**ROCKINGHAM COUNTY REGIONAL COMMITTEE Balance of State Continuum of Care (Helping the Homeless) Meeting Minutes from May 16, 2013**

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**PRESENT:** Ellery Blackstock (DSS), Bobby Martin (citizen), Curtis Pierce (RCVC), Ruth Mitchell (RCC), Faye Pierce (RHA), Patricia Gilley (Cong Nursing), Dave Burnette (RCHH), Sharon Neville (CPHS), Wendell Neville (RPD), Patricia Settle (Cong Nursing), Tara Tucker (CPHS), Marlene Harrison (Help, Inc), Rev. Marilyn Weiler

Ellery opened the meeting with **prayer.**

Dave motioned to accept the April minutes with minor changes and Marlene seconded the motion.

Ellery, Faye, Marlene and Sharon attended **The Piedmont Triad Regional Homelessness Workshop** in Winston Salem April 19, 2013. The workshop was well attended and discussion topics included challenges, available resources, possible partnerships and needed resources to sustain programs preventing and/or assisting homelessness.

**Housing updates for RCHH, Help, Inc and RHA:** Dave reports terminating a couple due to continued substance use and not following treatment recommendations. This opened a slot which was quickly filled. Dave reports an increase of applicants who are pregnant. Dave has also recently agreed to take in 3 families from domestic violence. Two are HIV positive and there are two newborn children. Marlene reports Help, Inc. has since Feb. 2013, housed 7 households throughout the county to include a total of 20 homeless victims of domestic violence. Marlene hopes to house 4 additional households before the grant cycle ends in September. Faye reports there are 36 in her program. She has a stack of applicants w/ 2 being imminent. Faye is requesting 1 HIV slot and the other is a single mother. Faye reports an increase in single mother applications and not having the availability to house the applicants.

Faye shared a **success story** and the partnership built with RCHH.

**Grant/Renewal Updates:** **Balance of State** Tier I and Tier II are approved; however, the supportive services grant has not been approved.

The Regional Committee discussed the need for a **Regional Lead back up** if Faye is unable to participate as Regional Lead. This would require monitoring quarterly conference calls (Data Quality & Perm Housing) and participate in monthly Balance of State calls.

**Agency Updates:**

CPHS has discovered common themes to include barriers in Access To Care, no intensive SA services, knowledge of services available and transportation.

The American Legion Post is bringing a replica of The Wall in Washington DC and will be in Freedom Park May 31-June 2, 2013.

Committee of 100 Food Drive was able to generate much needed food to restock the food pantry. LeeAnn Murray oversees the food pantry at the armory Mon-Fri 8am to 4pm.

FUNDAY is May 17, 2013 at Central Park in King, NC and everyone is welcome.

World Elderly Awareness Day is June 15, 2013 at Reidsville Senior Center from 9am to 12pm.

Veteran’s Stand Down Nov 8, 2013.