**Lee County Regional Housing Committee**

**NC Balance of State Continuum of Care**

**Meeting Minutes, March 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.

Johnnye Walker-Lee County Schools

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

Chandra Hyacinth- Sanford Housing

**Welcome and Call to Order**

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

**Introductions**

All in attendance introduced themselves.

**Discuss allocation of additional Rapid Re-housing ($51,000)**

Lee County did not spend $51,000 last year for homelessness. Mrs. Watson was informed that the funds will need to be spent by June 30, 2014. She provided the members with a letter via e-mail from Amy Cole stating the stipulation and protocols to follow to spend the reallocated funds. Mrs. Cooke stated gladly the county should not have a problem with finding the families in need of the Rapid Re-housing program. The families must meet the criteria of the definition of homeless. The families who are doubled up with friends and or family are not eligible. It was moved and properly seconded to allow Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action Inc, to apply for the additional $51,000.00. The motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed. Fredrika. Cooke made the motion to accept the minutes,

seconded by Chandra Hyacinth. The motion carried.

**Announcements**

Chandra Hyacinth informed the committee of a shady landlord using two different leases to receive funds from Section 8 and the tenants. 22 families will be displaced and Section 8 will phase out any qualifying families.

There is a waiting list over 1,400 for Section 8 when Lee and Harnett County merged.

Family Promise will host Cardboard City at Southern Lee High School on Saturday, May 3, 2014. Entertainment and a light meal will be provided for all participants. You can purchase your cardboard and get more information by contacting Fredrika Cooke at (919) 718-1540

Suggestion made for someone from Department of Social Service to be on this committee.

Ending Homelessness in 10 years- Fredrika Cooke suggested there should be one committee combined with leaders of different counties to combat the issues of homelessness

**Adjournment**

There being no further business Susan. King made the motion to adjourn, second by C. Hyacinth.

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m. The next meeting will be held April 16, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, Inc. 225 Steele St, Sanford, NC 27330

Submitted by:

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