Beaufort County Regional Committee

Washington Housing Authority/Mid-east Regional Housing Authority

809 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, NC 27889

Wednesday, July 30, 2014 – 10:00 AM

**The mission of the Beaufort County Regional Committee is:** *The Beaufort County Regional Committee will work as a subcommittee of the Balance of State Continuum of Care to assure quality housing for all, from homelessness through self-sufficiency.*

**The vision of the Beaufort County Regional Committee is:** *Promoting self-sufficiency and eliminating homelessness.*

**Attendees:** Sally Love, Beaufort County United Way; Harlan MacKendrick, Washington Area Interchurch Shelter & Kitchen; Agatha Moore, Self Sufficiency -Washington Housing Authority/MidEast Regional Housing Authority; Amy Modlin, East Carolina Behavioral Health; Sharon Gray, East Carolina Behavioral Health

1. Introductions
2. Minutes – Motion made by Sally Love to approve the May and June 2014 minutes and seconded by Agatha Moore minutes were approved.

**Agency Updates**

1. **Shelter Plus Care Program** - Modlin provided a summary of the Continuum of Care (BoS). The BoS is the mechanism by which agencies apply for Shelter plus Care grants and other HUD funding. East Carolina Behavioral Health’s Shelter plus Care grants are available in all 19 of its counties including Beaufort County. This year the requested grant amount will be $490,000.00. Modlin will provide data from that grant during our next meeting. A new measuring tool called the Performance Improvement Process (PIP) will be used by the Grantees to formalize project performance objectives.
2. Another draft of the Coordinated Assessment update will come out in August and there is a possibility of training in September. Performance Improvement Process (PIP) will provide a better framework to operate and have grantees to formalize projects.
3. A huge change is coming – the Carolina Homeless Information Network (CHIN) has been contracted with the state of Michigan. The CHIN system contains all of our personal grant information. The servers and computer systems have all been housed at the North Carolina Housing Coalition. Currently user fees are not required and that may change no specific dates for these changes have been set.
4. The Shelter Plus Care Program is totally full. The Shelter Plus Care Program is similar to Section 8 program in that it provides rental assistance to individuals and families. This difference is Shelter plus Care targets people who are experiencing homelessness and have a disability. No new applications are being taken at this time. PORT Human Services administers the program under contract with ECBH. Amy will provide numbers of Beaufort County families served by the Shelter Plus Program.
5. **The Washington Area Interchurch Shelter and Kitchen -** has 12 beds and the length of stay is limited to four months and reviewed on a case by case basis. MacKendrick said sometimes the need exceeds the capacity. The shelter is open daily and serves lunch each day.
6. Possible new meeting date and time – The goal is to bring more community agencies to the table. After much conversation, it was decided that the next meeting on August 27, 2014 will be held from 12:00 noon until 1:00 pm. Amy will get a speaker from DSS for the next meeting.
7. Love expressed a need and desire for a Homeless Shelter in Beaufort County for women. Modlin explained that someone would have to take the lead on this project and she would utilize her contacts at all levels to support the person.

1. ECBH Housing Department will be creating a quarterly Housing Newsletter. The newsletter will be distributed to all community agencies through Constant Contacts The first issue will be distributed on January 15, 2015.
2. Modlin also told the group about the upcoming three Landlord Forums. The purpose will be to inform the community and landlords about our services. Provide information on our TCL program. The first forum will be held in October in Gates County, November in Beaufort County and December in Craven County.
3. **Washington Housing Authority** – Moore provided an update on the Family Self- Sufficiency Program (FSS) and shared the success of the program. She has had several participants who have successfully met their goals. Some of the participants have obtained their GED’s and complete college degrees. The Blood drive will be held soon.
4. **The United Way** – Starting new Campaign and also conducting a Community Assessment. Love has requested that we distribute the assessment to other Beaufort County agencies. This assessment will provide accountability depending on community needs. It is also an attempt to find long term solutions.
5. Next meeting – August 27, 2014 at 12:00 noon at Washington Housing Authority. Speaker to be announced. **Please bring your own lunch**.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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