**Lee-Harnett County Regional Housing Committee**

**NC Balance of State Continuum of Care**

**Meeting May 20, 2015–11:00am**

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

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

**(919) 776-0746**

**In Attendance:**

Dr. Johnnie Waller, Lee County Schools

Vanessa Colvin-McLaughlin, Secretary

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

Jean Kilpatrick, Haven of Lee County

Fredrika Cooke, Family Promise of Lee County

Shannon McLean, Sanford Housing Authority

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

**Welcome and Call to Order**

Miya Horsey welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order.

**Introductions**

All in attendance introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes**

The April minutes approved by J. Kilpatrick, seconded by J. Waller . The motion carried.

**Rapid Re-Housing**

Rapid Re-Housing funding was able to assist only a handful of Lee County residents. The list of applicants however is still growing but the funding is sliming and not able to assist no new applicants.

**Coordinated Assessment Report**

The Coordinated Assessment Report has identified Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action and Family Promise of Lee County as the hubs for individuals and families to get an prescreening to be clarified as homeless in Lee County.

The C.A. R is also still in the processing stage to be approved by the Balance of State since the merge of Lee and Harnett County. There maybe a chance of Chatham County getting on board as well.

**Announcements**

Lee county Schools-Project Lift Off will begin on June 16, 2015. This program is for at risk youth in the elementary and middle school age group. The children will be exposed to additional tutoring, school supplies and field trips.

Haven of Lee County-Diva Derby’s was in full effect. Did you get all fancied up with your glamorous hat? Haven of Lee County sure thank you if you did. The lovely ladies of Lee County came out in their Country Club best to support individuals of domestic violence and it was an event to remember.

Family Promise of Lee County-Card board Box City was a hit! The experience of living homeless for one night was in true form. It rained on everyone for a small amount of time but what the times when it rains a lot longer and there is no cover to shelter. Being homeless was a rightful perspective for that evening. Thankfully after the rain there was entertainment, hot meals and festivities for everyone to enjoy.

Sanford Housing Authority has announced a five year plan to revamp there by laws to assist more the homeless, domestic violence and the disabled in Lee County. There are plans in effect to renovate the old day care in Linden Heights and turn them into 3 units for homeless individuals and families. SHA is asking HUD for additional funding for a homeless program. SHA are now pulling names off the waiting list and over 100 letters are getting sent out letting people know vouchers will be available soon for Section 8.

J. Kilpatrick asked a question about individual who have been evicted form Public Housing because domestic violence. S. McLean the Executive Director of SHA stated those individuals need to reapply for housing. There are new sanctions in place that now will only evict the person being convicted of domestic violence and not the whole family.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next meeting will be held at Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, 225 S. Steele Street, Sanford, NC on June 17, 2015.

Submitted by:

Vanessa Colvin-McLaughlin, Secretary