

Beaufort County Regional Committee
April 24, 2013
Washington Housing Authority/ Central Office

The mission of the Beaufort County Regional Committee is: *The Beaufort County Regional Committee will work as a subcommittee of the Balance of State Continuum of Care to assure quality housing for all, from homelessness through self-sufficiency.*

The vision of the Beaufort County Regional Committee is: *Promoting self-sufficiency and eliminating homelessness.*

Present: Erica McCloud, Washington Housing Authority/Mid-East Regional Housing Authority, Amy Modlin, ECBH, Harlan MacKendrick, Zion Shelter, Julie Parker, Ruth's House, Ann-Marie Montague, Ruth's House, Mark Hamblin, United Way, Agatha Moore, Mid-East Regional Housing Authority, Sheila Carraway, Metropolitan Housing CDC, Adam Congleton, Lifequest, Inc., Melinda Moore, Metropolitan Property Management

1. Introductions

Amy opened the meeting by having everyone introduce him or herself.

2. Approval of February and March 2013 minutes

3. Review Draft Operating Principles

4. Targeted/ Key Program

5. Agency Updates

Mark Hamblin talked about the NC Foreclosure Prevention Fund having funding. He stated the criteria included loss of job, change in pay, going back to school to become employable. He stated he had some information regarding the fund.

Agatha stated she is currently adding people to her program. She stated she has added 1 so far and that she has a total of 55 participants.

Ann-Marie stated the house is empty right now. She stated she was frustrated because they have people calling in and they can't assist them. For example, they can't assist those coming out of rehab for drugs or those coming out of a psych ward. She stated everyone that they have had so far has been housed. Mark asked Harlan if women come by and Harlan stated he didn't know. Ms. Carraway stated they do and that they have paid for them to get shelter. There was some inquiry regarding area shelters and if they take women and Agatha stated the shelter in Greenville take 50 men and 25 women.

Julie Parker stated that this was her last week at Ruth's House. She added that she would be going to Medical Social Work in Morehead.

Harlan stated everything is going fine. He stated he went to USDA special meeting in Williamston.

Amy stated they are in the middle of DOJ settlement, which will go on for the next 8 years or so. She stated that NC has done a poor job of welcoming people in the community especially those with disabilities. She stated they have to have people out of adult care home facilities into the community by 6/1/13. She stated they are not forcing people to move out but they are giving them the option. Amy talked about a housing program they will be providing. She stated that recipients of housing do not have to receive services. She added priority would be given to people in adult care homes will severe or persistent mental illness. Amy talked about waiting lists going into a central database. Mr. Recko asked Amy to point him in the right direction so he can check into it.

Adam stated he is glad to be back. He stated last year was rough but their back. He added they are licensed with the state now and that they are waiting to hear back from ECBH. He added they provide Psychosocial Rehabilitation. He stated there are a lot of concerns regarding clients in residential group homes. Amy stated she is not real versed in personal care piece but she can find out. Adam stated they deal with Mental Illness (Severe or Persistent) also deal with dual (depending on Primary diagnosis). Sheila inquired about them not being authorized and Adam stated they refer them to someone who can assist them (i.e. psych evaluation).

Mr. Recko talked about priority housing, which consist of natural disaster or domestic violence. Mr. Recko stated that our Section 8 list is closed and that we are probably going to lose about 40 vouchers this year. He stated we would probably do this by not issuing another voucher when someone turns his or hers in. He added if they don't turn them in that we would have to take some back. He stated that Section 8 is operating at a 62% admin level. He stated money has been cut but the responsibilities haven't. Mark inquired about there being something we can do to ensure there are minimum housing standards and Mr. Recko stated there was. He added if someone hears something to call him. Mr. Recko stated Public Housing is losing capital improvements and maintenance. He added they took reserves last year and gave them to poorly run Housing Authorities. He stated they took nearly 1 million dollars. He added that Public Housing is operating at an 80% operating level. He stated the prediction for Section 8 housing is that 144 houses will be taken away. He added we had an Open House in Northgate yesterday. He added we are at the end of our development grant and that he is looking to get an extension for a year. He added that we are not going to pursue because of budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15a.m. The next meeting will be held May 29, 2013 at 10:00a.m.

Submitted by,
Erica McCloud