

Region 7 Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2021

Attendance: Kam McDonald, Anson County Schools; Chipper Long, Anson County Homes of Hope; Rachel Mann, City of Sanford; Kendra Martin, Lee County United Way; Paul Tate, Outreach Mission Inc.; Kelly Hutchinson, JLHCA; Manuel Hyman, Alliance Health; Chrishonda Ham, Safe of Harnett County; Peggy Owens, Hoke County Schools; Nicholas Peak, Montgomery County DSS; Donna McCormick, Sandhills Center; John Paschal, Bread of Life; Quiotti Ratliffe, Sandhills Center; Danelle Locklear, Hoke County Schools; Jeff Rawlings, JLHCA; Shelley Hudson, The Salvation Army; Caty Martin, JLHCA; Britney Gibson, Johnston County Schools; Stephanie Alford, Hoke County Schools; Lillian Hatton, OMI; Kay Johnson, Harbor; Joy Smith, JLHCA; Kimberly Ledford, Friend to Friend; Kim Childers, Richmond County Schools; Tamatha Moore, Sandhills Community Action; Joy Maynor, Morning Glory Ministries

1. 10:00 a.m. Welcome & Introductions

This meeting was led by the Alternate Lead, Quiotti Ratliffe

2. Approval of Minutes

Donna McCormick motioned; Jeff Rawlings seconded to approve. Unanimous approval.

3. BOS Report

At this meeting, the committee discussed grants, coordinated entry reports, coordinated assessment for the region, racial equity and funding committee reports with general questions about what is coming next for the state.

ESG FUNDED AGENCY REPORTS

Friend to Friend- They are currently at capacity and still offering hotel stays. There are 13 kids at the shelter. Hoping that clients and shelter staff can get vaccines soon!

Outreach Mission, Hamer Carter- OMI served 29 people and exited 15 in January. They received Covid funding recently. Hamer asked if anyone is doing Covid testing before clients enter shelter; Everyone said they are just taking temperatures at entry.

Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, Inc.- Caty reported two move-ins from ESGCV funding and rapid rehousing. 23 clients are on case management, and eight are looking for housing. Kelly reported 12 in case management, with three approved for ESG RRH, and three move-ins in January. Joy reported eight searching for housing, and 10 in case management.

Safe of Harnett County, Chrishonda Ham- Safe is currently at capacity. Two clients were able to find affordable housing recently. Clients are all in good standing. Increasing sanitation practices and doing a lot more cleaning. Didn't apply for any CV funds. No Covid cases at the shelter so far.

Committee Reports

Discuss SSO – Coordinated Entry – Jeffrey Rawlings- There are two paths to get into housing but either way, the client needs to call 211 first. There are different priority levels that qualify for housing or prevention. Currently, there are 96 households on the list throughout the region. JLHCA is working with

Back@Home agency for housing. It's a very full load with clients in many different levels of need. Please ask clients to be patient because there is an extremely high volume of calls. 12 families have been housed through CRF/Back@Home. 43 surge population clients; 12 of those housed. The biggest delay in housing is landlords.

AGENCY REPORTS

Johnston County Schools, Britney Gibson- Currently, there are 262 McKinney Vento homeless students. They have partnered with Purposity app; People in the community can become followers and upload needs to the app. Members of the community can meet the need. The app is connected to Amazon.

Richmond County Schools, Kim Childers- Currently, there are 104 McKinney Vento students. Just went back to face-to-face learning for some students.

Anson County Schools, Kam McDonald- There are currently 50 McKinney Vento homeless students.

Hoke County Schools, Peggy Owens- There are currently 51 McKinney Vento students.

Bread of Life, John Paschal- The emergency weather shelter was open 24 days in December. They are experiencing overcrowding issues. Have had to put a lot of people in hotels. BOL experienced their first Covid case at the shelter this week. They've been in close contact with the health department. The client is isolated in a hotel. They are increasing sanitation efforts and Covid testing.

Sandhills Center, Quiotti Ratliffe- Still working from home. Limited availability of property.

United Way, Kendra Martin- Opening funding application to Lee and Harnett agencies on February 16. Information session on February 16 via Zoom. Applications are due March 22.

Anson County Homes of Hope, Chipper Long- It's an exciting time for this organization; They are starting to work on affordable housing units!

Montgomery County DSS, Nicholas Peak- CARES Act money has been going out to the community. Nicholas introduced Joy Maynor, who was present on the call. Her organization, Morning Glory Ministries, has been serving the community for over three years. There are two ministry locations. Joy asked about 211, and Kendra and other committee members explained what 211 is.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be March 4, 2021 at 10.