

**Johnston County Regional Housing Committee
NC Balance of State Continuum of Care**

Meeting Minutes from September 20, 2012

In Attendance:

Dorothy Best, Johnston County Consumer and Family Advisory Committee (CFAC)
Ellen Blackman, Johnston County Mental Health
Neal Davis, Community and Senior Services
Warren Grimes, Smithfield Housing Authority
Tonia McCormick, Johnston County Health Department
Sandra Norris, Johnston County Housing Assistance Payments Program.
Adrienne O'Neal, Harbor, Inc.
Tina Ray, Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action
Cheri Stocks, Johnston County Mental Health
Cherri Swails, Johnston Recovery Services

Introductions:

Attendee introductions were made.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion was made by Tina Ray and seconded by Cherri Swails to accept the minutes from the Thursday August 16, 2012 meeting with no corrections being noted.

Emergency Solutions Grant:

Ellen Blackman gave an update on the ESG application. The State announced the BoS CoC Regional Committee ESG Conditional Awards on August 30, 2012. Johnston was conditionally awarded the full requested amount of \$78,010.00. Johnston was also awarded an additional amount of \$18,061.00. The breakdown of the funding is as follows:

Emergency Services – Harbor Inc. \$7,110

Housing Stability - \$70,900

Housing Stability/or HMIS - \$18,061

Ellen gave a handout with information on the grant award.

Ellen, Keri and Marie held a conference call on September 7, 2012 with Martha Are and other State staff. The State made recommendations and suggestions for changes to the application. A restructured budget and staffing chart will be submitted to the State.

Additional documents from Harbor Inc. and Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action will also be submitted to the State.

Ellen discussed HUD's and North Carolina's Emergency Solutions Grant program goals and criteria. There was group discussion and questions about the program's guidelines and appropriate use of the funding. Ellen gave information on how rapid re-housing dollars can be used. Eligible program participants must be individuals and families who are literally homeless as defined by the federal definition of homelessness. An overview of eligible activities was given such as short and medium term rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services. Staff salaries related to carrying out rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention activities are also eligible. Financial Assistance for moving costs, rent application fees, security deposits, utility deposits and utility payments. Services include, housing search and placement, housing stability case management, mediation, legal services and credit repair. Ellen will email this information to the committee. Ellen will keep the committee informed by email if information is available prior to the next housing meeting.

Update on New Targeting Properties:

Ellen gave a handout with information for two new targeting properties – Bowman Manor and Glenbrook Meadows:

Announcements:

- Neal Davis from Community and Senior Services announced the agency always needs volunteers to serve the home delivered meals.
- Neal Davis from Community and Senior services announced the Golden Wishes Senior holiday program to fulfill a holiday wish for a Senior.
- The Dental Bus Care Service at Wilson's Mills Baptist Church on September 21, 2012 is full and not taking anymore appointments.

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on October 18, 2012 at 10:30 am at the Johnston County Mental Health Center.