**Lee-Harnett County Regional Housing Committee**

**NC Balance of State Continuum of Care**

**Meeting July 15, 2015–11:00 am**

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

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

**(919) 776-0746**

**In Attendance:**

E. Marie Watson, Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, Inc.

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

Vanessa Colvin-McLaughlin, Secretary

Donna McCormick, Sandhills

Miya Horsey, Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, Inc.

Sherry Overton-Shurda, Haven of Lee County

Tonya Gray, SAFE of Harnett County

**Welcome and Call to Order**

E. Marie Watson welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order.

**Introductions**

All in attendance introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes**

Correction of minutes-Rapid Re-Housing has funding. D. McCormick approved correction, S. Shurda seconded, motion carried.

**Balance of State**

Approved the letter of intent this committee drafted.

**Rapid Re-Housing**

RRH for Harnett County has been difficult to distribute but the one family who has been selected, their case went well. Four other applicants are currently looking for housing.

RRH for Lee County-single male applicants have been harder to serve. They do not follow up with appointments and when given task to reach out to other resources they are reluctant to follow through. Mental health issues are a strong suggestion as to why men and women have difficulty taking the necessary steps to complete their assessments. T. Gray suggest there needs to be an increase of awareness of mental health resources to the demographic this committee serves.

**Coordinated Assessment Report**

The Coordinated Assessment for Lee-Harnett County Regional Housing Committee has yet to be submitted but Tonya Gray, the representative for Harnett County has turned in her portion of the assessment. Fredrika Cooke will submit the completed assessment once all items needed are finalized.

**Announcements**

M. Horsey will be leaving Johnston-Lee Community Action at the end of month. Let us wish her well on all her future endeavors.

SAFE is working on a 5 year plan to build a modern structured shelter similar to Haven of Lee County. Need to get more information from a Housing Finance group to receive assistance.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting will be held at Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, 225 S. Steele Street, Sanford, NC on Wednesday, August 19, 2015.

Submitted by:

Vanessa Colvin-McLaughlin, Secretary