

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

General Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2015



Members Present: Faye Pierce, Chair, Ellery Blackstock, Past Chair, Marlene Harrison, Regional Lead, Tabitha Cox, Treasurer, Curtis Pierce, Alternate Lead Torrey Easler, The Lord's Pantry, Dehanna Johnson, Center Point Human Services, Betty Moore, RCVC, Porsche Towdy, Head Start, Jeanne Penn, Summer Shelter, Jackie Valentine, AFC Ministries, Tracey Boubacar, Daymark Recovery Services, Amy Steele, RCHH, Ricky Graves, Head Start

Welcome – Chair, Faye Pierce thanked and welcomed everyone for attending. Introductions were made.

Prayer – The meeting was opened in prayer by Ellery Blackstock

Meeting Minutes Review/Approval of last meeting – Minutes from October's meeting were reviewed and approved by unanimous consent.

Speakers – Unfortunately a representative from the Volunteers of America, who works with services for Veterans could not attend this meeting.

Jean Penn with the Summer Shelter gave a brief presentation regarding her plans for assisting with housing the homeless. She has met with representatives from the winter shelter, Home of Refuge, as well as local churches, and envisions either another seasonal "Summer Shelter" or a collaboration to initiate a year round homeless shelter. Jeanne has also spoken with Eden's Own Journal who agreed to do an article on housing needs for our homeless neighbors.

Torrey Easler, the new Director of The Lord's Pantry, a long standing food distribution ministry that serves over 1,000 people each month, provided a brief description of service provision. Distribution hours are every Saturday from 8am – 12 noon. Torrey provided information on the new enhancements to the Program:

- Coordination with the Salvation Army of Eden to offer hot meals on the days not provided by the Salvation Army.
- Mobile food pantry
- Recovery Education
- Emergency Shelter
- Food distribution method which allows participants to choose the food they want

The new location for the Ministry is 618 Early Avenue in Eden.

Faye explained the Coordinated Assessment process as well as the HMIS to the new member agencies and advised of the benefits.

Marlene explained the CoC and ESG grant process and Torrey stated that he would like to be part of the grant applicants, next year.

Tabitha gave the Treasurer's Report: **\$2,116.46.**

Tabitha also provided the Coordinated Assessment and Housing Reports (see attached).

Old Business:

Curtis reported from Rockingham County Veterans Coalition (RCVC) regarding the 5th annual Veteran's Stand Down held at the National Guard Armory on October 30, 2015. Curtis advised that the turn out was great; just some of the services included: haircuts, benefits assistance, a hot meal that had been catered, transportation, access to many resources and county services who were set up at the event. They were also given access to the Veteran's Food Pantry available at the Agricultural Building

New Business:

Nominations were needed for the vacancy in Vice Chair and the yearly Regional Lead and Alternate elections. Marlene, Regional Lead and Curtis, Regional Alternate, agreed to assume the roles for another term and was approved by unanimous consent. Faye opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair. After nomination from the Chair, Amy Steel agreed to accept the nomination as vice chair. Curtis seconded the nomination; carried unanimously.

Marlene provided the Regional Lead Report: The State is busy reading and ranking grants and the results should be posted on the NCCEH website soon.

Success Story: Faye gave a success story that purports the results of county collaboration: A family in Eden who had been living in their car; Grandmother, her daughter with 2 children. When a nice Police Officer assisted the family with replacing a worn tire with a new one, he referred the family to the PSH program at RHA. Faye reported that the family is now housed, the grandmother has established her social security benefits and her daughter is in the process of applying for disability. Due to their success, the brother of this family who has been living alone in the woods for some time, has also applied for the PSH Program and should be housed soon.

Faye also reported that she has housing arranged for a mother and 4 children, who have been residents at Help, Incorporated's shelter for battered women. During shelter residency, the mother recently gave birth to a healthy baby girl.

Jean Penn advised that a young woman and her boyfriend who stayed at the H.O.R.O shelter, after living in their truck, moved to the homeless shelter in Martinsville when the seasonal shelter closed. While they were there, the boyfriend became violent, and they were able to assist her in getting into a DV shelter in that area. Subsequently, the young woman now has a job and an apartment and is doing well.

Adjournment: Ellery made a motion that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Curtis, with group agreement. **The next meeting date will be December 17, 2015 at 10am.**

Respectfully Submitted

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Housing Report: Attachment A

Reidsville Housing Authority

Total Number of Slots:	40				
Total Number of Slots Taken:	40				
Total Number of Family Slots Taken:	13				
Total Number of Individual Slots Taken:	27	Adults	51	Children	24
Number of Slots Available:	0				
Number of Clients in Process of Entering:	4				
Number of Clients that Graduated:	4				
TO DATE:					
	Total Housed:				75

Help, Incorporated: Center Against Violence

Total Number of Slots:	1				
Total Number of Family Slots Taken:	1				
Total Number of Individual Slots Taken:	0	Adults	1	Children	2
Number of Slots Available:	Limited Funding				
Number of Clients in Process of Entering:	3 Families				
Number of Clients that Graduated or left this month:			1		
TO DATE:					
	Total Number of Households:				13
	Total Number of Adults:				13
	Total Number of Children:				15

Rockingham County Help for Homeless

PERMANENT GRANT PROGRAM

Total Number of Slots:	20				
Total Number of Slots Taken:	19				
Total Number of Family Slots Taken:	11				
Total Number of Individual Slots Taken:	8	Adults	26	Children	21
Number of Slots Available:	1				
Number of Clients in Process of Entering:	1				
Number of Clients that Graduated:	1				

RAPID REHOUSING PROGRAM

Total Number of Slots:	14				
Total Number of Slots Taken:	12				

Total Number of Family Slots Taken:	5				
Total Number of Individual Slots Taken:	7	Adults	13	Children	11
Number of Slots Available:	2				
Number of Clients in Process of Entering:	2				
Number of Clients that Graduated:	0				