

**Balance of State Region 7 Committee Meeting
April 2, 2020
Conference Call**

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

Members present introduced themselves.

Members Present: Rachel Picard, City of Sanford; Tamara Brogan, Family Promise; Laura Spivey, Outreach Mission, Inc; Jefferey Rawlings, Johnston Lee Harnett Community Action; Manuel Hyman, Alliance Health; Angela Jones, Johnston Lee Harnett Community Action; Chrishonda Ham, SAFE of Harnett County; Nina Walker, Sandhills Community Action; Donna McCormick, Sandhills Center; Marsha Bass, Dunn Housing Authority; Tina Ray, Johnston Lee Harnett Community Action; Kim Ledford, Friend to Friend; Caty Martin, HAVEN in Lee County; Tami Carter, Enrichment Center; Teraefean Goodwin, Rockingham Housing Authority; Kelly Hutchinson, Reform/ Johnston Lee; Tamatha Moore, Sandhills Community Action; Marcia Johnson, Outreach Mission, Inc; Thomasina Wall, Anson County DSS; Casey Saunders, Moore County Schools; Hamer Carter, Outreach Mission, Inc.; Marie Watson, Johnston Lee Harnett Community Action; Tambra Chamberlain, Moore County Schools; Tambra Place, Young Women's Transition Home of Moore County; Kam McDonald, Anson County Schools; Kendra Martin, United Way of Lee County; Shelley Hudson, The Salvation Army; Quiotti Ratliff, Sandhills Center; Kay Johnson, Harbor, Inc.; Chereka Belton, Rockingham Housing Authority; Britney Keene, Johnston County Schools

Minutes

A motion was made by Nina Walker to approve the March 2020 minutes. Donna McCormick seconded. The motion carried.

COVID-19 Reports:

United Way of Lee County, Kendra Martin- Offering a COVID emergency relief fund for agencies assisting with specific COVID-related services. Agencies can apply now. UW is currently accepting donations for this fund.

Anson County DSS, Thomasina Wall- Staff is working at home and in office. Following six-foot rule when seeing clients.

SAFE of Harnett County, Chrishonda Ham- Business as usual. Following social distancing and taking temperatures before seeing clients.

Alliance Health, Manuel Hyman- Johnston County Alliance relaxed criteria for housing assistance.

Moore County Schools, Tandra Chamberlain- Different phases; Phase 1: Looking for unsheltered youth to get them into housing. Board decided to try to house for 6+ months. Three acres donated; Builder willing to build house within six months.

Anson County Schools, Kam McDonald- Making food deliveries to children in need. Homeschooling has not been easy.

Harbor Inc, Kay Johnson- The courthouse is still open and advocates are still there from 8-5. Hotels are giving clients discounted rates.

Family Promise of Lee County, Tamara Brogan- Currently full with 13 people in the program. Families are staying in the Day Center during Governor's orders.

Johnston County Schools, Britney Keene- Staff is doing food drop-offs in lower income areas. Looking into hot spots and Chrome Books for students.

City of Sanford, Rachel Picard- Nonprofit representatives and City and County officials have spoken with Public Health to determine new ideas for quarantining homeless individuals who have COVID. If your municipality has any ideas regarding homelessness and COVID, please let us know!

Rockingham Housing Authority, Terafean Goodwin- Closed to the public but still accepting applications. Spectrum, AT&T, Charter, and other companies are offering free internet and extended broadband during COVID.

Outreach Mission, Inc., Hamer Carter- OMI is open 24/7 and taking a lot of precautions. OMI has an individual isolation plan and a shelter quarantine plan just in case someone gets sick.

Enrichment Center, Tami Carter- The Enrichment Center's focus has been sending food to older adults. Census dates have been extended- dial 844-330-2020 for more information.

Balance of State Report:

There was a leadership meeting yesterday. ESG is looking to get \$4 billion, CDBG \$5 billion. These funds can be used to assist homeless families. ESG gave some additional funding to ESG supported agencies.

ESG Funded Agency Reports:

Friend to Friend- Kim Ledford reported that F2F is operating as usual. They have been trying to move as many people as possible into housing. There are a lot of new COVID procedures. The crisis line has been ringing nonstop.

Outreach Mission, Inc.- Hamer Carter reported that OMI is operating as usual, but screening clients as closely as possible. ESG funding is being used mainly for operating funds. Staff

recently started the application process for the Payroll Protection Program (part of the CARES Act).

JLHCA- Jeff Rawlings reported that in Lee County five families are approved and in Harnett County there are two. Staff is taking applications and doing intakes through video calls. Angela reported that two clients have been housed; six are approved. Kelli reported that two clients have been housed and two moved in last month. One moved in recently. She is providing case management for roughly 23 clients.

SAFE- SAFE is operating as usual. One client just exited the program. They are not at capacity- People are coming and going quickly.

Committee Reports:

Youth Committee, Tambra Chamberlain- This committee is looking to collaborate with Boys and Girls Clubs around the region. Please submit a county lead for each county in this committee.

PIT Count, Debbie Cole- No report.

Coordinated Entry, Jeff Rawlings- The coordinated entry meetings are happening twice a month. They approved four people last month. Jeff went over COVID questions that have been added into the questionnaire.

With no further business, Nina Walker moved to adjourn the meeting. Donna McCormick seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

*******NEXT MEETING WILL BE May 7, 2020 AT 10 AM*******

Submitted by Rachel Picard