**Lee County Regional Housing Committee**

**NC Balance of State Continuum of Care**

**Meeting Minutes, February 19, 2014 – 11:00 AM**

**In Attendance:**

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

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

Fredrika Cooke, Family Promise

Susan King, Haven of Lee County

Vanessa Colvin-McLaughlin.

**Welcome and Call to Order**

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

**Introductions**

All in attendance introduced themselves.

**Discuss Homeless Clients in Program – Becky Surles**

Becky Surles gave a report on the Rapid Re-housing Program. Three clients were discussed for placement in the program. It was agreed to place these families in the program. There were questions concerning how long a person can stay at Family Promise. Fredrika Cooke stated they can stay for about 90 days.

There was discussion to ask landlords to foregoing the deposits and credit checks due to the high cost and credit verifications. It was reported that Mental Health had some targeted housing and the Center for Behavior Health Care could be contacted for housing.

There have been problems with different apartment managers and the group felt having apartment managers on the committee would be a good partnership. The group felt that inviting Transitional Housing, Kate Rumbley and Pastor Kivett from the Men and Women Shelter would be helpful.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes stated that Vanessa Colvin-McLaughlin was in attendance at the last meeting but she was not in attendance. She should be under excused absence. Patricia Holland was in attendance but will no longer attend the meetings. The date for the next meeting should have been February 19, 2014. Susan King made a motion to accept the minutes with the corrections, seconded by Fredrika Cooke. The minutes stand approved with the corrections.

**Discuss Point-In-Time Count – Becky Surles**

Linda Ware was at a conference and could not attend the meeting. Becky Surles gave the point-in-time count information.

**Develop an Annual Program Calendar**

It was suggested to get someone from Adcock to talk to the group about transitional housing. It was also suggested getting someone from Vocational Rehabilitation to talk to the group.

**Announcements**

Marie Watson passed out flyers pertaining to the Foreclosure Prevention Program and discussed what the program was about.

Fredrika Cooke reported to the group that Family Promise is in need of toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, Lysol, and cleaning supplies. There was discussion concerning sharing furnishings with families. Family Promise has a storage unit donated which as space which can be used.

Susan King reported that Haven in Lee County has one paid employee. There are 20 people in the shelter and they have space for 29. There is a need for a crib or pack and play.

Vanessa Colvin-McLaughlin stated that a lot of the homeless families needed personal counseling.

There was motion made and seconded for Vanessa Colvin-McLaughlin to be the secretary for the Lee County Regional Housing Committee.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next meeting will be held March 19, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at Family Promise – 2302 Woodland Ave, Sanford, N. C. 27330

Submitted by:

E. Marie Watson

Regional Chair