**Lee-Harnett County Regional Housing Committee**

**NC Balance of State Continuum of Care**

**Meeting February 17, 2016–2:00pm**

**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.

Fredrika Cooke, Family Promise of Lee County

Tonya Gray, S.A.F.E of Harnett County

Belinda Johnson, S.A.F.E of Harnett County

Lesa Price, Lee County DSS

Larry Lingenfelter, NC Dept. of Commerce

John Garcia, Family Endeavors

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

Vanessa Colvin-McLaughlin, Family Promise of Lee County

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

Karen Kennedy, City of Sanford

Krystal McCullen, Comm Well Health

**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**

F. Cooke motioned to approved minutes, T. Gray second that motion. Minutes approved.

**Balance of State-Coordinated Assessement Report**

Version 2 has been sent out for the VI-SPDAT. F. Cooke has agreed to have training on the new version during the next committee meeting. E. Marie Watson will forward the links for the training as well. The links will include a Prezi presentation and the toolkit for the new forms.

**Rapid Rehousing**

Rapid Rehousing is now accepting applicants. Please make all referrals to Becky Surles.

**Harnett County**

Tonya Gray introduced Belinda Johnson who is the Shelter Manager atS.A.F.E of Harnett County. B. Johnson will be the one to represent the agency at most meeting for T. Gray from now on.

T. Gray reflected on a particular case (non DV) as to this particular is not reaching the proper channels to receive services to get housing because of the person’s mental capacity.

The person calls S.A.F.E every now and then but refuses to come in. T. Gray stated the person has income due to her mental disability. Almost all committee members asked or stated the same thing; What county is she in? What other agencies has been referred to? In most mental health cases of homelessness, the number one issue is, the client will not follow through once they have been given an referral. After I (V. Colvin) made my suggestion of calling directly to Frank Bryant with Targeted Program to assist persons with disabilities with affordable housing; F. Cooke stated the importance of giving clients all necessary phone numbers for referrals and/or calling the other agencies while the client is still at your facility. When the client don’t hear or get what they came for they will not follow up because they feel put off.

**Announcements**

**Comm Well Health** would like to thank everyone who came to support their Luncheon to end Homelessness. It was an awesome turn out and they have hopes to do quarterly or annually.

**Family Promise**-is holding a fundraiser bowling tournament “Rolling Out The Alley” on the Sunday, February 21, 2016 at Kendale Bowling Lanes 1:00-6:00pm. Please call the Day Center 919-718-1540 for more info.

**NC Works** is holding a Veterans Resource Fair on March 30, 2016 at the Dennis Wicker Civic Center 9:00am-2:00pm. Please contact Larry Lingenfelter at NC Works 919-775-2241 for more information and if your agency would like to set up a service table at this event.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45pm. The next meeting will be held at Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action, 225 S. Steele Street, Sanford, NC on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 2:00pm.

Submitted by

Vanessa Colvin-McLaughlin