**Lee County Regional Housing Committee**

**NC Balance of State Continuum of Care**

**Meeting Minutes, December 18, 2013 – 11:00 AM**

**In Attendance:**

Becky Surles, Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, Inc.

Patricia Holland, Transitional Living Program

E. Marie Watson, Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, Inc.

Fredrika Cooke, Family Promise

Brenda Williams, Sanford Housing Authority

Chandra Hyacinth, Sanford Housing Authority

Susan King, Haven of Lee County

Tina Ray, Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, Inc.

Linda Ware, Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, Inc.

**Welcome and Call to Order**

Mrs. Watson welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order.

**Introductions**

All in attendance introduced themselves.

**Purpose of the Lee County Regional Housing Committee**

Mrs. Watson explained why there is a need to form the Lee County Committee. There were questions concerning Shelter Plus, Rapid Re-housing and other homeless programs in Lee County. It was also stated this group will decide on future homeless grants in Lee County.

There was also discussion about Harnett County joining the group. There was excellent discussion on the different programs the agencies operate. The group felt this information will be beneficial when serving the homeless population. Mrs. Watson asked the Sanford Housing Authority to do a presentation on the programs they operate at one of the meeting. There was discussion concerning a Regional Lead person for the BOS Regional Meeting. Fredrika Cooke, Family Promise agreed to be the regional lead person.

Sanford Housing Authority informed the group that they are taking on the Harnett County Housing Authority and the group felt this would be a perfect match for Harnett and Lee Counties to be one committee. Mrs. Watson will contact Rev. Frank Taylor and others in Harnett County to ask them to come to the next meeting.

Mrs. Ware informed the group that Tammy Carter from Lee County Senior Services could not be at the meeting today but wanted to be on the committee.

**Point-In-Time Count**

The Point in Time Count was discussed but we need further information on the date and how to

contact the count at the January meeting.

**General Discussions**

There was discussion if agencies could request clients to have a mental health assessment. There are things we could not ask clients due to confidentiality. Mrs. Cooke asked that we consider a Single Port of Entry for homeless clients in Lee County. This will keep homeless clients from going to all agencies for the same services. The group will discuss this at a later meeting.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held January 22, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, Inc., Sanford, N. C.

Submitted by:

E. Marie Watson