

# **“Down East” Housing Committee**

## **NC Balance of State Continuum of Care**

**Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, May 10, 2017**

**Location: Goldsboro Housing Authority**

**11:30am**

### **In Attendance:**

LaTasha McNair, Eastpointe (Regional Lead/CA Lead)  
Michelle Gooding, Eastpointe  
Deniece Cole, S.D.I.M./SAFE  
Latina James, Family Endeavors  
Thomas Rice, MLFL  
Janice Sauls, Salvation Army  
Anna Jernigan, Neuse Enterprises  
Leigh Ann Hardy, UCare  
Kim Stevens, Carolina Residential Services  
Gloria McDuffie, Community (Phone)  
Marvin Freeman, Eastern Carolina Human Service (Phone)  
Yolanda Taylor, NC Legal Aid (Phone)  
Victor Kosinski, NC Works (Phone)

1. **Welcome and Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:40am. LaTasha welcomed everyone for attending and thanked new attendees for joining.
2. **Introductions:** Introductions were made. There were 4 attendees by phone.
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes from March 8, 2017:** *The April meeting was the quarterly meeting for Neuse RC. Those minutes will be reviewed at the next Neuse quarterly meeting.*

March minutes were reviewed. A motion to accept and approve the minutes as presented was made by Michelle Gooding and second by Deniece Cole. The motion carried.

4. **Agency Spotlight** – There was no Agency Spotlight
5. **Review of Balance of State Steering Committee Meeting (May 2, 2017):**
  - a. **See Short Meeting Summary:** Committee members reviewed the printed short summary from the May 2<sup>nd</sup> BoS meeting attached to the meeting’s agenda.
6. **Down East Coordinated Assessment Update**
  - a. **Revised Plan:** LaTasha reported that she and Candice Rountree (Neuse CA Lead) have been working to make revisions to the CA Plan. It has been reviewed by the CAC

however requires some revisions. It is anticipated that a revised plan will be submitted by the end of the month.

- b. **Case Management Committee:** LaTasha reported that per the CA Plan, there will be a case management/case conferencing component that will be made up of a subcommittee for the purpose of ensuring that the most vulnerable households are being served through the CA process. This will consist of a case-by-case review of specific details around a household's situation. The waitlist will also serve as a by-name list that identifies individuals by name (by ID # for DV victims) and indicates the VI-SPDAT score. LaTasha suggested that the following agencies should have a representative on the Case Management Committee as these groups should be participating in CA because they are CoC/ESG recipients. UCare, Salvation Army, Friends of the Homeless, SAFE in Lenoir County, and Eastpointe. Spiritual Destiny also expressed interest in participating. LaTasha will speak with the Hope Station (Wilson Co) about participating.

There was discussion of the frequency of this subcommittee's meetings. There were recommendations of bi-weekly, monthly and bi-monthly. A decision was not concluded. LaTasha will reach out to the agencies named to schedule an initial meeting.

7. **CoC Competition:** LaTasha reminded the group that if any agency is interested in applying for a new CoC Project, that they need to submit an Intent to Apply to BoS office using the online form.
8. **Veteran Plan Update:** The Veteran Plan has been reviewed, however updates are needed and are requested to be submitted by May 19<sup>th</sup>. LaTina James went over items that are lacking in the plan. Some information that needed to be included was to identify shelter(s) to house veteran women. Resources within the region as well as outside of the region were suggested. Leigh Ann Hardee stated that the Beacon Rescue Mission in Dunn is outside of our region but can serve women. Thomas Rice shared that MLFL's proposed women's shelter has a projected start date of October 2017. Follow up would be required for some agencies to confirm if they could be listed as a viable option. Follow up will be with the following: Wesley Shelter, can they serve non-DV women. Hope Station, gather information about the proposed family shelter in Wilson Co; which could be a resource for veteran women.
9. **Point in Time County Data Available:** LaTasha reported that 2017 PIT data can be found on the NCCEH website.
10. **Wayne Co Region Meeting:** The Neuse regional meeting is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> in Wayne Co. LaTasha asked if any agency would like to sponsor the meeting in terms of location and food. Thomas Rice volunteers MLFL to donate the food. The Salvation Army, Goldsboro Housing Authority, and W. A. Foster Recreation Center were potential locations for the meeting. The location will be confirmed at a later date.

## 11. Agency Updates:

Salvation Army: Janice Sauls reported that they served 1,348 meals and have lodged 448 individuals. She reported that of their \$30,000 of ESG funds, they have \$23,217.73 remaining. They have not yet spent any RRH dollars because they have just received their contract.

MLFL: Thomas Rice reported that the state has agreed to give the agency a surplus vehicle to transport individuals in their program, to and from appointments and doctor visits. The program expects to have 47 beds for men and 150 beds for women and children. The facility will be in Wayne County on the old Cherry Hospital campus. He also reported that UNC Health Care/Rex has the program before a board now to be able to provide healthcare. VA will provide healthcare to veterans.

**12. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Deniece Cole and second by Victor Kosinski,. The meeting adjourned at 12:39pm.

**Next Meeting:**

**County Meeting (Down East):** Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 11:30am  
11:30 am, Goldsboro Housing Authority

**Neuse Regional Committee:** Wednesday, September 13, 2017  
11:30am, Wayne County