

NC Balance of State Continuum of Care  
Southeast Region Homelessness Committee  
Meeting Minutes – June 16, 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
Tomika Shaw	-Eastpointe
Debbie Gardner	-Eastpointe
Latasha McNair	-Eastpointe
Jill Sampson	-Bladen County DSS
Danielle Pernell	-Rape Crisis Center
Carla Clark-McRae	- Veteran Affairs, HUD-VASH
Cynthia Quiento	-Robeson Community College
Aminah Ghaffar	-NC Commission of Indian Affairs
Melinda McKoy	-Southeastern Action Community Partnership
Denise Riggins	-Scotland Church and Community Center
James Gormley	-HUD

1. Meeting called to order at 11:02am – Hollie Oxendine
2. **Introduction of Committee** (those in attendance)
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes from May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
  - Two changes noted: Danielle Pernell is with Rape Crisis Center and to add Debbie Garner to the attendance.
  - Motion to accept by Cicely Pighet second carried by Jamonica Watson
4. **COVID 19 Vaccinations**
  - Presentation completed by James Gormley, HUD
  - HUD and DHHS announced a partnership in May to bring vaccines to the HUD residents, COC populations being served, and in multifamily properties.
  - Five communities currently identified within the state, Lumberton (Robeson) being identified as one.
  - The goal is to establish pop-up vaccine clinics or provide transportation to vaccination sites, and to track ongoing efforts to vaccinate to remove system barriers for accessing vaccinations as well as establish long term relationships for primary care.
  - Currently partnering with Robeson Healthcare Corporation as a vaccination provider
  - Pop Up clinics to be completed within the community or at one of their facilities.
  - Looking for sites for pop up clinics that would assist individuals without transportation within the community

## **5. COC Competition FY21**

- Competition is still open as an intent to apply
- Secured Permanent Supportive Housing, Eastpointe (Serving Robeson, Bladen, Columbus, and Scotland County)
- 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.

## **6. B@H Program COVID**

- 211 is still accepting applications
- Received 219 referrals through 211
- Working with 72 clients
- 27 individuals/families housed
- Counties covered: Robeson, Scotland, Bladen, Columbus Counties
- Current barriers: Lack of landlords
- Provides six months of rental assistance, utility assistance, and deposits.
- Rapid Re-Housing Requirements: Literally homeless and letter to be sent in from a providing agency as a referral, assessment would then be completed.

## **7. Rapid Rehousing Program**

- Currently housed 16 families for the year
- 18 individuals are on the waiting list
- Encouraging assistance with finding additional landlords
- Three month assistance program

## **8. Permanent Supportive Housing**

- 10 individuals housed in Permanent Supportive Housing program, currently at capacity for the grant.

## **9. Coordinated Assessments**

- Added Scotland County Community Center as well as the Rape Crisis Center

## **10. Agency Updates/ Announcements**

- Robeson Community College reported "College Rush" Vaccinations Dates 6/30 and 7/21. Vaccinations, Admissions Applications, FAFSA, Registration Assistance. Summer Semester Transportation Assistance for students.
- Commission of Indian Affairs obtained a Healing Circle Grant. Healing Circles will be held twice a month. This month will be focusing on Trauma Survivors. Healing Circle for Juneteenth 6/18 (Virtual) and for 6/25 PRIDE LGBTQ community survivors (Pembroke, Angel Exchange)
- Updates to Transitional Community Living Program- No longer TCLI

## **11. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 11:29 am
- Next meeting – July 21, 2021 at 11:00am at Southeastern Family Violence Center via ZOOM