**Balance of State Region 7 Committee Meeting**

**Lee County Enrichment Center**

**August 1, 2019**

**Mrs. E. Marie Watson welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Mrs. Watson asked Donna McCormick to pray before meeting started. Members present introduced themselves.**

**Members Present: Susana Rodriquez - Safe of Harnett County; Angela Jones –Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action (Johnston); E.Marie Watson –Johnston – Lee- Harnett Community Action ( Johnston ); Kelly Hutchinson-REFORM; Kim Ledford – Friend to Friend; Laura Spivey- Outreach Mission Inc; Kendra Martin- United Way of Lee County ;Wendy Young – Salvation Army of Asheboro ;Quiotti Ratliff – Sand hills Center ; Earl Mungin – Outreach Mission Inc; Donna McCormick – Sand hills Center LME/ MCO; Kay Johnson – Harbor**

**Minutes**

**A motion was made by Donna McCormick and properly seconded by Quiotti Ratliff to approve the June 6, 2019 minutes. The motion carried.**

**ESG Funding Application:**

**Mrs. E. Marie Watson discussed the ESG application and its plan. She stated the regional application will be completed by her and all partners that are requesting funding will be put into one application. The ESG application is due to region in October but there is a Funding Priority worksheet due to BOS on 8/9/2019.All partners applying for funding must register for the face to face workshop on 8/14/2019 .She stated that the Scorecard committee needs to understand the scorecard process so Donna Mc Cormick will be sending all emails that pertain to BOS to everyone. Mrs. Watson stated the SOS funding from BoS will be used to hire someone to help the entire region with coordinated assessment for all counties. Laura Spivey and Wendy Young asked to join the coordinated assessment meetings.**

**Discussion of Review By-laws- Tonya Gray:**

**Susana Rodriquez states she will contact Tonya Gray and have her email the by-laws.**

**Coordinated Assessment:**

**Jeff Rawlings wasn’t present but Angela Jones reported that committee meets usually after the Region 7 meeting. Last meeting the committee discussed implementing an emergency plan for clients that are in a severe crisis.**

**Agency Reports:**

**Kay Johnson – Harbor reported on 7/12/2019 the facility was flooded due to heavy rain. She stated they are currently out of the shelter and do not know when they will return. They are looking into flood mitigation. Mrs. Johnson stated at the time there were 10 residents and they all were placed in safe environments. Harbor is still accepting calls, providing transportation and referring clients out. They are currently working with 1 family with the Kennedy Homes for transitional housing.**

**Johnston Lee Harnett Community Action Inc.: Angela Jones (Johnston) has twelve housed-6 approved and looking, four returning and 48 on the waitlist.**

**Kelly Hutchinson- 11- approved, 7 – on waitlist, 3- have moved in. 3- pending. She has available slots in Anson, Hoke and Montgomery Counties.**

**Kim Ledford – Friend to Friend reported she has room for 1- family and 1 –single lady. The shelter is full. Kim stated the shelter has received over 550 calls over their crisis line in the last 6 months. She also states they have been really busy and are trying to get ready for the fall. They will apply for ESG funding.**

**Susana Rodriquez -SAFE OF Harnett County reported that Tonya Gray will be leaving and going to Fayetteville to work. The satellite office opened on 7/1/2019 and has an advocate there and they hired another full- time staff member to help with case management. They have currently 3 women and 4 children and the shelter is full. Susana stated the shelter has been full all summer long.**

**Laura Spivey/ Earl Mungin – Outreach Mission Inc. reported they have 2- case managers and 2 – shift supervisors on staff now. They previously had 18 beds available but cut down to 12 beds due to the lack of funding. She stated they have an 89% success rate with their clients. They do have some emergency beds for people that need a one night stay. They have also received some funding from the city.**

**Donna McCormick – Sand hills Center reported they are still looking for landlords with affordable housing. Donna reported that the state has mandated to get clients out of assisted living facilities and into stable housing. Mrs. Marie Watson told Donna that she will give her Welfare Reform resource information to collaborate services with them from transitional to community living.**

**Quiotti Ratliff – Sand Hills Center reported she manages the landlord list that has about 300 landlords on it. She states she calls them weekly to see if they have any openings. The agency pays 75% rent and member pay 25%.**

**Wendy Young – Salvation Army of Asheboro reported she has 6 families that are homeless due to unemployment and medical issues and is recognizing the need of the Salvation Army. She stated that Salvation Army has been approved for an expansion and the project will launch in 2020. The expansion will provide housing for families with pets, 9 family units w/ kitchens, and 24 units for veteran housing. They will also be hiring additional people to help so families and/ or individuals will stay in permanent housing. Their motto is “A hand up not a hand out”.**

**Nina Walker – SCAP – Mrs. Watson reported she has 1 permanent slot that is continuously filled and the program will be ending. Mrs. Walker has requested a letter of support for a grant**

**Kelly Hutchinson –REFORM reported that The Smith Family Care Home still has openings for 3 families – mother with children under 12 years of age. She also stated that the 6 unemployed clients she had has all became employed.**

**Other Business:**

**Mrs. Marie Watson reported that she is applying for additional funding from HUD for Rapid Re-housing. She also stated that Family Promise needs to be contacted to come back to the meeting. The Shelter Plus vouchers that Sanford Housing Authority had has been returned back to HUD.**

**A motion was made to adjourn by Donna McCormick and seconded by Laura Spivey.**

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* NEXT MEETING September 5, 2019 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

 **Submitted by**

**Angela Jones**