

**NC Balance of State Continuum of Care  
Southeast Region Homelessness Committee  
Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2021**

In Attendance:

Emily Locklear	-Southeastern Family Violence Center
Hollie Oxendine	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Nicole Flores	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Cicely Pighet	-Southeastern Family Violence Center
Jamonica Watson	-Southeastern Family Violence Center
Brian Fike	-Trillium
Latasha McNair	-Eastpointe
David Edmunds	-Lumberton Christian Care Center
JoAnne Branch	-First Presbyterian Church
Jennifer Cain	-Family First
Virginia Locklear	-Rape Crisis Center
Denise Riggins	-Scotland Church and Community Center
Debbie Garner	-Eastpointe
April Leake	-Robeson Health Care Center, Ryan White Program
Carla Clark-McRae	-Veteran Affairs, HUD-VASH
Mathew Whitener	-ECHO (Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization)

1. **Meeting called to order** at 11:01am – Emily Locklear

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

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes from October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Motion to approve minutes: Virginia Locklear

Second to Motion: Cicely Pighet

4. **Regional Committee Leadership Election 2022- Current Roles**

Regional Committee Lead (**Emily Locklear**)

Regional Lead Alternate (**Denise Riggins**)

Webmaster/Secretary (**Carla Clark-McRae**)

*Responsible for taking Regional Committee meeting minutes and uploading Regional meeting minutes to NCCEH's website*

Point-in-Time Count Lead (**Emily Locklear**)

*Coordinates local PIT Count (with assistance from committee) and submits PIT/HIC forms to NCCEH*

Coordinated Assessment Lead (**Hollie Oxendine**)

*Manage local CA process. Provide monthly CA reports to Regional Committee*

Project Review Committee Representative (**Vacant**)

**One agency should not serve in more than two positions for our regional lead. Needing some individuals to step up to assist in with the position roles. Roles to be submitted by 12/15/21. Tabled to be left on the next agenda to continue in discussion.**

5. **Emergency Housing Vouchers Update**

- No updates from last month
- 5-6 applications completed
- A Brief overview of the Emergency Vouchers was given for new members on the phone

## **6. Permanent Supportive Housing**

- No updates
- All housing slots are filled
- COC renewal was submitted and granted for renewal

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

- Cicely Pighet provided update for Back at Home
- 211 is currently closed
- 384 people have called into 211 for our counties
- Have enrolled 130 individuals/families at this time
- Currently housed 65 families, we are currently working with
- 80 people in housing search
- 150 plus people to complete assessments on
- Anna Register is assisting on intakes
- Looking for a case manager for Scotland County area
- Encouraging assistance with finding additional landlords due to shortage of housing

## **8. Rapid Rehousing Program**

- Funding renewed for Rapid Rehousing case management program
- Currently housed 25 families for the year
- Still accepting referrals
- Encouraging others to refer landlords to the program

## **9. HUD VASH/ Veteran Services Update**

- Brief overview of HUD-VASH program given by Carla Clark-McRae, HUD-VASH case manager
- Assisting Homeless Veterans with providing intensive case management for Veterans with physical, mental, and or substance abuse needs.
- Lumbee Tribe has been awarded additional 20 housing choice vouchers for Tribal HUD-VASH
- Discussed partnerships within the community with ECHO
- Mat Whitener discussed Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization through Supportive Services for Veterans and Families

## **10. Coordinated Entry/Assessments**

- Hollie provided update
- Coordinated Entry Preauthorization Committee (Latasha McNair, Jamonica Watson, Hollie Oxendine, April Leake, Denise Riggins, Allie Card) met to discuss how to better assist individuals through coordinated entry. Prioritizing through scoring/case conferencing
- Addendum to the VI-SPDAT to be developed for case conferencing
- Motion to approve the Coordinated Assessment amendment as Hollie read by Emily Locklear. Motion moved to accept the protocol by David Edmund, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion provided by Denise Riggins.
- Coordinated Entry Document will need to be in a secure database as required by HUD.

## **11. Agency Updates/ Announcements**

- Denise Riggins
  - i. Still working on bringing Family Promise program to Scotland County
  - ii. Continues to serve homeless community with canned goods
  - iii. Noticed an increase in homelessness within the community
- David Edmunds (Lumberton Christian Care)

- i. Still feeding out back door Monday-Friday
  - ii. Will release date for dining services @ later date
  - iii. Seen a big surge in the last few weeks up to 90-100 meals a day
  - iv. Thanksgiving Day will have a Thanksgiving Meal
  - v. Elections were this past November. Floyd Locklear was elected as the President for the Lumberton Christian Care Center
- Emily Locklear (SFVC)
  - i. October –Emptying stocking fund through DSS is open currently
  - ii. Point in Time count in January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## **12. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 AM

- Next meeting – December 15, 2021 at 11:00am at Southeastern Family Violence Center via ZOOM