**HOUSING SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**“Down East” Regional Committee**

**NC Balance of State Continuum of Care**

**Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2015**

**In Attendance:**

Melissa Pressley, Goldsboro Housing Authority

Kareem McDuffie, Explosive Achievers

Gloria McDuffie, Community Member

Michelle Gooding, Eastpointe

LaTasha McNair, Eastpointe

Gabriela Gonzalez, , NC Works

Alicia Presniewski, The Arc of NC

Janice Johnson, Easter Seals

Kelly Jarman, Lenoir County Schools

Graham Kelly, Family Endeavors

Karmashia Bartee, WAGES

Anthony Goodson, Jr, Goldsboro Housing Authority

Zachary Branch, NC Works

Kimetha Stevens, Carolina Residential Services

Anna Jernigan, Neuse Enterprises

**Introductions:**

Introductions were made.

**Review and Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from January 14, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved by the committee.

**Presentation**

Alicia Piesniewski from the Arch of NC spoke about her agency and the services they provide. The Arc of NC provides affordable independent housing for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Housing is provided in the form of duplexes shared by two tenants. Units are located throughout Greenville and New Bern. Rent is 30% of tenant’s income with utilities included.

**Point in Time Count**

The PIT count was held the night of Wednesday, January 28th. Local PIT Coordinators are compiling and reviewing data for accuracy and to make sure there is no duplication. PIT coordinator will be submitting this report. Also, agencies on HMIS must also submit their PIT count for their agency. They must use the HMIS PIT report to get a count for their agency. CHIN is working on the report and will send an email to agencies when the report is ready. (Has this been done?) This report along with all the other PIT data is due to data@ncceh.org by February 20.

Feedback was given about the PIT even which included next time having it at a larger place and allow for vendors to be able to speak with individuals more privately and reaching out to the City’s community development department to organize next year’s event.

It was decided that we should send a thank you letter to Kacie Baker who organized the event as well as vendors who gave donations and volunteered.

**Coordinated Assessment Update**

26 plans are expected; 22 have been submitted and they are waiting on 4. 9 plans did not pass threshold review and regional committees are revising. CAC is continuing to review the plans. After reviewing the plans, each regional committee will get a call from 1-2 CAC members and an NCCEH staff member to offer feedback on CA plans.

After plans are approved, implementation process will start. There will be training videos for assessment tool ready by March 1 on prevention and diversion screen, VI-SPDAT, case management

The Steering Committee approved the coordinated assessment plans for Alamance, DISSY and Onslow Regional Committees. These areas will begin implementation of coordinated assessment. They can be found on ncceh.org website.

Committee was reminded to try to get their agencies to sign the MOU for the coordinated assessment.

**HUD Update**

On January 26, HUD announced FY 2014 CoC awards. HUD awarded 41 projects in NC BoS for $5,649,866 for FY 2014. The amount was slightly higher than the requested amount. HUD also began the process for the FY 2015 competition by sending the Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) to CoCs and they are due to HUD by February 16th, 2015. On the worksheet include all grants eligible for renewal in FY 2015. NCCEH staff will be in touch with grantees and need a quick turnaround on grant information in the coming days.

**AHAR update**

HUD accepted 5 of 6 AHAR data shells. Thanks to agencies for the data cleanups that made this possible.

**Regional Lead and Alternate Elections**

Regional Committees have elected Regional Leads and alternates. Regional Leads and alternates will discuss Regional Committee structure at an in-person meeting in Raleigh on Wed. Feb. 25th

**HMIS Update**

NC HMIS Governance Committee released a Frequently Asked Questions document about the HMIS transition that is currently underway. Those can be reviewed at ncceh.org. Begin to think about whom at your agency will be an agency administrator. More information and information about training is coming soon.

**Upcoming Meetings**: Register for and attend the PSH Subcommittee on Mon. Feb. 23, 10:30 - 11:30 AM - [ncceh.org/events/809](http://ncceh.org/events/809)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2015 at 11:30 am at The Goldsboro Housing Authority located at 700 N. Jefferson Ave, Goldsboro, NC.