**AHRMM Meeting Minutes**

February 21, 2017

Sandhills Community College Van Dusen Building

**Attendees:** Mary Pat Buie, Sandhills Center LME/MCO; Kam A. McDonald, Anson County Schools; Kim Childers, Richmond County Schools; Thomasina Wall, Anson County DSS; John L. Young, Montgomery County DSS; Shanita Harris and Latina James, Family Endeavors; Carol Brown, Brown’s Golden Care; Tawanda Bennett, Why Not Youth Services; Sherri Allgood, True Worship Ministries-Biscoe.

Adrian Spruill, Young Hope New Beginnings participated via Speakerphone.

**Welcome and Introductions:**

-The Meeting was called to order at 9:45 by Mary Pat Buie. Welcome and introductions made by attendees.

**Minutes:**

Carol Brown moved that the minutes be accepted. Kim Childers seconded the motion and it passed.

**Balance of State Steering Committee Update**

-Tune in on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30am for a Web-based meeting via conference call.

-Mary Pat attends lots of trainings for the BOS and most are web-based.

-Mary Pat reported that AHRMM minutes must be posted on the NCCEH Website within 25 days after the meeting occurs. Mary Pat took the Webmaster training and they provided specifics regarding the minutes.

-Debbie Cole is in the process of doing our PIT Count for Region 7.

-Mary Pat explained the PIT Count and that money is used to support those who are homeless.

**Coordinated Assessment Update**

-No update.

-Mary Pat explained the Emergency Response forms and had some available.

-Please send your completed Emergency Response forms to Donna McCormick or Mary Pat Buie.

**Region 7 Update**

-Next Region 7 Meeting is April 6, 2017 at 9:30am at the Sandhills Community College in the Van Dusen Building. The Region 7 meeting is held quarterly.

-Mary Pat stated that Randolph County is always on top of things and on the cutting edge of everything.

**Point-In-Time Count**

-PIT Count Information will be distributed when it is complete.

**Grantee Reports**

**SCAP:**

No one present, no report provided.

**Friend-to-Friend:**

No one present, no report provided.

**Old Business**

**Emergency Response Forms:**

-No forms turned in, but a few were picked up.

-Membership applications provided to new guests, Latina James, Tawanda Bennett, and Sherri Allgood.

**New Business**

**Sandhills Center**-Mary Pat announced that Sandhills is building a new Building near Seven Lakes and will move from being housed in six building and merge into one.

-Mary Pat and Donna are working with transitions to living.

-The list of people they work with comes from the State.

-The people get lots of support from the ACT Team, and peer support, etc.

-Carol Brown shared a story about a client who moved to the Sanford area and is now successful.

-Mary Pat stated that the clients need medicine, appointments with physicians, and lots of support to be successful. You must combine their physical barriers with the Mental Health for the greatest impact.

**Anson County Schools-**35 students qualify for McKinney-Vento services.

-CFST School Social Workers are working on hosting their first Southwest Regional Spring Workshop at the Staff Development Center at the Anson County School District Office. They are expecting 30-50 guests to attend from our region in the helping profession such as School Social Workers, School Nurses, School Counselors, Administrators, and Social Workers from any field.

**Richmond County Schools**-157 qualifies for McKinney-Vento services. Kim Childers reported that there was a fire at a hotel and no one was injured. Families were displaced.

-10-12 students who are homeless were added to her list. Some students were from out of state, had evictions, or experienced trauma in their homes.

-Kim explained homelessness and McKinney-Vento law to our new members.

**Family Endeavors**-Shanita inquired about VI-SPDAT.

-Mary Pat explained that we need to include the homeless vets on the list and provided a contact person to Shanita from Randolph County: Debbie Cole.

-Shanita brought brochures from Family Endeavors.

-Shanita and Latina had no updates.

**Anson County DSS**-Thomasina reported that they are out of Crisis Funds.

-New position opens in Economic Services (Intake Worker) that will be posted in March.

**Montgomery County DSS**-John announced that they need more funds, and they have no shelter.

-They have a few SIP funds left for Crisis Intervention.

-New Director Stephanie Smith seems nice.

**Young Hope, New Beginnings-**Carol Brown stated that Adrian Spruill is working to get a family care unit licensed (multi-unit with five beds and a focus on Veterans.

-Hopes to connect her with Family Endeavors.

-Adrian has a kindred spirit and a passion for homelessness, mental health, and substance abuse.

-Can meet many needs of clients and takes clients that have trouble being placed elsewhere.

**Adrian Spruill contact:**

Phone: 252.557.9840 or 252.822.1790

Website: Y-hope.org

**Brown’s Golden Care**-Carol reported an update: one medical site is now rebuilt since flood damage in Fairbluff.

-Lumberton site hopes to take applications in March but only studs are still in walls.

-The man that was in the hospital is now placed with his Mom until Lumberton site is open.

**True Worship Ministries of Biscoe-**Sherri Allgood announced that they sometimes have funds on hand to give for Crisis situations.

-Located in Montgomery County and has a clothing closet that is accessible every Thursday. Clothing is put out front and people can get the clothing.

-Spoke of helping two families who are homeless: 1 in Mt. Gilead and 1 in Candor.

-Located on 24/27 in front of the Wal-Mart.

-Please bring any used clothing to next meeting to donate.

**Why Not Youth Services-**Tawanda Bennett shared that they will have two rooms available for children and mothers who are at-risk for being homeless in the Montgomery County area.

-They are in the phase of building.

-Licensed Substance Abuse Counselor.

-Can help people with Mental Health issues.

-Seeking buildings that can house Mothers and children and was told there are none vacant so she is building.

-Welcomes any information that we can share on how to do this.

-Inquired about how to enter the Closed Sandhills Network as a provider through the LME/MCO?

-Mary Pat advised that she can get her information and look into it for her.

-Carol advised that she was told to connect with agencies that are already in the network.

Next Meeting is March 21, 2017 at the Richmond County Airport Building.

**Adjournment:** By Mary Pat Buie at 10:30am

Submitted by:

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