons or families that contain non-elderly disabled people. Staff receive 30 vouchers. The two preferences for vouchers are for those transitioning out of an institution or transitioning out of Rapid Rehousing.

Family Promise of Lee County- Tamara Brogan reported that Family Promise currently has two families in the program with one coming in. They will then be at capacity with 13 people total. In 2019, they served 17 families and 53 individuals. 11 of those families completed the program successfully.

Alliance Health of Johnston County- Manuel Hyman reported that there were four housing assistance applications in January, with one approved. They are able to assist with first month's rent, utilities, etc.

Sandhills Center- Quiotti Ratliff reported that they are involved in a program and 90 day follow-along to ensure people are maintaining independent housing. They also have mainstream vouchers.

CUOC, Randolph- Debbie Cole reported they have helped three people within the last three months get into housing, and have fed over 1000 families in the past couple of months.

DSS, Anson County- Thomasina Wall reported that they are currently out of funds and are looking for assistance from other counties.

Salvation Army- Shelley Hudson reported that the Salvation Army has an emergency shelter in Fayetteville that is open to people experiencing homelessness in Moore and Hoke. They

accept families with children or single men. There are currently eight rooms available for families and four beds for single men. It's a 54-bed facility. Many of the people staying there are leaving for permanent housing.

HAVEN of Lee County- Katie Martin reported that there are 17 families in the facility.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Quiotti Ratliff, Region 7 Alternate Lead.

*******NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN PERSON AT THE ENRICHMENT CENTER (SANFORD, NC)*******

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Submitted by Rachel Picard