**HOUSING SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**“Down East” Regional Committee**

**NC Balance of State Continuum of Care**

**Meeting Minutes from August 13, 2014**

**In Attendance:**

Karmashia Bartee, Wages

Ellen Blackman, Eastpointe

Zachary Lee Branch, NC Dept. of Commerce

Karen Holliday, Eastpointe

Kelly Jarman, Lenoir County Schools

Janice Johnson, J.M. Fields Enterprises, Inc.

Jacqueline Kannan, Wayne Community College

Graham Kelly, Family Endeavors

Doreen Manley, Sarah’s Refuge

Krystal McCullen, Goshen Medical

Kimetha Stevens, Carolina Residential Services

**Introductions:**

Introductions were made. First time attendees at today’s meeting.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Janice Johnson made a motion seconded by Graham Kelly to approve the minutes for the July 9, 2014 meeting as presented.

**Affordable Health Insurance Presentation:**

Krystal McCullen presented information on Medicaid Expansion and its role and importance in the Affordable Care Act. More than 581,000 North Carolinas were eligible to enroll and just over 3,900 enrolled.

**BoS Steering Committee Meeting Updates from August 5, 2014**

The short summary of the meeting by Corey Root was emailed to attendees prior to today’s meeting. All the topics from this meeting will be discussed in detail at today’s meeting. The date of the Permanent Supportive Housing Committee meeting has been moved from August 11th to Monday August 18th from 10:30-11:30.

**Emergency Solutions Grant:**

The State ESG office released the application on July 30th. It is due back to the State by September 3, 2014. Changes and corrections are being made and forthcoming. Eligible dollar amounts are listed incorrectly on Attachment A. Discussion was held about possible applicants and the uses of the funding. We have made a request to the State to separate the Down East and Southeastern Regional Committee’s funding. New Applicants are eligible to apply. Webinars are forthcoming. If interested in applying please contact Ellen Blackman.

**Continuum of Care (CoC) Application:**

The funding opportunity should be released soon. Ellen Blackman sent out information with links on August 8th. Not sure if new applicants will be accepted. If interested in applying please complete the “Intent to Apply” form on the NCCEH website –www.ncceh.org. Eastpointe will have a shelter plus care grant renewal.

**Coordinated Assessment:**

The Steering Committee approved the final version of the coordinated assessment toolkit. NCCEH is organizing 2 day coordinated assessment workshops for the fall to be held in Raleigh. More information to come. We need to identify a person to serve as the Lead for this effort. Melissa Pressley, Captain Kenny Igleheart and Gabriella Gonzalez expressed interest in participating in workshops. The toolkit draft was sent out by listserv on 8-12-14.

**Election of Scorecard and Project Review Committee members:**

Janice Johnson served as the Scorecard committee member and Carol Bowles served as the Project Review committee members last year. Ellen Blackman gave an explanation of both roles and the duties involved. No volunteers were forthcoming.

**Point in Time Count Committee Update:**

Janice Johnson had volunteered to lead a workgroup for the PIT count. Due to the lack of participation by members and other work demands on Janice, she has requested to not be the lead for this group at this time. Other methods will be explored. Jacqueline Kannan, Janice Johnson and Graham Kelly are interested in participating in this effort.

**HMIS RFP Update:**

The CHIN Governance Committee chose Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness as the new HMIS administrative agency for North Carolina. This decision needs to be ratified by CoCs but there are questions about the proposal budget, staffing and structure. BoS CHIN Governance Reps will have more information and a recommendation in September. Michigan overview was sent out by listserv on 8-12-14.

**Updates from Committee Members:**

Doreen Manley from Sarah’s Refuge expressed the lack of resources in Duplin county and the need for more housing options.

Karmashia Bartee from Wages gave an update on their Self Sufficiency Program. They have a waiting list, have to be income eligible, and don’t have to have children to participate.

Graham Kelly announced that Family Endeavors passed their inspection. Family Endeavors’ Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program received a three year CARF Accreditation.

Zachary Branch stated the Wayne County Veterans Stand-Down being held on October 2nd at Herman Park Center in Goldsboro currently has 9 registered vendors. They hope to reach 20 vendors.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2014 at 11:30 am at Eastpointe –Goldsboro site.

Thank you for your attendance and participation.