

AHRMM MEETING
April 17, 2012
Richmond County Chamber of Commerce

In Attendance:

Chair: Susan Bellew, Family Promise of Moore County

Vice-Chair: Donna McCormick, Sandhills Center

Acting Secretary: Mary Pat Buie, Sandhills Center; Faye Hardy, Moore County Schools; Nina Walker, SCAP; Kelly Cunningham, New Horizons; L. Ann Bowen, Rockingham Housing Authority; Anne Friesen, Friend to Friend, Moore County; Kelly Hutchinson, REFORM; Angela Barnes, Easter Seals/UCP ACTT; Beverly Davis, First In Families; Cherri Mercer, First In Families. Subrina Hough, SCAP, Inc.

The meeting was called to order by Susan Bellew.

Introductions

Attendee introductions were made.

Approval of February and March 2012 minutes

Donna McCormick made a motion that the minutes from February and March of 2012 be approved as written and it was seconded by Subrina Hough.

BOS/CoC Steering Committee Update

Susan Bellew presented an update on the April 3, 2012 BOS/CoC Steering Committee call. She reported that SCAP's grant is up for renewal. Nina Walker reported that SCAP is required to apply every year and that their application is ready to send.

Susan reported on the Point in Time count for the state. A total of 2,922 persons were counted as homeless during this snapshot in time (report by county attached).

Emergency Solutions Grant Update-Susan Bellew, Nina Walker and Anne Friesen

Anne Friesen reported that the only agencies eligible for the Emergency Solutions Grant in our five county area are Friend to Friend and SCAP. This money can be used for operations, prevention, and staff costs. In the future, the shift is moving away from transitional housing to rapid re-housing. Any non-profit agency can apply for this grant. Anne Friesen reports that Friend to Friend will apply for ESG and Rapid Re-Housing grants. The purpose of this program is to help stabilize individuals and get them into permanent housing. Donna McCormick volunteered to contact Denise Neunaber to ask about how a fiscal agent should be involved.

The new application to the BOS needs to be reviewed and scored by a committee. Those volunteering for this committee were: Kelly Hutchinson, Donna McCormick, Susan Bellew, and Mary Pat Buie.

On May 8, 2012, Subrina Hough will be the point person for Transitional Housing, Kelly Cunningham will be the point person for Permanent Housing, and Susan Bellew will be the point person for Families on that conference call.

Agency Updates

Update from SCAP

Subrina Hough reported that they have one vacancy in Anson County and one vacancy in Richmond County. Subrina says that they need referrals. SCAP has one voucher for the Shelter plus Care grant for the chronically homeless and they are currently looking for a candidate that fits the criteria. She mentioned that Rapid Re-Housing money is not a new concept.

Update from Sandhills Center

Donna McCormick reported that a few referrals are coming in for the Shelter Plus Care grant. She says that she and Mary Pat have been educating provider agencies about the grant. She says that the snag so far has been the chronically homeless criteria. The care component is not wanted by some individuals that meet these criteria.

Donna and Mary Pat have been working on the Bed Availability Inventory for the state. There are 151 contacts to be made and 100 have been completed to date. There is a deadline of April 30th to complete the inventory.

Update from Friend to Friend

Anne Friesen reported that Pinehurst's Live after Five will hold a concert with music by The McKenzie Brothers on Friday April 20th that will benefit Friend to Friend. All proceeds will be used to help survivors of sexual assault. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and statistics show that one out of six women will be sexually assaulted (or attempted) in her life time, and one out of thirty-three men in his life time.

Anne reports that there is a grant for training on domestic violence. The training is free. Contact Anne for details.

Update from New Horizons

Kelly Cunningham announced that they were sponsoring a documentary viewing on about Sex Trafficking on Monday, April 30th -6:00 pm- at RCC. Seating is limited. Call 910-997-4840 to reserve your seat.

Update from REFORM

Kelly Hutchinson announced that they were sponsoring a Homelessness Fair in Richmond County on May 12th.

Update from Richmond County Public Housing Authority

L. Ann Bowen reported that they have several 4 and 5 bedroom apartments available.

Update from Family Promise

Susan Bellew reported that their families were doing well.

Suggestions for future meetings

Susan Bellew suggested that a representative from the Employment Security Commission should be at the table. She also mentioned that our committee should start building relationships with landlords in preparation for the Rapid Re-Housing funds to be released.

Anne Friesen suggested that we develop a master resource list of landlords in our counties. She also suggested that the fee for HMIS include all agencies in the AHRMM coalition.

Donna McCormick suggested that we invite the mayor in the county of our meeting to attend. Donna also suggested that we each bring one guest with us for the next meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:00

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 9:30 am in Moore County (location to be determined)