**Johnston County Regional Housing Committee**

**NC Balance of State Continuum of Care**

***Meeting Minutes from May 16, 2013***

**In Attendance:**

Tonia McCormick, Johnston County Health Department

Cherri Swails, Johnston Recovery Services

Marie Watson, Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action

Sharon Goknechea, Robeson Health Care

Keri Christensen, Harbor

Teresa Gardner, Johnston County DSS

Ragan Ham, Johnston County DSS

Nicole Kiefer, The Arc of NC

Warren Grimes, Smithfield Housing Authority

Margaret Hinnant, Johnston County Mental Health Center

Charlotte Spradling, Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action

Melissa Payne, Johnston County Mental Health Center

Pam Radford, Johnston County Mental Health Center

**Introductions:**

Attendee introductions were made.

**Introduction of New Housing Specialist**

Melissa Payne was introduced to the committee as the new housing specialist

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Motion was made by Marie Watson and seconded by Cherri Swails to accept the minutes from the April 18, 2013 meeting with no corrections being noted.

**Foreclosure Prevention**

Charlotte Spradling gave a presentation about Foreclosure Prevention. She works at Community Action of Johnston, Lee Harnett as a Foreclosure Prevention Specialist. She is responsible for helping to arrange alternatives to foreclosure on delinquent mortgage loan accounts. Charlotte explained to the committee about how the foreclosure process works.

**Emergency Solutions Grant Funding Update:**

Marie Watson gave a reported on the ESG Grant. Marie stated that we had to work with 10 families but currently have 12. There are 40 more on a waiting list. Marie has requested that the number of families to be increased to 15 so she is waiting for approval. The families that are receiving the ESG grant have formed a support group.

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

We will now have some committee members to represent the Balance of State on the CHIN (Coalition to End Homelessness) Advisory Committee. There will be 4 and they have volunteered for this committee. They will be on the committee through June 2014.

**Targeting Program:**

There is currently an opening at Cleveland Green. We have 2 applicants who are going through the application process. We currently have 17 on the waiting list.

**Announcements:**

Health Dept –

* Diabetes Self Management workshop- July 9 thru August 13 at 9:00am – 11:30 am at the Health Dept.
* Smoking Cessation Classes – June 25, July 27 and July 2

Harbor –

* Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault groups are still continuing.
* Pizazz store is looking for donations

**Adjournment:**

The next meeting will be held on June 20, 2013 at 10:30 am at the Johnston County Mental Health Center Conference Room.