

NC Balance of State Continuum of Care  
Southeastern Regional Homelessness Committee  
Meeting Minutes May 15, 2019

In Attendance:

Emily Locklear	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Jamonica Watson	- Southeastern Family Violence Center, Rapid Rehousing
Alora Lowry	- Southeastern Family Violence Center, Back @ Home
Harrison Locklear	- Southeastern Family Violence Center, Back @ Home
Clementine Thompson-McCormick	- Lumberton Christian Care
Cynthia Quintero	- Robeson Community College
Latasha McNair	- Eastpointe
Lori Jacobs	- Community Care of NC
Debbie Garner	-Eastpointe, Shelter Plus Program

1. Meeting called to order at 11:03 a.m.
2. Introduction of Committee (those in attendance) Welcome to Ms. Debbie Garner from Eastpointe, Shelter Plus Program.
3. Review and Approval of Regional Minutes from April 17, 2019
  - a. Motion to accept minutes—Latasha McNair, 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept minutes – Jamonica Watson
  - b. All in favor and minutes approved
4. 2019 COC Competition
  - a. No interest/no approach to Emily at this point.
  - b. Latasha McNair from Eastpointe said their initial grant was renewed, but the expansion grant request was not funded. Initial grant to house 17 was reduced. Now Eastpointe has 7-9 slots available to house.
  - c. Emily Locklear thinks that navigating through the referral process was the biggest hang up this go around. Hope to have better turnaround for the next grant cycle.
  - d. It is important to remember that we must show the need for this area to be able to apply for funding/additional funding.
5. Funding Lead
  - a. Still do not have a Funding Lead
  - b. With 2020 competitions coming up, we will need a funding lead to help
  - c. Emily Locklear suggested that Ms. Debbie Garner from Eastpointe could help with the Funding Lead position, but Eastpointe doesn't think their housing staff should take any committee leads at this time due to change in personnel and learning the new position.

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6. Coordinated Assessment

- a. Holly Oxendine is on maternity leave until July, and Jordyn Roarke is now working in Washington, D.C. If you have any questions about coordinated assessment, please forward them to Emily Locklear.
- b. Coordinated Assessment is part of our funding programs and reports are due July 15<sup>th</sup>

7. Back@Home North Carolina

- a. Harrison Locklear reported that as of today (5/15/19) 179 households were housed (385 people). SFVC helped to house 25% of that count with 42 households. Emily Locklear mentioned that some households were able to get a 1-2 month extension on services past the 6 month rule.
- b. Barriers: Finding properties that are readily available; Jamonica Watson concurred
- c. Additional funds were awarded to B@H for incentives with Landlords such as assistance with repairs of property; application fees (credit history, background checks); arrears for utility and housing
- d. 211 is still the referral system for B@H
- e. Back at Home and Rapid Rehousing was thought to be in competition with each other, but noticed these two programs work well together.

8. Announcements

- a. Referrals to Lumberton Christian Care Center
  - i. Can go directly to the center and background check can be done from the police car that the center calls to the property. No more having to go to the police station first.
  - ii. Any mental health issues or special needs can be referred to Eastpointe and Stephens Outreach for help.
- b. Eastpointe Outreach Event
  - i. Debbie Garner provided flyers for the June 7<sup>th</sup> event
  - ii. Latasha McNair gave out FYI: Eastpointe will be setting up process for regular contact with agencies to see how to identify individuals for services quicker. Debbie Garner will contact bi-weekly to see if agencies are seeing people that meet the criteria for chronic homelessness.
  - iii. Harrison asked if outreach events were going to be held in areas other than the DSS location. Downtown circle? Latasha McNair said not at this time, but will try for future outreach events.

9. Adjournment : 11:32 p.m.

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