**Lee-Harnett County Regional Housing Committee**

**NC Balance of State Continuum of Care**

**Meeting March 18, 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.

Larry Lingenfelter, N. C. Commerce

Tina Ray, Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, Inc.

Camille Neal, Volunteers of America

Vanessa Colvin-McLaughlin, Secretary

Donna McCormick, Sandhills Center

Becky Surles, Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, Inc.

Tonya Gray, Safe of Harnett County

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

Jean Kilpatrick, Haven of Lee County

Chris Kelley, Salvation Army

**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**

The January minutes will be made available at the next meeting.

**Harnett County**

* Harnett County understands the urgency to have all of their agencies available to any all funding allotted to the committee.
* Tonya Gray from Safe of Harnett County will be the representative for Harnett County. Harnett County is on board to merge with the Lee Regional Housing Committee. Donna McCormick made a motion. Tina Ray seconded the motion. It is approved.
* Harnett County has $21,000 in housing funds they need have spent by September 30, 2015. They are asking agencies if they have any clients who are in need and are willingly to be in Harnett County, to please apply.
* There was a discussion concerning the alternate lead. Donna McCormick made a motion, seconded by Tina Ray to make Tonya Gray the alternate lead replacing Becky Surles.

The motion carried.

**Announcements**

* Point in Time information done by Jean Kilpatrick, will be given during the next meeting. Jean expressed some difficulty getting a count from certain areas such as law enforcement and the hospitals.
* Family Promise of Lee County has openings for a homeless family of five
* STARS Program has openings for new clients.
* Shannon McLean the Executive Director of Sanford Housing Authority has pointed out n interest in being the Lee County Housing Regional Committee.
* SAFE would like to partner up with another agency for a better self-sufficiency program to where clients will be effective once they are on their own.
* Camille Neal announced the closing of the Tawanna Baldwin’s case. Tawanna came to Family Promise back in January seeking housing. During the prescreening it was found Tawanna was a veteran, she was then referred to Volunteers of America. In a few short weeks funding became available and Tawanna was able to find sustainable housing for her and her children. In February, Ms. Baldwin was killed in a house fire by smoke inhalation. The grandmother now has her two boys ages 13 and 5. Family Promise will have the family for the next year on case management. Jean Kilpatrick stated if the boys need clothing Haven can give vouchers from Divine Finds.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m. The next meeting will be held at Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, 225 S. Steele Street, Sanford, NC on April 15, 2015.

Submitted by:

Vanessa Colvin-McLaughlin