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

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

**December 17, 2013**

**Minutes**

Attendees: April Williams-Warren Co. Schools, Carrie Davis-ACTT, ARC, Inc., Cassandra Hart-VCDSS, William Autry-NBCCS, Inc., Cynthia Fenner- Cardinal Innovations, Gertie Crute-J-Jireh Services/Restoring Bodies and Minds, Jamie Neal-Franklin Co. Schools, Joel Rice-Cardinal Innovations, Kanika Turrentine-Infinite Possibilities, Inc., Zola Rolen-Daniels-At-Home, Joe Tartamella-GCDSS, Tim Newman-MHS Unlimited, Willie Morgan-MHS Unlimited, Jim Walker-Life Inc./WFREI, Stephanie Harper-Strategic Inventions

Meeting was called to order by K. Turrentine. New attendees were welcomed and introduced. October meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the committee members.

Updates from the Balance of State Steering Committee: Members were updated regarding the NOFA process and meeting. Members were informed of the need to select alternate representation for the Project review committee which meets 1/6 and 1/ 14, due to a scheduling conflict for original member selected. Cassandra Hart of VCDSS agreed to participate for the area.

Renewal Applications for SPC: Members were encouraged to submit letters of support for SPC renewal applications to Joel Rice by 12/20/2013.

**Reports:**

**Infinite Possibilities, Inc. - Rapid Re-housing:** Referrals are still being accepted. Clients must be literally homeless according to HUD’s category 1 and 4 of homelessness.

**Shelter Plus Care:** Housing specialist, Joel Rice updated committee members of the awards and the number of households served for applications up for renewal. Referrals are being accepted, potential applicants must be homeless according toHUD’s category 1 and 4 of homelessness and have a disability.

**Target Units:** (1) opening at Garden Park, referrals should be sent to Joel as soon as possible. Applicant must be head of household with disability and disability income.

**Emergency Shelters:** Update were provided for Room at the Inn (Halifax County), emergency shelter placement for women and/or women with children. Capacity is 10 families. They do have vacancies. Contact Leah

**Point in Time Count:** Discussion was started on the possibility of completing an unsheltered count in addition to the sheltered count which is done on 1/29. Committee members agreed that this would be a way to best identify additional homeless individuals/families in our area who may not be in the limited number of shelters in our area. It was agreed that we would need assistance from area law enforcement to complete street count. Jamie Neal, PIT coordinator for Kerr-Tar will remain coordinator. A follow-up meeting was scheduled for 1/14 for those interested in assisting with PIT. Letters would be sent out to law enforcement to invite them to attend the 1/14 meeting.

**Updates/Announcement/Needs:** Members discussed the growing number of individuals and families in the area who may not be in shelter, street or car, but are living in doubled up situations which are adversely affecting their quality of life. Conversation was started on how we as a CoC could address such issues.

\*Ben Foti announced upcoming job fair at Pipers (Youngsville)

\*Jim Walker announced available housing unites slated to be ready in Jan. 2014, and additional units to follow.

\*Kanika announced Christmas event for families in need to be held 12/21/2013.

No additional announcements or comments were made. Meeting was adjourned by K. Turrentine