**Balance of State Region 7 Committee Meeting**

**Lee County Senior Service Center**

**Sanford, NC 27330**

**October 4, 2018**

**Mrs. Tina Ray welcomed members and called the meeting to order in reference to the absence of chair Mrs. E. Marie Watson at 10:00 am at the Lee County Senior Services Center, 1615 S. 3rd St, Sanford, NC 27330.The members present introduced themselves.**

**Members Present: Donna McCormick- Sandhills Center; ;Angela Jones –Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action (Johnston);Nikki Locklear-Friend to Friend; Tonya Gray- Safe of Harnett County; Nina Walker –Sandhills Community Action Program; Kendra Martin-United Way; Kim Childers-Richmond County Schools; Brad Simon, Laura Spivey , Earl Murphy, Marcia Johnson-Out Reach Missions of Lee County; Thomasina Wall- Anson County DSS ;Kay Johnson – Harbor; Karen Kennedy – S3 Housing Connect; Susan Bellew- Family Promise; Kelly Hutchinson- REFORM; am McDonald-Anson County Schools;Teraefean Goodwin-Rockingham Housing; Mary Ratliff Anson County Schools; Wayne Mason-Lovely Hall; Nicole Bennett, Kim Ledford - Friend to Friend; Kendra Martin- United Way of Lee County; Casey Saunders- Moore County Schools**

**Minutes- Donna McCormick made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Earl Murphy on October 4, 2018, the motion carried.**

**ESG Application – Donna McCormick a member of funding committee stated the committee met a week ago to review all grant applications. She stated all went well but stated going forward the committee discussed making the process a more seamless protocol. Donna McCormick stated they felt like things were thrown together. The committee discussed developing a plan so that the review of applications will have better processing criteria. Susan Bellew also reported that committee had a lot of questions that were complicated, additional training is needed for scorecard. She also stated going forward that all Grantees need to be available for the entire day when the review of application is taking place. There were three (3)- renewals for the grant Friend –to – Friend, Safe of Harnett County, and Johnston –Lee-Harnett-Community Action Rapid Re- Housing. One (1) New Grantee Outreach Mission Emergency Shelter. The scorecard committee members are Donna McCormick, Kelly Hutchinson, Susan Bellew and Debbie Cole. The members voted on grantee application all were approved. Karen Kennedy made the motion and Mary Radcliff second the motion carried to submit all applications to the regional committee.**

**Coordinated Assessment- Tawanna Bennett was not present. Jeffrey Rawlings a member of coordinated assessment committee stated the committee still hasn’t meet. He stated that Lee County, Harnett County and Johnston County are meeting but NCEEH has concerns in reference to committee not meeting as a region.**

**Grantee Updates:**

**- Friend to Friend- Nikki Locklear - Currently housing 6 women -6 kids. Nikki stated Human Trafficking clients are now housed out of the state. She would also like to meet with Domestic Violence Coordinators to talk about what they are doing with the homeless applications.**

**- JLHCA- Jeff Rawlings reported he has 18 new families with a total of 62 families housed in Harnett and Lee Counties. He also has 18 clients on his waiting list. The agency has paid 32 rental assistance payments, 14 rental deposits, and 18 utility payments. Angela Jones reported for Johnston County she has 38 families enrolled and 57 clients on waitlist. The agency has paid this month 7 rental assistance payments, 2 rental deposits, and 11 utility assistance payments.**

**- Sandhills Community Action (SCAP) - Nina Walker reported she has 1 slot in Richmond County but it has been filled client was rehoused.**

**-Safe of Harnett County- Tonya Gray reported that October is DV month and SAFE will be having a festival and fund raiser a golf tournament. Tonya stated that SAFE has no damage from the hurricane.**

**-Harbor – Kay Johnson reported they presently have 6 residents (4 adults- 2 children). Mrs. Johnson stated Harbor has helped 215 individual families this year and placed 8 families in permanent housing.**

**-PIT – No Debbie Cole present.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**-Karen Kennedy – S3 Housing Connect reported trying to find a building for a low barrier shelter and Outreach Mission has stepped up to be that shelter. They are having some fund raisers such as Cow Patty a concert @ theater where Terry Allebaugh and his band will play, ect.**

**-Thomasina Wall (Anson County DSS) reported that she is helping Hope County DSNAP with assigning benefits to Hope County residents and keying in applications.**

**- Kim Childers – Richmond County School has 50 homeless unaccompanied youth this far. A Place of Grace for Men has acquired an old school that they are converted the building into a place to house women & children, GED Program and other programs to assist the community.**

**-Kim Childers – Richmond County Schools- has 50 homeless/unaccompanied youth this far. She reported that A Place of Grace for Men has acquired and old school building and are doping fund raising so that they can provide shelter for women and child and GED Program.**

* **Anson County Schools – reported 3 house fires this week leaving 30 homeless individuals with this only being the second month of school. Community Care is coming together with all community resources to look for a property for transitional shelter.**

**-Tawanna Bennett resigned as Coordinated Assessment Lead. Jeff Rawlings was nominated and accepted the position of the new Coordinated Assessment Lead.**

* **Donna Mc Cormick made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Earl Murphy.**

**Submitted by:**

**Angela Jones**