**Johnston County Regional Housing Committee**

**NC Balance of State Continuum of Care**

***Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2014***

**In Attendance:**

Cheri Stocks, Johnston County Health Department

Melissa Payne, Johnston County Mental Health Center

Pam Radford, Johnston County Mental Health Center

Graham Kelly, Family Endeavors

Ulli Mattern, Johnston County Mental Health Center

Ruth Marler, Johnston Health

Wendy Tomlinson, Monarch

Estrella Patino, Benson Housing Authority

Nicole Jones, Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action

Simone Sawicki, Harbor

**Introductions:**

Attendee introductions were made.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Motion was made by Pam Radford and seconded by Ruth Marler to accept the minutes from the February 20, 2014 meeting with no corrections being noted.

**BoS Steering Committee Meeting Updates from 3/4/14**

* Compiling Point-in-Time count data to submit to HUD
* 3 new Regional Committees—Cartaret, Lee, Harnett
* Letters of Support for Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) and Letters of Consistency for Supportive Housing Programs

**Round Robin discussion of gaps, barriers, and ideas for improvement**

Ruth Marler shared that hospital staff will allow homeless who come into ED to stay in the waiting room and that staff also sees folks come in the front door and go to the bathrooms, presumably to clean up a bit. She stated that she believes that we, as a community, are not taking advantage of our recognition of the homeless in terms of outreach. The group discussed ways to close the gap in outreach, including enlisting the help of our faith-based community. Discussed ideas for a community event—“Homeless Sunday” or “Homeless Stand Down”

**Announcements:**

None

**Adjournment:**

The next meeting will be held on April 17, 2014 at 10:30 am at the Johnston County Mental Health Center Conference Room.