

Southeastern Regional Homelessness Committee
NC Balance of State Continuum of Care Agenda
Wednesday, September 17, 2019 @ 11:00 am

In Attendance:

Emily Locklear	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Hollie Oxendine	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Harrison Locklear	- Southeastern Family Violence Center, Back @ Home
Andrew Collier	- Robeson County Church and Community Center
Rosemarie Glenn	- My Refuge
David Edmunds	- Lumberton Christian Care Center
Cynthia Quintero	- Robeson Community College
Debbie Garner	- Eastpointe
Latasha McNair	- Eastpointe

1. Meeting called to order at 11:07 a.m.
2. Introductions
3. Review and Approval of Regional Minutes from July 17th meeting
 - a. H. Oxendine pointed out Gina Hunt's name was misspelled and should be Genia. D. Edmunds motioned to accept the minutes with noted changes. R. Glenn 2nd. Moved with no discussion.
 - b. Later: H. Locklear pointed out that the SEFV should be changed to SFVC in section 5—ESG Funding.
4. 2019 COC Competition
 - a. No applications. SFVC thought to apply but did not. L. McNair explained that Eastpointe has to renew every year. The application covers the Southeast region. There are 9 total housing slots within 4 counties. There are now 5 in the Lumberton area that are being served. L. McNair clarified the conditions outlined by HUD and stressed the importance of getting the remaining slots filled, and using the monies to be able to satisfy the grant requirements, so that the monies do not have to be reallocated elsewhere.
 - b. A discussion between agencies (SFVC, Eastpointe, Robeson Church and Community, and My Refuge) occurred about Rapid Rehousing requirements and being PSH eligible. L. McNair with Eastpointe again clarified the HUD requirements and explained that there is a great resource for referrals and training on www.eastpointe.net. D. Garner with Eastpointe can help with the referral process and access to trainings. H. Oxendine mentioned that the Eastpointe's website seems pretty easy to navigate--even via mobile device.

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5. ESG Funding

- a. SFVC provided additional handouts of their budget and application information for the voting members' review at the beginning of the meeting. All members of SFVC stepped out of the room for the remaining persons to vote.
- b. C. Quintero informed the group that only one agency (SFVC) applied for the ESG Funds, and requested their fair share amount of \$166,920 to be utilized towards Emergency Shelter Operations and Rapid Rehousing/Financial Assistance. C. Quintero informed the group that it is the recommendation of the Funding Process Committee and the NCCEH that SFVC receive their fair share of the funding.
- c. The Region 8 Committee votes in favor (all in favor, no discussion) of SFVC receiving their fair share of funding.
- d. After returning to the meeting, E. Locklear in closing of this agenda point, encouraged all agencies to apply and that SFVC will provide help in figuring out the process.

6. Coordinated Assessment

- a. H. Oxendine stated that the region needs to do better with coordinated assessment. SFVC started a wait list to be able to serve better and to prioritize. The wait list helps with scoring and maintaining Google Docs to help. SFVC works with a BSW student to monitor the Google Doc.
- b. Concerns from the group arose about updating the form and list. L. McNair suggested to add a disability note to the form so that Eastpointe can help those on the waitlist who are eligible for their program. SFVC also mentioned that they do not use names, but rather use a number system for persons in their program to help protect privacy. D. Collier concerned about knowing who has been served and who is still waiting. H. Oxendine suggests to fill out the forms completely and as accurately as possible, and it is always a good idea to follow up to see if the form went through.

7. Back@Home North Carolina

- a. H. Locklear reports that the program is still strong and is extended to June 2021. H. Locklear reported that \$628,000 was allotted and only \$220,000 to date has been used. NC211 is still the referral process and that the program is for homeless individuals displaced by the hurricane. The program helps with rental assistance, utilities, and furniture. The Red Cross has move-in kits with help from a grant from NCCEH.
- b. Landlord engagement is not part of the SFVC budget. LL engagement allows for certain incentives for landlords to cover risks. For more information about this and to refer future interested landlords, please see H. Locklear at the Back@Home program.
- c. Additional restrictions for B@H may be lifted, and there may be a possible Tier 3 eligibility criteria

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8. Announcements

a. Event dates are listed in chronological order:

- October 3: Robeson Church and Community Center canned food drive at the Robeson County Fair. 5 Cans = 1 entry ticket.
- October 17: SFVC Annual Candle Light Vigil in the plaza downtown at 6p.m. Community partners, Survivor speakers, tribute and silent walk. Rain date TBD
- November 22: My Refuge and Prestige Farms will have a donation of 100 turkeys for Thanksgiving. 4:15 p.m. doors open, first come; first serve.
- November 23: My Refuge Full Thanksgiving Meal served 1-4 p.m. 100 food boxes to be given away on a first come; first served basis. 1 ticket per household for box.
- December 21: My Refuge Christmas Meal 1-4 pm. And 100 meal boxes.

b. My Refuge needs for future holiday meals: whole kernel corn and cut green beans (1200) for each holiday meal. Cranberry sauce, 2lb bags of rice and stuffing mix needed. Please text or call R. Glenn for more information.

c. Robeson Church and Community Center announced that they have assorted packages of meat available. D. Collier explained how the meat was received and to call if anyone would like to pick up a shipment.

9. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. Next meeting will be held at Robeson Church and Community Center.

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