

## BEAUFORT COUNTY REGIONAL COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY/MID-EAST REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

809 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, WASHINGTON, NC 27889

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2014 – 12:00 NOON

**The mission of the Beaufort County Regional Committee is:** *The Beaufort County Regional Committee will work as a subcommittee of the Balance of State Continuum of Care to assure quality housing for all, from homelessness through self-sufficiency.*

**The vision of the Beaufort County Regional Committee is:** *Promoting self-sufficiency and eliminating homelessness.*

**Attendees:** Anita Little, Beaufort County Department of Social Services; Gina Amaxopulos, Washington Housing Nonprofit; Harlan MacKendrick, Zion Shelter & Kitchen; Amy Modlin, East Carolina Behavioral Health; Jonathan Gaskins, Zion Shelter & Kitchen; Katrina Moore, Shelter for Women –Advocate; Tina Moore, Shelter for Women- Advocate; Marc Recko, Director, Washington Housing Authority/MidEast Regional Housing Authority; Sharon Gray, East Carolina Behavioral Health; Ann-Marie Montague, Eagles Wings; Kim Etheredge, Ruth's House.

1. Introductions – Meeting started at 12:04PM
2. Minutes – Motion made by Montague to approve the September 2014 minutes and seconded by Recko minutes were approved as written.

### Agency Updates

3. **Summary of BoS (Balance of State)**  
Grant proposal has been submitted and now we wait for approval. These funds will include funding for the Shelter Plus Care grant which includes Beaufort County.
4. **Coordinated Assessment-** Modlin, Recko attended Coordinated Assessment training in Raleigh. The current system is not working effectively. This experience provided a comparison to other counties that mirror Beaufort County. The assessment will collect more reliable data. Currently no data is being captured. One of the focuses is on Prevention and Diversion. Recko suggested that each agency do the assessment and capture the information so that the gaps are filled. Modlin suggested that the group continue to use community resources when using the coordinated assessment. Modlin provided examples of how the system should work. Modlin provided a sketch with illustrated needs and resources. Modlin informed the group there are 73 counties within the Balance of State. After the presentation Modlin requested that the group send her feedback and explained that because Beaufort County receives HUD dollars the Coordinated Assessment is a requirement.

5. **Women's Shelter** –Modlin provided a resource for Jonathan (non-financial). Gaskin is still working to overcome the zoning and financial issues hindering him from securing a location. There is an entire community in Chocowinity that resides under a bridge. Jobs, the lack there of, remain a major concern. Gaskins also recognized transportation as another component of the system that does not work to serve the low income. Modlin suggested as a group start collecting the data via Coordinated Assessment. Etheredge acknowledged that additional representation is missing from the table and that Ruth's House depends on volunteers and may not have the resources to collect the data through the Coordinated Assessment. Montague reminded the group that things don't necessarily happen when agencies are open between 8:00am and 5:00pm.

Little requested additional information on the McKinney-Vento Act (Homeless Assistance Act) regarding transportation for homeless students.

6. **Chair/Lead Discussion**

Modlin reminded everyone that a new Chair and Co-Chair will need to be elected in January 2015. Someone will need to be elected to fill each position. One of the responsibilities of the Chair and Co-Chair is to attend a monthly Balance of State telephone conference call.

#### Program Updates

7. **Shelter Plus Care:** The program is currently full.
8. **Zion Shelter** - is full and averaging 11 men per night. Razor blades and other toiletries are always a need. Montague recommended they contact the Food Bank of the Albemarle (FBA). MacKendrick shared the new 27 page assessment sent to him to be completed on each person entering the shelter.
9. **Ruth's House** – Etheredge reported that women and children are often referred to her. However, because they are not involved in a domestic violence situation she has to refer them to other community resources. Pitt County Homeless Shelter is the shelter where most referrals are made.
10. **Eagles Wings/Presenter** – Montague reported that they raised \$2,000.00 with the Duck Race. Montague provided documented status and gave us an overview of the mission and challenges that Eagles Wings face. She informed us that Eagles Wings belongs to the Food Bank of the Albemarle (FBA). Gray made a donation of \$20.00 to purchase 100 pounds of food. Montague also explained that the term Food

Insecurity means - Not knowing where your next meal is coming from. Food Pantries are definitely needed and so are the services represented at this table.

11. MidEast/MRHA- Tentative approvals for Priority to homelessness with hope that the Board will make final approvals in January. Five families per year for each housing program. There would be no more than one per month and this will not affect the DV numbers. Recko mentioned the Human Relations Commission and this group collaboration to conduct a Housing Symposium.
12. ECBH – Consolidation to take effect on July 1, 2015. Modlin will provide more information as it becomes available.
13. Next meeting – November 19, 2014 at 12:00 noon at Eagle's Wings located at:  
**Eagle's Wings**  
932 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Washington, NC 27889  
(252) 975-1138
14. MacKendrick will provide lunch at next meeting. Everyone is encouraged to make a donation to the Food Pantry.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted by:

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