**Lee-Harnett County Regional Housing Committee**

**NC Balance of State Continuum of Care**

**Meeting October 21, 2015–11:00 am**

**Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, Inc.**

 **225 South Steele Street, Sanford, NC 27330**

**(919) 776-0746**

**In Attendance:**

Tameika Prince, Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, Inc.

Fredrika Cooke, Family Promise of Lee County

Donna McCormick, Sandhills Center

Lesa Price, Lee County DSS

Larry Lingenfelter, NC Dept. of Commerce

Dr. Johnnye Waller, Lee County Schools

Linda Ware, Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, Inc.

Tiara White, Family Promise Intern

**Welcome and Call to Order**

Tameika Prince welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order.

**Introductions**

All in attendance introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes**

D. McCormick approved the minutes and J. Waller seconded the motion.

**Balance of State**

Mrs. Watson did not apply for the new COC funding due to time and matching requirements. The ESG application is due November 6th. Safe is applying for $16,500.00 and Johnston-Lee Harnett Community Action is applying for $62,963.00, which will house 8 homeless clients. D. McCormick, F. Cooke, and V. McLaughlin have agreed to review applicants but since there are only two, the committee needs to decide whether to approve these two applicants.

**Rapid Re-Housing**

RRH for Lee County has a total of 9 clients housed and 6 clients on the waiting list at this time.

**Coordinated Assessment Report**

F. Cooke stated that they have to do a new grievance procedure for the Coordinated Assessment. She has a meeting on Friday to review plans. All clients are to be referred to J-LHCA or Family Promise in order to be properly identified as homeless. She said that she will provide everyone with a copy of the final Coordinated Assessment once it is approved.

**Announcements**

F. Cooke asked the committee about getting more people involved in the fight against homelessness. The committee stated that they would like to get more agencies involved such as the health departments, Family Endeavors, Volunteers of America, Mayor Chet Mann, Pastor Donald Kivett, Lee County Sheriff’s Dept., Lee County Police Dept, Harnett County Sheriff’s Dept., Harnett County Police Dept., Legal Aide, county commissioners, Legal Council, and City Councilman. F. Cooke suggested sending a letter of invitation to the above-referenced agencies. An approval is needed by Mrs. Watson and will be discussed at the next meeting.

D. McComick suggested bringing emergency response forms to the meetings each month in order to have documentation to verify homelessness. The board will await an approval from Mrs. Watson. She also stated that you may call her to see if there are any target apartments available for people who have physical or mental disabilities. These applicants must have an income. Her telephone number is 910-673-7229. She said you may also contact Ellen Blackmon at the state level. She works for the Division on Aging in Raleigh.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business a motion was made by J. Waller to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by L. Ware and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held at Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, 225 S. Steele Street, Sanford, NC on Wednesday, November 18, 2015.

Submitted by

Tameika Prince