

AHRMM MEETING
July 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

Phil Hewett, Sandhills Center; Nina Walker, SCAP; Martha Beatty, Hoke County Coalition Against Homelessness; Kelly Cunningham, New Horizons; Richard Evers, Montgomery County DSS; Betty Perkins, Hoke County DSS; Della Sweat, Hoke County DSS; Angela Barnes, Easter Seals UCP Rockingham ACTT; Anne Friesen, Friend to Friend, Moore County; Relena Hair, Monarch; Linda Collins, Richmond County DSS; Carol Albright, Crisis Council, Inc.; Kelly Hutchinson, REFORM; Paultett Wall, Richmond County Schools; Carol Brown, Family First; Terri Heilig, Anson County DSS; Carolyn Gillespie, Anson County DSS

The meeting was called to order by Susan Bellew.

Introductions

Attendee introductions were made.

Approval of May 2012 minutes.

May 2012 minutes will be presented for approval at the meeting in August.

New Business

Susan Bellew opened the floor for a discussion of the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). She reminded the group that the deadline to apply for these funds is August 13, 2012. She reported that our regional committee's pro rata share is \$151,000 and that we may also apply for money that is left on the table after the deadline. Susan reminded us that Friend to Friend and SCAP are presently receiving money from this grant. Anne Friesen reported that Friend to Friend plans to apply for more money because they now have a bigger facility to run. Susan advised the group that there were two areas that were priorities for HUD; Rapid Re-housing and Homeless Prevention. It is important to first submit the intent to apply form. Each potential grantee should draft their individual projects and these are to be reviewed by the Regional Committee. Agencies can partner/collaborate and have the opportunity to receive more money.

Susan Bellew reported that our regional committee needed to choose a lead agency for oversight of the grant. She suggested that we attend the ESG Application webinar at 2:00 on July 17, 2012 for information on the responsibilities of the lead agency and to find out whether the lead agency can be a grantee along with clarification on other areas in question. Susan requested that we email Linda Collins at Richmond County DSS by July 24, 2012 if you are willing to be the lead agency.

Anne Friesen suggested that we form a small committee to coordinate the regional ESG application and create a process to review and select the individual project applications.

Mary Pat Buie made a motion that we form the small committee and it was seconded by Donna McCormick. The committee member volunteers are: Linda Collins-Chair, Carol Brown, Nina Walker, Anne Friesen, Betty Perkins, Carol Albright and Martha Beatty.

Susan Bellew suggested that the AHRMM committee reconvene on July 30, 2012 and Donna McCormick volunteered to find a location for the meeting.

Agency Updates

a. Sandhills Center

Donna McCormick reported that qualified referrals were needed for the Shelter Plus Care grant. She reminded the group of the criteria for the chronically homeless definition.

b. Montgomery County DSS

Richard Evers gave an update on the potential discharges from Adult Group Homes. He said that these homes were considered an Institute of Mental Disease if 50 percent or more of the residents had a primary diagnosis of mental illness.

C. Monarch

Relena Hair reported that they have 2 vacancies at their Hoke County group home for I-DD individuals (male or female) receiving Group Living Moderate services. She reminded the group that there was no awake staff at night. She also said that Monarch would be opening a group home with 6 beds in Hamlet soon.

D. SCAP

Richmond County has 5 individuals (2) vacancies
Anson County has 11 individuals (0) vacancies
Moore County has 12 individuals (0) vacancies

E. Hoke County Coalition Against Homelessness

Martha Beatty reported that they are providing free lunches from 11am-1pm on July 20th, August 10th, September 21st, and October 12th at the Hoke County Library. She would like Service Providers to come in support of the individuals that they work with. Vendors are welcome to provide information at this time.

F. Family Promise

Susan Bellew reported that she was working on a SOAR application sent by Carol Brown of Family First.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am

Next Meeting: (SMALL COMMITTEE ONLY) Monday, July 30, 2012-Time and location to be determined.