

**ROCKINGHAM COUNTY REGIONAL COMMITTEE
TO END HOMELESSNESS**

(Balance of State, Continuum of Care)

MEETING MINUTES

May, 2016



Members Present: Faye Pierce (Chair), Ellery Blackstock (Past Chair), Jeanne Penn (Secretary), Marlene Harrison (Regional Lead), Tabitha Cox (Treasurer), Curtis Pierce (Alternate Lead), Tracey Boubacar (Daymark Recovery), DeShanna Johnson (Center Point), Patricia Settle (Rockingham County PENN PROGRAM - RCPENN – (Congregational Nurses))

Welcome – Chair, Faye Pierce thanked and welcomed everyone for attending.

Prayer – Ellery opened the meeting with prayer.

Meeting Minutes Review/Approval of last meeting – Minutes from the regional committee meeting in April were reviewed and approved by the Executive Board at the last meeting on May 4, and ratified by vote of the Regional Committee, motion made by Curtis and seconded by Ellery.

Treasurer's Report & Coordinated Assessment / Housing Report – Please see Attachments A and B. Tabitha read the housing report. Faye advised the next CA quarterly report will be due June 15.

Shelter - Jeanne reported that she is now volunteering at the Rescue Mission and that they are serving hot meals on Wednesday and Saturday. Jeanne further reported that Torrey plans to have beds available for shelter, to supplement the beds at the Home of Refuge Outreach. All donations are welcome, clothing, linens, blankets and pillows, as well as monetary donations. Jeanne reported that 169 meals were served this past Saturday at the location. Faye reported that the City of Eden has granted HORO a lease renewal at the current seasonal shelter location, allowing for 12 months of shelter. HORO is accepting monetary donations. Marlene stated that we can refer to the Allied Churches of Alamance County, if there is no shelter available in Rockingham County, but that we will need to follow up with housing referrals in our county. Transportation is also an issue. Discussion was made by the group on how to obtain funds for transportation, as well as funds for prevention.

Restructuring Proposal – Faye advised that she and Marlene met with representatives from the proposed 5 county region, with the exception of Person County, which does not currently have a regional committee. Marlene explained that a vote will be taken at the next steering committee call on June 7, at 10:30, to accept the proposed restructuring of counties. Marlene encouraged as many members as possible to take an active role in the transition, currently scheduled to take place in January, 2017. Kim Crawford is leading the purposed Regional Committee meetings and will send out a Google poll to Regional Leads and Alternates to schedule a time for the next meeting.

Veterans : Curtis advised that tomorrow, May 20, is National Military Day. He also stated that the RCVV food pantry would be moving due to the remodeling in the Ag building. Curtis will advise of the new location as soon as the location has been established.

Regional Lead Report: See Attachment C. Marlene reported that the BoS is working on updating written standards for COC and ESG housing programs, and has sent a survey to the 3 funded agencies, requesting feedback for these written standards. The feedback forms are due to the NCCEH no later than May 20. Marlene also stated that Brain Alexander, the new Project Specialist with the BoS, scheduled 30

minute phone calls with all Regional Leads or Alternates, and that she represented us on a call to him on May 11. Marlene stated that Brian has offered to help all regions in any capacity, and that we can contact him at any time with questions.

Scoreboard Committee Representative – Faye advised that the Executive Board nominated Ellery to serve on this committee, and would like ratification from the Regional committee. Marlene made a motion to so move, seconded by Curtis and carried by vote.

Announcements – Curtis: The Moravian Church in Eden is now accepting applications for assistance with utility and related bills, and has a food pantry as well. Curtis will forward information via email. Tabitha – reported that a Girl Scout Troup in Summerfield has taken on a project to help the homeless by preparing book bags with practical supplies. Tabitha also stated that Osborne Baptist Church in Eden has a monetary assistance program also, and she will send information via email to the group.

Success Stories: Faye reported that during the PIT count in January, she and Jeanne met with a young couple who were living in a tent in the woods. The 24-year-old man is legally blind and the 26-year old woman has seizures. Faye reported that after diligent work with this couple, she will be able to house them in PSH by next week. Faye also reported that RCHH was able to house a disabled person who was in dire need, the same week she made the referral. Tabitha reported that a young woman and victim of domestic violence, had been living in her car, having fled an abusive situation. Ironically, the same day she filled out the application for Help Inc's RRH Program, she was able to find a two room apartment with utilities included for \$375.00 a month. She met with the landlord and contacted Tabitha who was able to pay the rent and deposit the same day, and the client was able to move into her new home and regain custody of her daughter.

Motion to Adjourn – Made by Curtis and seconded by Ellery.

Next meeting will be on June 16, 2016 at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marlene Harrison
Regional Lead

Attachment A

Housing Report – May 2016

Reidsville Housing Authority

Total number of 40 slots.
Total number of 37 slots taken.
Total number of 13 family slots taken.
Total number of 25 individual slots taken.
Total number of 50 adult clients.
Total number of 35 child clients.
Total number of 0 slots available.
Total number of 3 clients in process of entering program.
Total number of 3 clients graduated or left the program this month.
Total Housed 85

Help, Incorporated: Center Against Violence

Total number of 1 slots taken.
Total number of 1 family slots taken.
Total number of 1 adult clients.
Total number of 2 child clients.
Total number of LIMITED slots available.
Total number of 4 families in process of entering program.
Total number of 1 family that graduated or left the program this month.

Rockingham County Help for Homeless

PERMANENT GRANT PROGRAM

Total number of 20 slots.
Total number of 19 slots taken.
Total number of 10 family slots taken.
Total number of 9 individual slots taken.
Total number of 25 adult clients.
Total number of 20 child clients.
Total number of 1 slots available.
Total number of 1 clients in process of entering program.
Total number of 2 clients that graduated or left the program this month.

TRANSITIONAL GRANT PROGRAM

Total number of 14 slots.
Total number of 14 slots taken.
Total number of 7 family slots taken.
Total number of 7 individual slots taken.
Total number of 14 adult clients.
Total number of 14 child clients.
Total number of 0 slots available.
Total number of 0 clients in process of entering program.
Total number of 0 clients that graduated or left the program this month.

Attachment B

May 4, 2016

Previous Balance \$2,086.46

Debits Total Spent \$0.00

Credits Total Spent \$0.00

End Balance \$2,086.46

REGIONAL LEAD REPORT MAY 2016

- HUD has announced **Tier 2 funding** from the FY2015 CoC competition.
- BoS awarded \$1,249,382 in funds.
- 5 PSH grants through Cardinal Innovations.
- 2 new Housing Bonus projects through Homeward Bound in Henderson County and Allied Churches in Alamance County.
- 2 TH renewal projects did not receive funding.
- HUD has opened the **CoC Registration** process for the 2016 competition. BoS staff will complete the registration by the deadline of May 11, 2016.
- For agencies wanting to apply for a new CoC project in FY2016, complete an intent to apply form at <http://bit.ly/23e1STr>.
- Regional Committees are asked to choose one representative from their community to serve on the Scorecard Committee. Please fill out the online form at <http://bit.ly/1MZkUev> by June 10th.

Coordinated Assessment

- All 26 plans within the BoS have now been approved and ready for or are implementing. The Steering Committee approved the final plan from Rutherford-Polk.
- Next Coordinated Assessment Exchange call will be May 10th between 3-4 PM. Register for the call at <http://ncceh.org/events/950>.

Written Standards

- Standards will be revised in the coming weeks. See the current written standards at www.ncceh.org/files/6202/. CoC and ESG grantees, expect to see an email asking for feedback about the current written standards.

Restructuring Proposal

BoS staff received feedback from 17 Regional Committees about the Restructuring Proposal. The Restructuring Workgroup will revise the plan based on this feedback. The final draft proposal will be posted to the NCCEH website on May 31st in preparation for a vote at the June 7 Steering Committee meeting.

PIT and HIC

- The BoS Point-In-Time Count and Housing Inventory Count were submitted to HUD on May 2.
- The sheltered count decreased in 2016 while the unsheltered count increased. Overall, the total number of homeless individuals decreased by 2%. The total number homeless individuals in 2016 was 2,963.
- Both chronic and veteran homelessness decreased in 2016. The total chronically homeless individuals were 348. The total number of homeless veterans were 136.

Reminders:

- ESG CAPER reports are due to the State ESG Office on May 4, 2016.
- PSH Subcommittee meeting will be May 16, 2016 at 10:30 AM. Register at <http://www.ncceh.org/events/955/>