**Kerr-Tar Coalition to End Homelessness/Regional Housing Committee**

**H. Leslie Perry Library Henderson, NC**

**September 24, 2013**

**Minutes**

Attendees: Cassandra Hart-VCDSS, Gertie Crute-J-Jireh Services, Jacquetta Bullock-New Direction Ministries, Jamie Neal-Franklin County Schools, Joel Rice-Cardinal Innovations, Kanika Turrentine-Infinite Possibilities, Inc (Regional Lead), Kim McCowan- ARC-ACTT, Karen Foster- Kerr Tar COG, Marie Buie -Reaching Your Goals, Inc., Claudia Amoah-Reaching Your Goals, Inc., Cheryl Swain-Granville County DSS, Cynthia Fenner- Cardinal Innovations, Tony Gilber-CCS, Lequetta Deshazo- Reaching Your Goals, Inc., Rick Norwood- R& J Enterprises

Meeting was called to order by K. Turrentine. New attendees were welcomed and introduced.

August meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the committee members.

CoC Member Agreement

It was suggested by committee members that Community Relations staff of Cardinal Innovations should send out the agreement to increase provider participation at the monthly meetings and to make them aware of the new referral process. It was reiterated that the agreement was established as a way to streamline referrals for housing resources in the five county area not to discourage anyone.

**Updates from the Balance of State Steering Committee**:

Members were updated on actions taken at September meeting. Committee members were informed of the need to elect a regional committee alternate. Committee members unanimously voted that Joel Rice would serve as alternate. The processes was discussed about renewals and the possibility of new funding for the upcoming CoC application. Committee members were updated on the CHIN license fees and pilot project through BoS. Dates for upcoming meetings and trainings were provided to members, 10/15 Tuesday at 2pm.

**Reports:**

Infinite Possibilities, Inc. - Rapid Re-housing:

The SNAPS Weekly Focus: Rapid Rehousing was reviewed and information was provided to committee members. Clients’ success stories were shared with members- four (4) families moved into their homes in the 2 weeks prior to the meeting. Program is still accepting referrals. Clients must meet HUD’s definition of homelessness according to categories 1 &2.

Shelter Plus Care:

Joel Rice shared that he was back in his role as housing specialist for Cardinal Innovations and updated committee members of the referral process. Eligible participants must be homeless, have a disability and income. Joel shared with the committee the new funding allotment received has a 20 bed capacity and referrals are still being accepted.

Target Units:

No updates in regards to Target Units. Currently there are no vacancies.

Emergency Shelters:

Community Partners of Hope is in need of volunteers. Its start date for the seasonal men’s shelter is Nov. 1st in the basement of First Presbyterian Church located on Young St.

Room at the Inn- a seasonal emergency shelter placement for women and children in Halifax County is scheduled to open Nov. 4th. This is spearheaded by Leah and came into fruition as a result of planning and identification of need during the Halifax housing meeting.

Updates/Announcement/Needs:

Vance County Domestic Violence events and meetings were announced

No other announcements/updates were shared.

Meeting was adjourned by Kanika. Turrentine.