

Southeastern Regional Homelessness Committee
NC Balance of State Continuum of Care Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Hollie Oxendine	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Jamonica Watson	- Southeastern Family Violence Center Rapid Rehousing
Harrison Locklear	- Southeastern Family Violence Center Back@Home
Cicely Pighet	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Tasmon Smith	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Cynthia Quintero	- Robeson Community College
Latasha McNair	- Eastpointe
Clementine Thompson-McCormick	- Lumberton Christian Care
Tomeika Munn	- United Way of Robeson County
Jill Sampson	- Bladen Co. DSS
Vicky Smith	- Bladen Co. DSS

1. Meeting called to order at 11:05 a.m.
2. Introductions
3. Review and Approval of Regional Minutes: Minutes approved upon the motion of Jamonica Watson and a second from Harrison Locklear.
4. Regional Committee Elections
 - a. Most of the positions are filled
 - b. Secretary/Webmaster: Still vacant. Responsibility is to take the minutes and upload to the website. Hollie Oxendine volunteered to take the minutes, but the state mandates that the committee needs to appoint a secretary from another agency. C. Quintero will take the minutes for this meeting. The topic will be discussed again at the next meeting.
5. PIT Count: The date for the 2020 PIT Count will be 1/29/2020.
 - a. The major cities in Robeson County are covered. SFVC staff is taking lead for various cities, and is collecting coats. Lumberton is covered by My Refuge and Lumberton Christian Care Center. Contact has been made with the city/county for a van driver to transport people to LCCC for white flag night. We may have 3-5 deputies available for that night as well. UNCP will cover the Pembroke area, to include giving out coats. Tomeika Munn offered to help cover the Fairmont area.
 - b. Food and Hygiene kits will be donated by Greater Hope Church. Taylor Pevia in the last meeting said that 150 meals and kits will be provided. Kits will include a tent, blanket, and sleeping bag.
 - c. Bladen County: Approved to donate some kits to Bladen county. We are hoping that Vickie Pate will take the lead for Bladen County.
 - d. Scotland County: We are not sure. Maybe the Sheriff's dept. can help with care packages and meal.

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- e. Training for Electronic Surveys: January 21 at 11 a.m. at SFVC. Last year we used I pads but the majority of volunteers used their phone. The app will hold the information until you connect to WiFi and then it will send to the system. The issue with technology is that if you don't answer the question in a specific way then the survey will close out. We prefer the paper copy because we are in a rural area and it helps us to get a better collection of data. Latasha McNair asked if there is a way to follow up with the persons after the count to help with housing. Hollie Oxendine responded by saying we need to be more aware during the count to identify and maybe conduct a VI-SPDAT, or set up a time to meet. L. McNair proposed to hand out Eastpointe resource brochures, and re-iterated the HUD definition for homelessness: 12 months consecutive or 4 episodes within 3 years that equals 12 mo. Jill Sampson wants to review the questions on the app prior to training and wants to see the data from Bladen Co. from last year. H. Oxendine will check on that but can contact Vickie Pate since she was the contact for Bladen last year.
6. RRH Program: 2020 New Year funds available. Jamonica Watson started with the waitlist using VI-SPDAT scores and the new changes that were voted upon last meeting. J. Watson reported that she contacted individuals with score of 15 and referred to PSH. 10 cases so far and housed 2. If the score is 9+ the question was asked if SFVC helped will Eastpointe still be able to help? The referral needs to happen prior to exiting a program to prevent a gap in services or an episode of homelessness.
7. B@H Program: Harrison Locklear reported that B@H will not accept new screenings. 211 currently is non-operational; no referrals conducted; not accepting walk-ins. No new clients are being accepted because the program is over enrolled. Currently working over the budget projection, so B@H program will be assisting only current clients and current listed referrals.
8. Coordinated Assessment: H. Oxendine reported that the process of using the waitlist based on the VI-SPDAT score is running smoothly at the moment. If you put a client on the waitlist, make sure to contact H. Oxendine or J. Watson and send the referral. If this process continues to run smoothly then H. Oxendine can report easier. The agencies discussed from the last meeting were added to the Google Doc. Contact H. Oxendine for training for PND and VI-SPDAT. H. Oxendine may send out a Doodle Poll to see what time and date may work for the majority, or if one on one training is needed, she will work with the individual. Several members expressed a need for training: C. Quintero from Robeson CC; Drew Collier from RCC&CC; C. Thompson-McCormick may have a staff member that needs training. Contact H. Oxendine at hyoxendine@ncrrbiz.com
9. Announcements: T. Munn announced that United Way does not have any more funds available for disaster home repairs. The funds ran out December 20, 2019.
10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m. Case conference requested after meeting closed.

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