**Johnston County Regional Housing Committee**

**NC Balance of State Continuum of Care**

**Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2013**

**In Attendance:**

Ruby Bryant, Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action

Jill Carpenter, Parent and Advocate

Keri Christensen, Harbor

Warren Grimes, Smithfield Housing Authority

Ragan Ham, Johnston County Department of Social Services

Margaret Hinnant, Johnston County Mental Health Center

Kimberly Legath, Johnston County Department of Social Services

Tonia McCormick, Johnston County Health Department

Lynne Martin, Parent

Sandra Norris, Johnston County Housing Assistance Payments Program

Pam Radford, Johnston County Mental Health Center

Cherri Swails, Johnston Recovery Services

***Guest Speakers:***

Lauren Brasil, Fair Housing Project of Legal Aid of NC

Carol Cromie, Fair Housing Project of Legal Aid of NC

Jeff Dillman, Fair Housing Project of Legal Aid of NC

**Introductions:**

Attendee introductions were made.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Motion was made by Sandra Norris and seconded by Cherri Swails to accept the minutes from the February 21, 2013 meeting with no corrections being noted.

**Session on Fair Housing Presented by Legal Aid of NC Attorney:**

Jeff Dillman made a presentation to the committee on “Fair Housing for People with Disabilities”. The Fair Housing Project of Legal Aid of North Carolina is available to provide information concerning a person’s right under federal Fair Housing Act. Fair Housing has two purposes which is 1. Prevent housing discrimination 2. Promote residential integration. Jeff explained some types of discrimination in regards to Fair Housing and how tenants can file a complaint.

**Emergency Solutions Grant Funding Update:**

Ruby Bryant gave an update on the ESG grant. 10 have been approved for the program and some have been placed on a waiting list.

**BoS Steering Committee Meeting Updates form 3-5-13**

New HEARTH Requirements:

* Governance: the Balance of State will be reviewing its governance structure and policies this spring in order to ensure compliance with HEART regulations.
* Coordinated Assessment: All CoCs are required to implement a CoC wide Coordinated Assessment System.
* This planning will have to be done at the Steering Committee level. Regional Committees will have some flexibility, but there needs to be a consistent, overarching process for both of these requirements.

**Targeting Program:**

The Targeting Program is currently accepting applications.

**Announcements:**

***Health Dept***- The Health Department will sponsor “Walk for Health” on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at the Buffalo Creek Greenway 8:00am-11:00am.

**Adjournment:**

 The next meeting will be held on April 18, 2013 at 10:30 am at the Johnston County Mental Health Center Conference Room.