**ROCKINGHAM COUNTY REGIONAL COMMITTEE BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE**

**MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 21, 2013**

**(HELPING THE HOMELESS)**



**PRESENT: FORTHCOMING**

**PRAYER**

**MEETING MINUTES REVIEW/APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING:** Dave motioned a change in the minutes to reflect there are no pick up points in Western Rockingham County transporting to Home of Refuge and A pick up point is needed in Western Rockingham as in Reidsville and Eden. Beverly seconded accepting the minutes with the above change.

**TREASURY REPORT:** Dick reports an account balance of $2518.25.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE PRESENTING NOMINATIONS FOR 2014 OFFICERS AND VOTING:** It’s time to select officers for next year with the nominations for Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Randy will be leaving as Vice-Chair and Faye has nominated Beverly Scurry as Vice-Chair. Marilyn Weiler motioned that all current officers remain in their current positions for 2014. Dave seconded and nomination closed.

**HOUSING REPORT UPDATE RCHH, HELP, INC., RHA:** Dave reports minimal movement w/ 1 graduation which will open a slot soon. Dave requests board approval to drop “disability” from the nature of the grant to capture those homeless without a disability. Dave motioned this change and Marilyn seconded this motion. Mitch reports a shift in some monies as he can move 10% of budget line. Grant is now a COC grant which allows for case management and no longer a shelter grant. Faye will continue to provide supportive services to the consumers of RHA. Marlene reports currently having nine households in the RRHP. We expect three households to be able to graduate from the program by the end of this month. The Program is going very well and all current and former clients are thriving and are on track with case management goals.

**HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT:** The Housing Subcommittee met at Stoneville Town Hall to discuss issues of homelessness in Western Rockingham County. Several locations were discussed for emergency and temporary needs with the ideal of securing a permanent shelter with a community resource center. Marilyn reports the need to research the property near the Soup Kitchen as a possible permanent location.

**VETERAN’S STANDDOWN:** 40 veterans attended with more local vets than last year. There was a great display of all the service providers from the community. Next year there will be more publicity prior to the event.

**HOME OF REFUGE TO OPEN DECEMBER 18, 2013:** Melissa reports volunteers have been secured for the shelter and there are no remaining open dates. Melissa does report the need for toiletry items, hats, gloves, scarves and monetary donations. Melissa relays that if the pick-up points expand to Western Rock she will need an additional van and the pick-up time must be at 4:00.

**SUCCESS:** Mitch is working to establish a Health Center on the property at RHA and the groundbreaking will begin January 2014.

**AGENCY UPDATES:** Beverly reports the Health Dept is offering free nicotine replacement patches for those interested to stop smoking. Smoking cessation classes are being offered to pregnant women, women with children or women caregivers of children. Each participant will receive a $10 gas voucher for classes attended with a total of 4 possible vouchers ($40). Ella reports a Health Care Update at Goodwill this Friday from 1-2 and on Monday from 1-2 for Spanish speakers.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE MEETING PLACE HAS CHANGED AND WE WILL BE MEETING AT THE AG BUILDING DECEMBER 19, 2013**