**Lee County Regional Housing Committee**

**NC Balance of State Continuum of Care**

**Meeting Minutes, May 21, 2014 – 11:00 AM**

**Sanford Housing Authority, 1000 Carthage Road, Sanford, NC 27330**

**In Attendance:**

Chondrika Ray, 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.

Ester Goeke-Volunteers of America

Karen Engle-Sanford Housing Authority

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

Chandra Hyacinth-Sanford Housing Authority

**Welcome and Call to Order**

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

**Introductions**

All in attendance introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed and . Mrs. King made the motin to accept the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Cooke. The motion carried.

**Discuss Point of Entry**

Mrs. Watson mentioned there needs to be one place client can seek out to receive help instead of applications to every program all over the county. See asked a committee be devised to make this accomplishement. F. Cooke, C. Ray, S. King and V. McLaughlin, all volunteered to be part of this committee.

**Rapid Re-housing**

Chondrika Ray, one the processing case managers of Rapid Re-Housing, was pleased to say the majority of the clients applying for the program have been approved and have found suitable housing. Van Harris Realty, is just one of the many realtors who have been very helpful and patient with housing some the client in the Rapid Re-Housing Program.

Fredrika Cooke the director of Family Promise, stated she has sent 22 referrals from just her agency alone over to the Rapid Re-Housing program.

**Announcements**

Starting June 2, 2014, Family Promise is starting a program Living Lesson/Building Mental Helath every Monday, between 6:30-7:30 p.m. until July 21, 2014. Recipient and graduates of the Family Promise are to attend the Monday meetings. Chondrika Ray stated clients of Rapid Re-Housing are required to be in attendance to the meetings to meet all criteria as formulated with the Housing program.

Living Lesson will discuss budgeting, self esteem/worth, extended resources, crisis intervention and other daily living factors.

Haven of Lee County is still going strong. Susan King said as long as she is the director the doors will close again. At this present time there are 16 people taking residents at the Haven Shelter, 8 adults and 8 children. They are holding a 20 hour training session for volunteers for the crisis hotline. Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Ware both suggested to Mrs. King she contact WorkForce at the Employment Commission to get volunteers for the hotline. Recipents of WorkForce and Work First are basically getting paid through the government programs and volunteering at Haven wil help the requirement hours for WorkForce and Work First.

Home Ownership Education Workshop, the tenative date is June 14, 2014 from 9-3 p.m.

Free for individuals in the Section 8 program and already living in Public Housing.

$25-individual

$44-couples

Lunch will be included

There are 3 bedroom apartments available on Public Housing with a short waiting list. Rent is based on income. Criminal background check is required.(Housing goes back five years to date of release of jail.)

**Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:00p.m. The next meeting will be held at Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action

Submitted by:

Vanessa Colvin-McLaughlin, Secretary