

NC Balance of State Continuum of Care
Southeast Region Homelessness Committee
Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2023

In Attendance:

Emily Locklear	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Hollie Oxendine	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Shelita Odom	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Cicely Pighet	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Dr. Dia Thomas	- Bladen County Schools
Clementine Thompson-McCormick	- Lumberton Christian Care
Latasha McNair	- Eastpointe
Kelvin Hyke	- Eastpointe
Brian Fike	- Trillium NC
Xavier Nixon	- Town of Pembroke
Tina Bowen	- Suds of Love
Anna Register	- Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina
Jenny Simmons	- NCCEH
Laurie Jacobs	- Community Care of North Carolina
Brittany Love	- Robeson County Church Community Center
Shanitha Lee	- Public Schools Robeson County
Denise Riggins	- Scotland Co. Church & Community Center
Don McNulty	

1. Meeting called to order at 11:05am – Emily Locklear
2. **Introduction of Committee** (those in attendance) and Regional updates
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes from April 2023**
 - Revision needed from last meeting to add Brittany Love.
Motion to accept minutes with revision made by Denise Riggins second/carried by Tina Bowen.
4. **Regional Leadership**
 - At this time, the CE Lead will be with NC Commission of Indian Affairs.
 - All other Leadership positions are filled except for Unsheltered Access Coordinator.
 - Anyone interested in UAC position, please email Emily Locklear.
5. **COC Funding**
 - Webinars are available.
 - Intent to apply is needed. This does not bind you to apply, access through link.
 - Renewal-East Point is our Local Funder

New Projects and renewal projects submit intent to apply, RRH, Permanent Supportive Housing or any new programs, submit intent to apply within 2 weeks of intent.

6. NC HFA Funding

- Two different projects
 - i. Rental housing and non-congregate sheltering
 - ii. Low income housing is needed; if anyone knows of developers for housing, please share this information
 - iii. Organizations must be 5013c, present their most recent audit, and been in business for three years
 - iv. There will be two phases; all sites must be preapproved- 1st phase will consist of a site evaluation

7. B@H Program COVID/CRF Funds

- Housed 2 in March and 2 in April
- Currently serving 9 individuals now
- 7 are currently in housing search
- Funding will end September 2023
- To date we have housed 107 families/individuals in this program
- Not accepting any new referrals
- Transition clients are on the wait list to RRH

8. Rapid Re-housing Program Update

- We are currently receiving referrals for RRH
- We currently have 8 active clients receiving financial assistance and supportive services
- Moved 6 over and 14 are in Housing Search
- There is a waiting list and the hold up is finding available housing.
- We are currently working on housing the 15 individuals in the encampment in Pembroke who have barriers to Public Housing. If anyone knows of any available units please let us know.
- Still receiving referrals daily, all referrals verifying the client's homeless status should be sent to Hollie Oxendine at SFVC until the CE Lead is determined for our Region.
- RRH has been refunded for another year ending in December of 2023, and we will reapply.
- Safe at Home (Safe@Home) is within another funding stream.

9. PSH Update

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Natasha McNair
- PSH-same situation, barrier with finding available housing.
- Updates- No openings currently-Brian Fike
This funding is needed, Mental Health is a big issue.
DSS has vouchers for medications up to \$500
- Robeson & Scotland Eastpointe – do have open beds
- Trillium serves Columbus & Bladen – no openings as of right now.
- Eastpointe completed a budget amendment and has a few more slots for housing still available. They are currently working with individuals on the waitlist to be housed.

10. HUD VASH/Veteran Services Update

- No updates at this time

11. Lumbee Tribe

June 10th 10:00am-2:00pm Lumbee Tribe Veteran Stand Down at the Pembroke Boys and Girls Club. Every Tuesday Peer Support for Recovering Addicts and Mental Health Issues. Do not need a Tribal enrollment number but and intake is necessary.

12. Coordinated Entry/Assessment

- In the process of finding a CE lead as stated before
- Commission on Indian Affairs-hopefully know something next month.
- Email referrals to Hollie Oxendine within 48 hrs. to set up a time to conduct the VI-SPDAT
- CE Lead – partners would refer to the CE Lead; they would complete the P&D, and then a VISPDAT and then prioritize according to their need which program they need.
- SFVC has been acting as the call center
- Hopefully by our next meeting will have more information about who the new CE Lead will be.

13. Agency Updates/Announcements

Next meeting – June 21, 2023 at 11:00am at Southeastern Family Violence Center

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm