NCEH Regional Meeting

Minutes

July, 2014

Hopeline

Present: Kelly Lacy, Pastor Glad Tidings Church; Janet Neilson, Hopeline; Gus Smith, NECEH; Latonia Johnson, Perquimans Schools; Dr. Jill Haasch, ECSU; Liz Reasoner, Food Bank of the Albemarle; Shari Harris, Albemarle Commission; Eve Richardson, Hyde County Hotline, Elizabeth Piff, Dare Room at the Inn: Kathy Ford, Pasquotank DSS, Hunter Michaels, SOULS, Helen Williams, and Susie Elsewick, ECPPS Social worker

Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

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| Kelly opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees. |  |

Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed by the committee. Gus made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Kathy. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Kelly asked Gus to share key points from the monthly BOS conference call.

1. ESG Funding Awards – 13 awards across the state. Hopeline was not funded and there was

no explanation given on the call.

1. Stakeholders – reminded that they must participate in meetings and calls.
2. Training conference planning is underway. Date yet to be determined.

Kelly reminded committee that BOS does read our minutes. They contacted him to discuss the definition of homelessness that we adopted and our survey action plan.

Kelly explained to Cory Root why our definition needed to be broader than HUD’s. We have

unique challenges in our rural region.

Susie shared that she feels the schools are under identifying homeless children since the

school doesn’t track children under 5 years old. We should find a way to incorporate

child care programs in our assessment.

Kathy Ford asked if participation from anyone from an agency would count or must it be the

director. The committee agreed that the representative could be anyone.

Interview Parameters were shared and discussed among the members.

Using the Interview questionnaire Gus set it up for a Role playing exercise with a volunteer.

The interview took 15 minutes. Afterward, we discussed the sequence and recommended

changes. Several member recognized that the interview wasn’t sensitive to the clients

immediate needs. Clinical needs were ignored. After much discussion it was decided

that we needed to develop sensitivity training for the volunteers who will be conducting

the interviews. Janet agreed to lead the group to develop the training. Kathy Ford,

Latonia Johnson and Gus Smith will serve on the subcommittee developing the

sensitivity training.

In addition to the sensitivity training, the committee realized that we need a referral list to aid the interviewees as they seek assistance, Susie has agreed to collect agency lists and compile them into a comprehensive list. Everyone was encouraged to forward any list to Liz and she will collect and forward to Susie.

Kelly shared a updated draft of the 2014/2015 RC timeline.

Next Executive Committee meeting September 5, 2014.

Next RC meeting Friday September 12, 2014 at Hopeline

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Liz Reasoner.