

**ROCKINGHAM COUNTY REGIONAL COMMITTEE**  
**BALANCE of STATE CONTINUUM of CARE**  
(Helping the Homeless)

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 15, 2015**



**Members Present:** Beverly Scurry (RCDPH), Dick Frohock (Reidsville Human Relations Commission), Marlene Harrison (Help, Inc.), Faye Pierce (New RHA), Ellery Blackstock (DSS), Curtis Pierce (RCVC), Tabitha Cox (Help, Inc.), Jane McDaniel (Joy A. Shabazz Center), DeShanna Johnson (CenterPoint), Susan Long (RCS), Jason Thompson (RCHH), Stacy Cholula (RCS), Sharon Neville (CPHS), Tara Tucker (CPHS), Amy Steele (RCHH), Torita M. Byrd, Ruth Mitchell (ADTS)

**Prayer –** Ellery Blackstock

**Meeting Minutes Review/Approval of last meeting –** Motion made by Curtis Pierce to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Faye Pierce. The December 18th meeting minutes were approved by committee with a unanimous vote.

**Update from Previous Meeting – The committee is** reminded to show their support as Dick and Ellery made a presentation to County Commissioners on January 20, 2015 at 6:30pm. The purpose of the 10 minute presentation is to get County Commissioner's to donate land for the location of a permanent shelter.

**Treasury Report -** There is currently \$2,371.23 in the account. There will be a check written to Home of Refuge that will bring the balance back to the amount prior to Rock the Voice fundraiser. A motion was made by Curtis Pierce to accept the treasury report which was seconded by Faye Pierce. The report was approved by a unanimous vote from the committee.

**Motion from the Executive Board:** *Reimburse expenses for the Regional Lead and Alternate to attend the mandatory "Face to Face Meeting" with the Balance of State in Raleigh on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015.* The motion was already moved and seconded at the Board Meeting and was passed by a unanimous vote by the committee.

**Housing Report Update:**

- The New Reidsville Housing Authority – There were 40 slots total at the end of last year. RHA was asked to reduce that number to 34. As of January 15<sup>th</sup> there are 33 slots full and one available, with 1 client in the process of finding housing. There were 3 to graduate to subsidized housing, one became hospitalized and moved in with her husband after coming home, one got married and moved out, and one was non-compliant. The newlywed decided to pay it forward by, with the help of church, opening up a new food pantry source for RHA clients. The RHA is looking forward to a great new year. They have made their computers there as well as to be able to use their own.

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- Help, Inc. – In the Rapid Re-housing Program the current total to date is: 4 households with 10 individuals (4 adults & 6 children). The average per family is \$1,418.15 and the average per person is \$567.26. Currently there are 3 households with 7 individuals (3 adults and 4 children). This past month there has been 1 family to exit the program. There are currently 2 households (2 adults & 4 children) on a waiting list for the housing program.
- Rockingham County Help for Homeless, Inc. – In the Permanent Grant program, 19 units are full (1 available due to recent program graduation); of those 11 are family units and 8 are individual units; for a total of 26 adults and 19 children. In the Transitional Grant program, 13 units are full (1 available due to recent program graduation); of those 6 are family units and 7 are individual units; for a total of 14 adults and 15 children.

**Point in Time Count Update** - Meeting of the Point-in-Time Count Committee will follow the general meeting.

**Discussion on committee assignments and reports** – Dick stressed to the committee that the Regional Committee subcommittees need to be proactive. The fundraising committee will need support from the entire committee as it moves forward with raising money to help with the future homeless shelter. CHIN (Carolina Homeless Information Network) will be going through some changes so it's important to get that committee up and running. Faye mentioned that she has urged agencies such as Daymark to consider using the CHIN system. CHIN will be changing to MICAH and all training will be provided online. DeShanna mentioned how well the CHIN works in Winston Salem. The committee asked DeShanna to provide more information on how well the housing system is working in Winston Salem and if she can find someone to present more on their strategies used. DeShanna will check with her supervisor. The CHIN system used to have a high cost associated with it, but is currently offered for free. The only agencies currently using CHIN are DSS, RHA, and RCHH.

#### **WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND –**

- Committee members would like an outline and description of the subcommittees listed in the bylaws
- Torita Byrd was in attendance at the meeting. Mrs. Byrd lost a son due to homelessness; tragic accident in which he was hit by a train. Mrs. Byrd has acquired several properties in Reidsville and would like to turn them into transitional housing for homeless male individuals ages 18-40. Mrs. Byrd is looking for advice and guidance as to how to go about doing this. The committee recommended that she call the BoS to seek information and funding opportunities as well as talk further with Faye for advice.
- Faye let the committee know that the Coordinated Assessment has been completed and that the MOUs have been sent in and are being reviewed by the BoS.
- The Shelter is going well there were 8 individuals from the western part of the county and 5 from Reidsville last night and there were some that were turned away.

#### **Agency Updates –**

- There will be a Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 8 am at Zion Baptist Church in Reidsville. Tickets are \$8. During the event students will be recognized for their service. Proceeds benefit two youth to receive \$1,000 scholarships to attend Rockingham Community College. The guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Clay Manuel.
- The Suicide Task Force will be meeting Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> and there will be a Suicide Service at First Baptist Church in Reidsville, Dr. Bill Duke will speak on the issue.

**Next Meeting – February 19, 2015 @ 10 am at the Cooperative Extension 525 Hwy 65 Reidsville**

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