

**NC Balance of State Continuum of Care
Southeast Region Homelessness Committee
Meeting Minutes- May 19, 2021**

In Attendance:

Emily Locklear	-Executive Director, Southeastern Family Violence Center
Hollie Oxendine	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Jamonica Watson	-Southeastern Family Violence Center
Stephanie Powers	-Southeastern Family Violence Center
Calacia Douglas	-Southeastern Family Violence Center
Nicole Flores	-Southeastern Family Violence Center
Cicely Pighet	-Southeastern Family Violence Center
Denise Riggins	-Scotland Church and Community Center
Floyd Locklear	-Lumberton Christian Care
Danielle Pernell	-Robeson Healthcare Cooperation
K’Nai N. Kirksey	-
Jennifer Cain	-Family First
Rebecca Tyson	-Columbus County Housing Authority
Latasha McNair	- Eastpointe
Jason Williams	-DreamWorks, Elizabeth Town

1. **Meeting Called to Order-** 11:01 a.m. by Emily Locklear
2. **Introduction of Committee-** All in attendance
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes From April, 21, 2021**
 - **Motion to Accept-** Floyd Locklear
 - **2nd to Motion Acceptance-** Cicely Pighet
4. **COC Competition FY21-**
 - Deadline is in 2 weeks
 - Emily Locklear suggested intent to apply be completed ASAP. If no intent to apply is complete there will be no loss.

- Latasha McNair states she is not sure if any new projects are available but they will renew.

5. Emergency Housing Vouchers

- HUD released news that 70,000 housing vouchers will be released to assist families and homeless households
- Emily Locklear has reached out to all Housing Authority in region. Robeson County unreachable and email sent with no response yet.
- Housing Authorities offered 15 vouchers per county (4 regions)
- To be eligible organization must: be in MOU with committee, utilize coordinated entry
- deadline to accept voucher 5/24/2021
- Have until 2032 to use voucher

6. B@H Program COVID

- Emily shared B@H landlord incentive details and requested that landlords in surrounding areas be informed of assistance available due to shortage of available rentals. Landlords are encouraged to contact Cicely Pighet (Coordinator) for details.
- Cicely Pighet reported that 22 families have been housed in 2021 since the start of B@H-COVID. Approximately 44 are still waiting to be housed.
- Cicely Pighet stated that in order for an individual to qualify for B@H they must go through the 211 referral system. A third party agency letter of referral is required verifying homelessness or fleeing of Domestic Violence.
- Emily Locklear reported that additional monies totaling \$1.6 million have been rewarded for this disaster housing program. All are encouraged to refer eligible parties to 211.

7. Rapid Rehousing Program

- Jamonica Watson, coordinator, reported 11 families housed for 2021 and approximately 15 families waiting to be housed.
- Requirements for Rapid Rehousing Program and description of homelessness discussed.

8. Permanent Supportive Housing

- Latasha McNair, Eastpointe, reported 9 housed making Permanent Supportive housing at its capacity and no new entries will be accepted.
- Permanent Supportive Housing services 4 counties
- Capacity of Housing was decreased to 9 from 17 due to them not being utilized. To get additional slots it must be applied for.
- To be eligible for Permanent Supportive Housing an individual must be: Chronically homeless (4xs per 3yr or 12 months consistent) and have a disabling condition.

9. Coordinated Entry/Assessment

- Hollie Oxendine announced trainings are offered for coordinated entry. Hollie also emphasized that the list needs to be updated with some agencies needing to be removed and some added.

- Emily Locklear asked for the list to be updated due to new housing vouchers.
- Agencies Currently on list: SFVC, My Refuge, Families First, Eastpointe, RCC
- Emily asked for Scotland Co., Columbus Co DSS, and Rape Crisis be added.
- Any community partner must be part of the committee to be added to the Coordinated Entry list (HUD requirement). Contact Hollie to be added to committee.

10. Agency Updates/Announcements

- Jason Williams announce that he is looking to build a shelter for the homeless population in Elizabethtown.
- Emily Locklear provided NC supportive housing information to assist.
- Floyd Locklear and Lumberton Christian Care are still discussing the lift of restrictions due to COVID-19. Reports they are still servicing clients out the back door and they are hoping to reopen soon.
- Floyd also stated his agency hosted a Clinic, 5/12/2021, number served unknown and they currently have 2 types of vaccines.
- Robeson Healthcare offering vaccine little to no charge.
- Jennifer, Families First, states that they are full and still following procedures and in high need.
- Emily suggested Families First be on Coordinated Entry list to be able to use housing voucher.
- Emily announced that the deadline for housing vouchers is 5/24/2021.

11. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 11:42am by Emily Locklear
- Next meeting June 16, 2021 at 11:00am