

NC Balance of State Continuum of Care
Southeast Region Homelessness Committee
Meeting Minutes – July 21st, 2021

In Attendance:

Hollie Oxendine	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Nicole Flores	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Cicely Pighet	-Southeastern Family Violence Center
Jamonica Watson	-Southeastern Family Violence Center
Stephanie Powers	-Southeastern Family Violence Center
Latasha McNair	-Eastpointe
Virginia Locklear	-Rape Crisis Center
Carla Clark-McRae	-Veteran Affairs, HUD-VASH
Aminah Ghaffar	-NC Commission of Indian Affairs
Kim Archie	-NC Commission of Indian Affairs
Denise Riggins	-Scotland Church and Community Center
Amanda Bundy	-Volunteers of America
Lisa Wallace	-Public Affairs Specialist for Social Security Administration

1. Meeting called to order at 11:02am – Hollie Oxendine

2. **Introduction of Committee** (those in attendance)

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes from June 16th, 2021**

Motion to approve minutes: Cicely Pighet

Second to Motion: Denise Riggins

4. **COC Competition FY21**

- Competition is still open as an intent to apply
- Southeastern Domestic Violence Center applied for the Domestic Violence Rapid Re-Housing Funds
- Emergency Housing Vouchers -0 received for Robeson County, Columbus County refused the vouchers, 15 for Bladen, and 15 for Scotland. NC Commission of Indian Affairs received 400 vouchers. You do not have to be Native American to utilize the vouchers from the NC Commission of Indian Affairs.

5. **B@H Program COVID**

- 31 individuals/families housed
- Counties covered: Robeson, Scotland, Bladen, Columbus Counties
- Hired a Prevention Case Manager
- Referrals continued through 211

6. **Rapid Rehousing Program**

- Currently housed 18 families for the year
- 20 individuals are on the waiting list
- Encouraging assistance with finding additional landlords due to shortage of housing
- Three month assistance program

7. Coordinated Entry/ Assessments

- Added Scotland County Community Center as well as the Rape Crisis Center
- Agencies were removed that are no longer a part of the committee
- Emergency Housing Vouchers. How will they be utilized? Will need additional information.
- Commission of Indian Affairs obtained 400 vouchers, however hasn't determined how the vouchers will be distributed.

8. Presentation from Lisa Wallace-Social Security Administration

- Vulnerable Population Outreach Program
- Social Security Administration office have been closed for over one year
- Reaching out to 365 agencies and partnering to teach individuals on how to take social security income applications to assist within those populations such as homelessness
- Only a small percentage of the population are being reached
- Training "Boots on the Ground" to train agencies to refer individuals for SSI.
- Social Security has developed a Work, Track, Fax number in a secure manner
- Applications are completed telephonically or online
- Lisa.M.Wallace@SSA.GOV

9. Agency Updates/ Announcements

- Southeastern Family Violence Center has resumed support groups face to face at limited capacity.
- Free COVID vaccinations at Lumberton Christian Care Center on 9/30 from 9am-1pm

10. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am
- Next meeting – August 18, 2021 at 11:00am at Southeastern Family Violence Center via ZOOM